

ORIENTAL FINANCIAL GROUP INC
Form 8-K
December 06, 2010

**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): December 3, 2010

ORIENTAL FINANCIAL GROUP INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Commonwealth of Puerto Rico

001-12647

66-0538893

*(State or other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation)*

(Commission File No.)

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

Professional Offices Park
997 San Roberto Street
San Juan, Puerto Rico

00926

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (787) 771-6800

(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 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

José Rafael Fernández entered into a three-year employment agreement with Oriental Financial Group Inc. (the Company) on December 3, 2010 (the Agreement). Mr. Fernández is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company and the Vice Chairman of its Board of Directors (the Board). The Agreement will be effective on January 1, 2011, and will replace the employment agreement, dated October 31, 2007, between the Company and Mr. Fernández, which expires on December 31, 2010.

As provided in the Agreement, Mr. Fernández will report directly to the Board and will have overall responsibility for the business and affairs of the Company. During the term of the Agreement and in any election of directors in which Mr. Fernández's term as director is set to expire, the Board will nominate and recommend to the shareholders of the Company his election as a Board member and, if elected, will appoint him its Vice Chairman. He will be compensated as follows: (i) annual base salary remains at \$500,000, which may be increased by the Board's Compensation Committee after the first year; (ii) annual performance bonus based on an annual target bonus of 150% of his annual base salary and car allowance under the Company's non-equity incentive bonus plan; (iii) annual car allowance of \$30,000; (iv) annual allowance of \$30,000 for the payment of his membership and other expenses in social, business and professional organizations which in his judgment are reasonably appropriate for the performance of his duties as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company; (v) a 10-year term life insurance policy in the amount of \$3,000,000 covering his life and having as beneficiaries his spouse and heirs or other beneficiaries designated by him; (vi) a qualified stock option award for the purchase of 100,000 shares of the Company's common stock and an award of 50,000 restricted stock units of the Company, both awards made pursuant to the Company's Amended and Restated 2007 Omnibus Performance Incentive Plan (the Plan); and (vii) additional equity incentive Plan awards of up to 100% of his annual base salary at the discretion of the Board's Compensation Committee.

The Agreement may be terminated by the Board for just cause (as defined therein). In the event it is terminated for just cause or if Mr. Fernández is removed or barred from office under applicable law, he will have no right to compensation or other benefits for any period after such termination. However, if the Agreement is terminated by the Board other than for just cause and other than in connection with a change in control of the Company (as defined in his Change in Control Compensation Agreement with the Company), or if Mr. Fernández terminates the Agreement for good reason (as defined in the Agreement), the Company will be required to pay him as severance, in lieu of any further compensation for periods subsequent to the date of termination, a lump sum equal to the product of (a) his annual base salary, bonus (equal to the average cash bonus paid to him in the last two fiscal years prior to the termination date), car allowance, and equity awards (equal to the average of the aggregate grant date fair value of the equity awards granted to him in the last two fiscal years prior to the termination date, provided that 75% of the equity awards granted on the date of the Agreement will be deemed granted in the first contract year and the remaining 25% in the second contract year), multiplied by (b) three.

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SIGNATURES

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

ORIENTAL FINANCIAL GROUP INC.

Date: December 6, 2010

By: /s/ Carlos O. Souffront
Carlos O. Souffront
General Counsel and Secretary of the
Board of Directors