

REGIONS FINANCIAL CORP
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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): August 5, 2010

REGIONS FINANCIAL CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

000-50831
(Commission
File Number)

63-0589368
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

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1900 FIFTH AVENUE NORTH

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA 35203

(Address, including zip code, of principal executive office)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (205) 326-5807

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:

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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.

In accordance with general instruction B.2. of Form 8-K, the following information is furnished and shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Senior Executives of Regions Financial Corporation are scheduled to make presentations to investors at Regions Investor Day Conference in New York, New York, on Thursday, August 5, 2010 beginning at 8:30 a.m. Eastern Time. The presentations will include a review and discussion of Regions business strategies.

A copy of the visual presentation is being furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report, substantially in the form intended to be used. Exhibit 99.1 is incorporated by reference under this Item 7.01. Such visual presentation materials also will be available on Regions web site at www.regions.com.

Forward-Looking Statements

The information contained in this 8-K may include forward-looking statements which reflect Regions current views with respect to future events and financial performance. The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (the Act) provides a safe harbor for forward-looking statements which are identified as such and are accompanied by the identification of important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking statements. For these statements, we, together with our subsidiaries, claim the protection afforded by the safe harbor in the Act. Forward-looking statements are not based on historical information, but rather are related to future operations, strategies, financial results or other developments. Forward-looking statements are based on management s expectations as well as certain assumptions and estimates made by, and information available to, management at the time the statements are made. Those statements are based on general assumptions and are subject to various risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause actual results to differ materially from the views, beliefs and projections expressed in such statements. These risks, uncertainties and other factors include, but are not limited to, those described below:

The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act became law on July 21, 2010, and a number of legislative, regulatory and tax proposals remain pending. Additionally, the U.S. Treasury and federal banking regulators continue to implement, but are also beginning to wind down, a number of programs to address capital and liquidity in the banking system. All of the foregoing may have significant effects on Regions and the financial services industry, the exact nature and extent of which cannot be determined at this time.

The impact of compensation and other restrictions imposed under the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP) until Regions repays the outstanding preferred stock and warrant issued under the TARP, including restrictions on Regions ability to attract and retain talented executives and associates.

Possible additional loan losses, impairment of goodwill and other intangibles, and adjustment of valuation allowances on deferred tax assets and the impact on earnings and capital.

Possible changes in interest rates may increase funding costs and reduce earning asset yields, thus reducing margins.

Possible changes in general economic and business conditions in the United States in general and in the communities Regions serves in particular, including any prolonging or worsening of the current unfavorable economic conditions, including unemployment levels.

Possible changes in the creditworthiness of customers and the possible impairment of the collectability of loans.

Possible changes in trade, monetary and fiscal policies, laws and regulations, and other activities of governments, agencies, and similar organizations, including changes in accounting standards, may have an adverse effect on business.

The current stresses in the financial and real estate markets, including possible continued deterioration in property values.

Regions' ability to manage fluctuations in the value of assets and liabilities and off-balance sheet exposure so as to maintain sufficient capital and liquidity to support Regions' business.

Regions' ability to achieve the earnings expectations related to businesses that have been acquired or that may be acquired in the future.

Regions' ability to expand into new markets and to maintain profit margins in the face of competitive pressures.

Regions' ability to develop competitive new products and services in a timely manner and the acceptance of such products and services by Regions' customers and potential customers.

Regions' ability to keep pace with technological changes.

Regions' ability to effectively manage credit risk, interest rate risk, market risk, operational risk, legal risk, liquidity risk, and regulatory and compliance risk.

Regions' ability to ensure adequate capitalization which is impacted by inherent uncertainties in forecasting credit losses.

The cost and other effects of material contingencies, including litigation contingencies, and any adverse judicial, administrative, or arbitral rulings or proceedings.

The effects of increased competition from both banks and non-banks.

The effects of geopolitical instability and risks such as terrorist attacks.

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Possible changes in consumer and business spending and saving habits could affect Regions' ability to increase assets and to attract deposits.

The effects of weather and natural disasters such as floods, droughts and hurricanes, and the effects of the Gulf of Mexico oil spill.

Regions' ability to maintain favorable ratings from rating agencies.

Potential dilution of holders of shares of Regions' common stock resulting from the U.S. Treasury's investment in TARP.

Possible changes in the speed of loan prepayments by Regions' customers and loan origination or sales volumes.

The effects of problems encountered by larger or similar financial institutions that adversely affect Regions or the banking industry generally.

Regions' ability to receive dividends from its subsidiaries.

The effects of the failure of any component of Regions' business infrastructure which is provided by a third party.

The effects of any damage to Regions' reputation resulting from developments related to any of the items identified above. The words believe, expect, anticipate, project, and similar expressions often signify forward-looking statements. You should not place undue reliance on any forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date made. We assume no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements that are made from time to time.

The foregoing list of factors is not exhaustive. For a discussion of these and other risks that may cause actual results to differ from expectations, look under the caption Risk Factors in Regions' Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009 and Forms 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, 2010 and June 30, 2010 as on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits. The exhibit listed in the exhibit index is furnished pursuant to Regulation FD as part of this current report on Form 8-K and shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Exhibit Index

| Exhibit No. | Exhibit |
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| 99.1 | Visual Presentation of August 5, 2010 |

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.

REGIONS FINANCIAL CORPORATION

By: /s/ JOHN D. BUCHANAN
Name: John D. Buchanan
Title: Senior Executive Vice President, General Counsel
and Corporate Secretary

Date: August 5, 2010