

POPULAR INC
Form 8-K
August 31, 2007

**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): August 30, 2007

POPULAR, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

PUERTO RICO

000-13818

66-0667416

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

(Commission File Number)

*(IRS Employer Identification
Number)*

**209 MUNOZ RIVERA AVENUE
HATO REY, PUERTO RICO**

00918

*(Address of principal executive
offices)*

(Zip code)

(787) 765-9800

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

NOT APPLICABLE

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, 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 8.01. Other Events

On August 30, 2007, Popular, Inc. and Citigroup Global Markets, Inc. announced the signing of a definitive agreement under which Popular Securities, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Popular, Inc. will acquire the operations of broker-dealer Smith Barney in Puerto Rico. Smith Barney is a division of Citigroup Global Markets, Inc. As of June 30, 2007, Smith Barney's securities business in Puerto Rico consisted of approximately \$1.8 billion in assets under management, approximately 15,000 accounts and 42 employees, including 26 financial advisors. The transaction is subject to regulatory approvals and other customary closing conditions.

A copy of Popular, Inc.'s press release announcing the transaction is attached as exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

99.1 News release dated August 30, 2007, announcing that Popular Securities, Inc. and Citigroup Global Markets, Inc. signed a definitive agreement under which Popular Securities, Inc. will acquire the Puerto Rico operations of broker-dealer Smith Barney.

SIGNATURE

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.

POPULAR, INC.

(Registrant)

Date: August 31, 2007

By: /s/ **Ileana Gonzalez**

Ileana Gonzalez

Senior Vice President and Comptroller

EXHIBIT INDEX

| Exhibit Number | Description |
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| 99.1 | Press release dated August 30, 2007 |