

RAYMOND JAMES FINANCIAL INC  
Form 8-K  
January 05, 2009

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT  
Pursuant to Section 13 and 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

January 5, 2009  
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 33702  
(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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- 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 8.01 Other Events

The Company mailed letters today to clients who, as of December 30, 2008 held Auction Rate Securities (ARS) and/or Auction Rate Preferred Securities (ARPS) in a Raymond James brokerage account. The letter provides an update for these clients, including current market conditions for the securities and an overview of Raymond James' perspective on the issue. That letter is furnished as an exhibit to this report.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) The following is filed as an exhibit to this report.

Exhibit No.

99.1 Letter dated January 2, 2009 issued by Raymond James Financial, Inc. This exhibit is furnished and not filed.

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: January 5, 2009

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