

OCEANFIRST FINANCIAL CORP

Form 8-K

November 03, 2009

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 : November 3, 2009

OceanFirst Financial Corp.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

001-11713
(Commission

File Number)

22-3412577
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

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975 Hooper Avenue, Toms River, New Jersey
(Address of principal executive offices)

08753
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (732) 240-4500

N/A

(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):

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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01 Other Events

On November 3, 2009, OceanFirst Financial Corp. issued a press release announcing the closing of its previously announced underwritten public offering of 5,556,000 shares of its common stock at a public offering price of \$9.00 per share. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Forward-Looking Statements

Statements contained in this current report on Form 8-K, including Exhibit 99.1, contain forward-looking statements, within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, which we refer to as the Securities Act and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, which we refer to as the Exchange Act, with respect to the financial condition, liquidity, results of operations, future performance and business of OceanFirst Financial Corp. ("Ocean First"). These forward-looking statements are intended to be covered by the safe harbor for forward-looking statements provided by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements are those that are not historical facts. These forward-looking statements include statements with respect to our beliefs, plans, objectives, goals, expectations, anticipations, estimates and intentions that are subject to significant risks and uncertainties and are subject to change based on various factors (some of which are beyond our control). The words may, could, should, would, believe, anticipate, estimate, expect, intend, and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements.

Forward-looking statements are subject to various risks and uncertainties, which change over time, are based on management's expectations and assumptions at the time the statements are made. Our ability to predict results or the actual effect of future plans or strategies is inherently uncertain. While we believe our plans, objectives, goals, expectations, anticipations, estimates and intentions as reflected in these forward-looking statements are reasonable, we can give no assurance that any of them will be achieved. You should understand that various factors could affect our future results and could cause results to differ materially from those expressed in these forward-looking statements.

Actual outcomes and results may differ materially from what is expressed in our forward-looking statements or disclosed in our other SEC filings. Forward-looking statements should not be relied upon as representing our expectations or beliefs as of any date subsequent to the time of this filing. We undertake no obligation to revise the forward-looking statements contained in this filing to reflect events after the time it is filed with the SEC. Though we strive to monitor and mitigate risk, we cannot anticipate all potential economic, operational and financial developments that may adversely impact our operations and our financial results.

Forward-looking statements should not be viewed as predictions, and should not be the primary basis upon which investors evaluate OceanFirst. Any investor in OceanFirst should consider all risks and uncertainties disclosed in our SEC filings all of which are accessible on the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

**Exhibit
No.**

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| 5.1 | Opinion of Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell LLP |
| 23.1 | Consent of Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1). |
| 99.1 | Press Release, dated November 3, 2009. |

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.

Dated: November 3, 2009

OCEANFIRST FINANCIAL CORP.

By: /s/ MICHAEL J. FITZPATRICK
Name: **Michael J. Fitzpatrick**
Title: **Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer**

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