

NewStar Financial, Inc.
Form 8-K
February 19, 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

February 12, 2008

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

NewStar Financial, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of

incorporation)

001-33211
(Commission File Number)

500 Boylston Street, Suite 1600, Boston, MA 02116

54-2157878
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

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(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(617) 848-2500

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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:

- .. 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))

ITEM 5.02 DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR CERTAIN OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; APPOINTMENT OF CERTAIN OFFICERS; COMPENSATORY ARRANGEMENTS OF CERTAIN OFFICERS.

On February 12, 2008, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of NewStar Financial, Inc. authorized salary increases, effective April 1, 2008 for the following named executive officers:

| Name | Position | New Base Salary |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Timothy J. Conway | Chairman and Chief Executive Officer | \$475,000 |
| Peter A. Schmidt-Fellner | Chief Investment Officer | \$400,000 |
| John K. Bray | Chief Financial Officer | \$350,000 |

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.

Date: February 19, 2008

NEWSTAR FINANCIAL INC.

By: **/s/ JOHN K. BRAY**
John K. Bray
Chief Financial Officer