

RAYMOND JAMES FINANCIAL INC  
Form 8-K  
December 29, 2010

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

December 29, 2010  
Date of report (date of earliest event reported)

Raymond James Financial, Inc.  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Florida  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

1-9109  
(Commission File Number)

59-1517485  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

880 Carillon Parkway St. Petersburg, FL 33716  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(727) 567-1000  
(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Not Applicable  
(Former 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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

On December 29, 2010, Raymond James Financial Inc issued a press release announcing that it has entered into a definitive merger agreement to acquire Howe Barnes Hoefler & Arnett, Inc.

The information furnished herein, including Exhibit 99.1, is not deemed to be "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Exchange Act, or otherwise subject to the liability of that section. This information will not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act, except to the extent that the registrant specifically incorporates it by reference.

Exhibit No.

99.1 Press release dated December 29, 2010 issued by Raymond James Financial, Inc.

SIGNATURES

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

RAYMOND JAMES FINANCIAL, INC.

Date: December 29, 2010

By: /s/ Jeffrey P. Julien  
Jeffrey P. Julien  
Executive Vice President - Finance  
and Chief Financial Officer