

CAPITAL ONE FINANCIAL CORP

Form 8-K

January 10, 2008

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, DC 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of

The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

January 10, 2008

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

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**CAPITAL ONE FINANCIAL CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

**1-13300**  
(Commission File Number)

**54-1719854**  
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

**1680 Capital One Drive,**

**McLean, Virginia**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**22102**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (703) 720-1000

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(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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- ☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On January 10, 2008, the Company issued a press release regarding its expected fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 2007 earnings per share. A copy of the Company's press release is attached and filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

The Company's consolidated financial statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles ( GAAP ) are referred to as its reported financial statements. Loans included in securitization transactions which qualified as sales under GAAP have been removed from the Company's reported balance sheet. However, servicing fees, finance charges, and other fees, net of charge-offs, and interest paid to investors of securitizations are recognized as servicing and securitizations income on the reported income statement.

The Company's managed consolidated financial statements reflect adjustments made related to effects of securitization transactions qualifying as sales under GAAP. The Company generates earnings from its managed loan portfolio which includes both the on-balance sheet loans and off-balance sheet loans. The Company's managed income statement takes the components of the servicing and securitizations income generated from the securitized portfolio and distributes the revenue and expense to appropriate income statement line items from which it originated. For this reason the Company believes the managed consolidated financial statements and related managed metrics to be useful to stakeholders.

**Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.**

The Company hereby furnishes the information in Exhibit 99.1 hereto, Press Release dated January 10, 2008, regarding expected fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 2007 earnings per share.

*Note:* Information in Exhibit 99.1 furnished pursuant to Item 7.01 shall not be deemed to be filed for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section. This report will not be deemed an admission as to the materiality of any information in the report that is required to be disclosed solely by Regulation FD.

**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

(a) See attached press release, at Exhibit 99.1.

(b) Cautionary Factors.

The attached press release and information provided pursuant to Items 2.02, 7.01 and 9.01 contain forward-looking statements, which involve a number of risks and uncertainties. The Company cautions readers that any forward-looking information is not a guarantee of future performance and that actual results could differ materially from those contained in the forward-looking information as a result of various factors including, but not limited to, the following:

general economic and business conditions in the U.S. and or UK, including conditions affecting employment levels, interest rates, consumer income, spending and savings that may affect consumer bankruptcies, defaults, charge-offs, and deposit activity;

an increase or decrease in credit losses (including increases due to a worsening of general economic conditions in the credit environment);

continued intense competition from numerous providers of products and services which compete with the Company's businesses;

the success, timeliness and financial impact of the Company's restructuring initiative, including costs, cost savings and other benefits;

changes in interest rates;

the success of the Company's marketing efforts;

the ability of the Company to continue to securitize its credit cards and consumer loans and to otherwise access the capital markets at attractive rates and terms to capitalize and fund its operations and future growth;

financial, legal, regulatory, accounting changes or actions that may affect investment in, or the overall performance of, a product or business;

with respect to financial and other products, changes in the Company's aggregate loan balances and/or number of customers and the growth rate and composition thereof, including changes resulting from factors such as shifting product mix, amount of actual marketing expenses made by the Company and attrition of loan balances;

the amount of deposit growth;

general market conditions in the mortgage industry;

changes in the reputation of the credit card industry and/or the Company with respect to practices or products;

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any significant disruption in our operations or technology platform;

the Company's ability to maintain a compliance infrastructure suitable for its size and complexity;

the amount of, and rate of growth in, the Company's expenses as the Company's business develops or changes or as it expands into new market areas;

the ability of the Company to build the operational and organizational infrastructure necessary to engage in new businesses;

the Company's ability to execute on its strategic and operational plans;

any significant disruption of, or loss of public confidence in, the United States Mail service affecting our response rates and consumer payments;

the ability of the Company to recruit and retain experienced personnel to assist in the management and operations of new products and services;

the risk that the businesses acquired by the Company will not be integrated successfully;

the risk that the cost savings and any other synergies from the acquisitions may not be fully realized or may take longer to realize than expected;

disruption from the acquisitions making it more difficult to maintain relationships with customers, employees or suppliers; and

other risk factors listed from time to time in the Company's SEC reports including, but not limited to, the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006 and the Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and Form 10-Q/A for the quarters ended March 31, 2007, June 30, 2007 and September 30, 2007.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits.

| <b>Exhibit No.</b> | <b>Description of Exhibit</b>                                                                                 |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 99.1               | Press release, dated January 10, 2008.                                                                        |
| 99.2               | Disclosure of Non-GAAP Financial Measures for fourth quarter ended December 31, 2007, dated January 10, 2008. |

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Company has duly caused this Current Report on Form 8-K to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, hereunto duly authorized.

**CAPITAL ONE FINANCIAL CORPORATION**

Dated: January 10, 2008

By: /s/ GARY L. PERLIN  
Gary L. Perlin  
**Chief Financial Officer**