

WADDELL & REED FINANCIAL INC
 Form 4
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
BUTCH THOMAS W

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
WADDELL & REED FINANCIAL INC [WDR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
6300 LAMAR AVENUE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/31/2007

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
SVP & Chief Marketing Officer

OVERLAND PARK, KS 66202
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Class A Common	11/06/2007		G	V 103,014 D \$ 0	24,394 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Class A Common	11/06/2007		G	V 103,014 A \$ 0	113,861	I	Personal Trust
Class A Common	11/14/2007		G	V 24,146 D \$ 0	248	D	
Class A Common	11/14/2007		G	V 12,073 A \$ 0	125,934	I	Personal Trust
Class A Common	11/14/2007		G	V 12,073 A \$ 0	36,063 ⁽²⁾	I	Spouse's Trust

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Class A Common	12/31/2007		A	50,000	A	\$ 0	50,248	D	
Class A Common	12/31/2007		G	V 50,000	D	\$ 0	248	D	
Class A Common	12/31/2007		G	V 50,000	A	\$ 0	175,934 ⁽³⁾	I	Personal Trust
Class A Common							1,254.5683 ⁽⁴⁾	I	401(k) Units

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V (A) (D)		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BUTCH THOMAS W 6300 LAMAR AVENUE OVERLAND PARK, KS 66202			SVP & Chief Marketing Officer	

Signatures

Thomas W.
Butch

01/02/2008

**Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

- Includes 16, 58, 49, 49 and 76 shares of Class A common stock acquired through dividend re-investments on 5/1/06, 8/1/06, 11/1/06, 2/1/07 and 5/1/07. Due to a rounding error with respect to previously reported dividend re-investments, Mr. Butch's total holdings on his Form 4 filed April 4, 2007 should have reflected 1 additional share and have been reported as 127,160 shares.
- (2) These shares are held in trust for the benefit of Mr. Butch's spouse and children; Mrs. Butch is the sole trustee of this trust.
 - (3) These shares are held in trust for the benefit of Mr. Butch's spouse and children; Mr. Butch is the sole trustee of this trust.
 - (4) Units (which include Class A common stock and cash reserves) representing Mr. Butch's interest in the Company 401(k) Plan unitized stock fund as of December 31, 2007.

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