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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 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): **November 13, 2012**

STIFEL FINANCIAL CORP.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State of incorporation)

001-09305

(Commission File Number)

43-1273600

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

One Financial Plaza

501 North Broadway

St. Louis, Missouri 63102-2102

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(314) 342-2000**

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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- 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 November 13, 2012, Stifel Financial Corp. (the "Company") will present to institutional investors at the Bank of America Merrill Lynch Banking & Financial Services Conference. A copy of the investor presentation is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference herein. A live audio webcast and a copy of the investor presentation are available on the Investor Relations section of the Company's web site at www.stifel.com.

The investor presentation is being furnished pursuant to Item 7.01, and the information contained therein shall not be deemed "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

To supplement its financial statements presented in accordance with GAAP, the Company used, in its investor presentation, certain non-GAAP measures of financial performance. The Company believes that these non-GAAP measures will allow for a better evaluation of the operating performance of the business and facilitate a meaningful comparison of the Company's results in the current period to those in prior periods and future periods. Reference to these non-GAAP measures should not be considered as a substitute for results that are presented in a manner consistent with GAAP. These non-GAAP measures are provided to enhance investors' overall understanding of the Company's financial performance.

Cautionary Statement Concerning Forward-Looking Statements

Statements in this Current Report on Form 8-K that relate to the Company's or KBW, Inc.'s ("KBW") future plans, objectives, expectations, performance, events and the like may constitute "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Future events, risks and uncertainties, individually or in the aggregate, could cause our actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied in these forward-looking statements. The material factors and assumptions that could cause actual results to differ materially from current expectations include, without limitation, the following: (1) the inability to close the merger in a timely manner; (2) the inability to complete the merger due to the failure to obtain KBW stockholder adoption of the merger agreement or the failure to satisfy other conditions to completion of the merger, including required regulatory and court approvals; (3) the failure of the transaction to close for any other reason; (4) the possibility that the integration of KBW's business and operations with those of the Company may be more difficult and/or take longer than anticipated, may be more costly than anticipated and may have unanticipated adverse results relating to KBW's or the Company's existing businesses; (5) the challenges of integrating and retaining key employees; (6) the effect of the announcement of the transaction on the Company's, KBW's or the combined company's respective business relationships, operating results and business generally; (7) the possibility that the anticipated synergies and cost savings of the merger will not be realized, or will not be realized within the expected time period; (8) the possibility that the merger may be more expensive to complete than anticipated, including as a result of unexpected factors or events; (9) the challenges of maintaining and increasing revenues on a combined company basis following the close of the merger; (10) diversion of management's attention from ongoing business concerns; (11) general competitive, economic, political and market conditions and fluctuations; (12) actions taken or conditions imposed by the United States and foreign governments; (13) adverse outcomes of pending or threatened litigation or government investigations; (14) the impact of competition in the industries and in the specific markets in which the Company and KBW, respectively, operate; and (15) other factors that may affect future results of the combined company described in the section entitled "Risk Factors" in the proxy statement/prospectus to be mailed to KBW's shareholders and in the Company's and KBW's respective filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") that are available on the SEC's web site located at <http://www.sec.gov>, including the sections entitled "Risk Factors" in the

Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011, and "Risk Factors" in KBW's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011. Readers are strongly urged to read the full cautionary statements contained in those materials. We assume no obligation to update any forward-looking statements to reflect events that occur or circumstances that exist after the date on which they were made.

Additional Information

In connection with the proposed Merger, the Company will be filing a registration statement on Form S-4 that also constitutes a prospectus of the Company and other relevant documents relating to the acquisition of KBW with the SEC. The registration statement on Form S-4 will include a proxy statement of KBW, and the final proxy statement/prospectus will be mailed to shareholders of KBW. The Company and KBW shareholders are urged to read the registration statement and any other relevant documents filed with the SEC, including the proxy statement/prospectus that will be part of the registration statement, because they will contain important information about the Company, KBW and the proposed transaction. Investors and securityholders will be able to obtain free copies of the registration statement and proxy statement/prospectus (when available) as well as other filed documents containing information about the Company and KBW, without charge, at the SEC's website (www.sec.gov). Free copies of the Company's filings also may be obtained by directing a request to the Company's Investor Relations by phone to (314) 342-2000, in writing to Stifel Financial Corp., Attention: Investor Relations, 501 North Broadway, St. Louis, Missouri 63102, by email to investorrelations@stifel.com or at the Company's website (<http://www.Stifel.com>). Free copies of KBW's filings also may be obtained by directing a request to KBW's Investor Relations by phone to (866) 529-2339, in writing to KBW, Inc., Attn: Alan Oshiki, c/o King Worldwide Investor Relations, 48 Wall Street, 32nd Floor, New York, New York 10005, or by email to kbw.inv.relations@kbw.com.

Proxy Solicitation

The Company, KBW and their respective directors and executive officers may be deemed, under SEC rules, to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the shareholders of KBW with respect to the proposed transaction. More detailed information regarding the identity of the potential participants, and their direct or indirect interests, by securities holdings or otherwise, will be set forth in the registration statement and proxy statement/prospectus and other materials to be filed with the SEC in connection with the proposed transaction. Information regarding the Company's directors and executive officers is also available in the Company's definitive proxy statement for its 2012 Annual Meeting of Shareholders filed with the SEC on April 20, 2012. Information regarding KBW's directors and executive officers is also available in KBW's definitive proxy statement for its 2012 Annual Meeting of Shareholders filed with the SEC on April 27, 2012. These documents are available free of charge at the SEC's web site at www.sec.gov and from Investor Relations section of the Company's and KBW's websites.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

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Exhibits.

Exhibit No.

Description of Exhibit

99.1 Stifel Financial Corp. Investor Presentation - November 2012.

SIGNATURE

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.

STIFEL FINANCIAL CORP.

Date: November 13, 2012

By:

/s/ James M. Zemlyak

James M. Zemlyak

Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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