NewStar Financial, Inc.
Form 8-K
February 15, 2012

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 15, 2012

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

NewStar Financial, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	**001-33211**	**54-2157878**

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

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.)

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:

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

ITEM 2.02. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION.

On February 15, 2012, NewStar Financial, Inc. issued a press release announcing results for the fourth quarter ended December 31, 2011. The press release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release of NewStar Financial, Inc. dated February 15, 2012.

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 thereunto duly authorized.

NEWSTAR FINANCIAL INC.

Date: February 15, 2012

By: /s/ JOHN KIRBY BRAY
John Kirby Bray
Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press Release of NewStar Financial, Inc. dated February 15, 2012.