

LADENBURG THALMANN FINANCIAL SERVICES INC
Form 8-K
March 05, 2008

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):

March 5, 2008

Ladenburg Thalmann Financial Services Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Florida

001-15799

650701248

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

(Commission
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

4400 Biscayne Blvd., 12th Floor, Miami,
Florida

33137

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(212) 409-2000

Not Applicable

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))

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Item 8.01 Other Events.

On March 5, 2008, Ladenburg Thalmann Financial Services Inc. issued a press release announcing that it had entered into a definitive agreement to merge Punk, Ziegel & Company, L.P. with and into its subsidiary, Ladenburg Thalmann & Co. Inc. A copy of the press release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1 to this current report on Form 8-K.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press release dated March 5, 2008 issued by Ladenburg Thalmann Financial Services Inc.

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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.

Ladenburg Thalmann Financial Services Inc.

March 5, 2008

By: /s/ Diane Chillemi

Name: Diane Chillemi

Title: Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press Release dated March 5, 2008 issued by Ladenburg Thalmann Financial Services Inc.