

NewStar Financial, Inc.  
Form 8-K  
September 17, 2015

**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**

**September 16, 2015**

**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)**

**54-2157878**  
**(IRS Employer**  
  
**Identification No.)**

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**500 Boylston Street, Suite 1250, Boston, MA 02116**

**(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.)**

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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.**

On September 16, 2015, NewStar Financial, Inc. (the NewStar ) entered into a purchase agreement (the Purchase Agreement ) by and among NewStar, Andrea S. Feingold ( Feingold ) and R. Ian O Keeffe ( O Keeffe and, together with Feingold, the Sellers ) pursuant to which NewStar has agreed to acquire 100% of the outstanding limited liability company interests of Feingold O Keeffe Capital, L.L.C. (the Company ) for approximately \$20 million in cash, subject to certain adjustments as set forth in the Purchase Agreement.

The Purchase Agreement contains representations and warranties customary for transactions of this type. Sellers have also agreed to various covenants contained in the Purchase Agreement, including, among other things, to continue to operate the Company in the ordinary course consistent with past practice and not to take certain actions prior to the closing. The closing of the acquisition is subject to various customary closing conditions.

**Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On September 16, 2015, NewStar issued a press release announcing entry into the Purchase Agreement. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

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

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press release of NewStar Financial, Inc. dated September 16, 2015.

**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.

**NEWSTAR FINANCIAL, INC.**

Date: September 17, 2015

By: /s/ John Kirby Bray  
**John Kirby Bray**  
**Chief Financial Officer**

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Press release of NewStar Financial, Inc. dated September 16, 2015.