

WADDELL & REED FINANCIAL INC
Form 8-K
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported):
January 27, 2005

WADDELL & REED FINANCIAL, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or Other
Jurisdiction of
Incorporation)

001-13913
(Commission
File Number)

51-0261715
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

6300 Lamar Avenue
Overland Park, Kansas 66202
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(913) 236-2000
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(Registrant's Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

- o Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

 - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

 - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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ITEM 2.02: RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

The information in this report is being furnished pursuant to Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition. In accordance with General Instruction B.2 of Form 8-K, the information in this report shall not be deemed to be filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing. The furnishing of the information set forth in this report is not intended to, and does not, constitute a determination or admission as to the materiality or completeness of such information.

On January 27, 2005, Waddell & Reed Financial, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the Company), issued a press release announcing the Company's financial results for the fiscal quarter ended December 31, 2004. A copy of the Company's press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

The press release attached as Exhibit 99.1 includes financial measures for net income, net income per share and operating ratios for (i) third quarter 2004, fourth quarter 2003, fourth quarter 2004 and the full year 2004 that exclude the non-cash impact of equity compensation, and (ii) for the full year 2003 that exclude the non-cash impact of equity compensation and the charges taken for legal and regulatory matters and the Company's stock option tender offer, and therefore, have not been calculated in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The Company has provided these measures because we believe that they more accurately reflect our true cash earnings, provide a consistent basis for comparison between quarters that are not influenced by the excluded non-cash expenses or the non-recurring charge, and/or aid in the comparison of the operating results of other periods presented therein and to the operating results of our peers. We believe this information is useful to our investors, potential investors, securities analysts and others to help them understand the financial condition of the Company, our core operations, our operating results and the operating results of other companies in our peer group. These non-GAAP measures are not recognized in accordance with GAAP and should not be viewed as an alternative to GAAP measures of performance. A reconciliation between the GAAP results and non-GAAP results is included with the financial table accompanying the press release.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release dated January 27, 2005 titled Waddell & Reed Financial, Inc. Reports Fourth Quarter Results *(furnished and not filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and not deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended).*

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

WADDELL & REED FINANCIAL, INC.

Date: February 1, 2005

By: /s/ Daniel P. Connealy
Senior Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

| Exhibit No. | Description |
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