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WADDELL & REED FINANCIAL INC Form 8-K December 21, 2017

UNITED STATES 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):

December 21, 2017

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)

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(913) 236-2000

(Registrant	s telephone number, including area co	ode)

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):

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

- o 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))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company O

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. O

ITEM 5.03 AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OR BYLAWS; CHANGE IN FISCAL YEAR.

On December 21, 2017, the Board of Directors (the Board) of Waddell & Reed Financial, Inc. (the Company) eliminated the Marketing Committee and the Investment Committee as standing committees of the Board and approved an amendment and restatement of the Company s Bylaws that modified Article IV by removing all references to the Marketing Committee and the Investment Committee. The powers and duties of the Marketing Committee and the Investment Committee will now be carried out by the full Board.

The above summary of the amendments to the Company s Bylaws is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Company s Amended and Restated Bylaws, a copy of which is attached to this current report as Exhibit 3.1 and incorporated by reference herein.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Description
3.1 Amended and Restated Bylaws of Waddell & Reed Financial, Inc.

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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: December 21, 2017 By: /s/ Wendy J. Hills

Wendy J. Hills

Senior Vice President, General Counsel, Chief Legal

Officer and Secretary

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