

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of  
The Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) October 5, 2009

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**Fifth Street Finance Corp.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**814-00755**  
(Commission File Number)

**26-1219283**  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**10 Bank Street, Suite 1210, White Plains, NY**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**10606**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(914) 286-6811**

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(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 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On October 5, 2009 the Registrant issued a press release, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

Exhibit 99.1. Press release dated October 5, 2009

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**SIGNATURE**

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

**Fifth Street Finance Corp.**

Date: October 5, 2009

By: /s/ WILLIAM H. CRAIG  
William H. Craig  
Chief Financial Officer and Chief Compliance Officer

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99.1 Press release dated October 5, 2009

## **Fifth Street Finance Corp. Announces Staff Additions and Promotion**

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y., Oct. 5, 2009 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Fifth Street Finance Corp. (NYSE:FSC) is pleased to announce the addition of four new team members to its Investment Adviser, Fifth Street Management LLC ("Fifth Street") and the promotion of Stacey Thorne to Director of Investor Relations.

Lawrence Beller joins Fifth Street as a Vice President in the Execution team. Mr. Beller has over 12 years of experience managing financial transactions. Most recently, Mr. Beller worked for J.P. Morgan, where he was an Executive Director in the CDO Structuring and Execution group. Prior to J.P. Morgan, Mr. Beller was a Managing Director Principal at Bear, Stearns & Co. Inc., where he originated and structured securitizations of various fixed-income assets.

David Harrison joins Fifth Street as a Vice President in the Compliance team after 11 years of experience as corporate and securities attorney, most recently with the law firm Dewey & LeBeouf LLP.

Lee Haspel joins Fifth Street as an Analyst in the Execution team. Mr. Haspel most recently worked for Twin Capital Management as an Analyst focused on various equity trading strategies. Prior to Twin Capital Management, Mr. Haspel worked for Halcyon Asset Management in their Corporate Debt Group.

Danielle Presta joins Fifth Street as Executive Assistant. Ms. Presta most recently spent 6 years as a Trading Assistant at First Commercial Credit Corp., a distressed securities hedge fund based out of New York, NY.

Fifth Street is also pleased to announce the recent promotion of Stacey Thorne to Director of Investor Relations. Ms. Thorne's dedication to the firm has been instrumental to our successful capital raises and increased awareness to Wall Street and investors.

Leonard Tannenbaum, Fifth Street's CEO, said, "These key hires build upon our already strong core team and continue to position Fifth Street as a leader in middle market lending."

Fifth Street is always looking for talented individuals. To apply or inquire about current openings with Fifth Street, please visit our website at [www.fifthstreetfinance.com/careers](http://www.fifthstreetfinance.com/careers).

About Fifth Street Finance Corp.

Fifth Street Finance Corp. is a specialty finance company that lends to and invests in small and mid-sized companies in connection with an investment by private equity sponsors. Fifth Street Finance Corp's investment objective is to maximize its portfolio's total return by generating current income from its debt investments and capital appreciation from its equity investments.

The Fifth Street Finance Corp. logo is available at <http://www.globenewswire.com/newsroom/prs/?pkgid=5525>

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release may contain certain forward-looking statements, including statements with regard to the future performance of Fifth Street Finance Corp. Words such as "believes," "expects," "projects," and "future" or similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are subject to the inherent uncertainties in predicting future results and conditions. Certain factors could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected in these forward-looking statements, and these factors are identified from time to time in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Fifth Street Finance Corp. undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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