

PIPER JAFFRAY COMPANIES  
Form 8-K  
January 27, 2010

**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**  
**January 27, 2010**  
**Date of report (Date of earliest event reported)**  
**PIPER JAFFRAY COMPANIES**  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

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| <b>Delaware</b>          | <b>1-31720</b>           | <b>30-0168701</b>                       |
| (State of Incorporation) | (Commission File Number) | (I.R.S. Employer<br>Identification No.) |

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| <b>800 Nicollet Mall, Suite 800</b><br><b>Minneapolis, Minnesota</b> | <b>55402</b> |
| (Address of Principal Executive Offices)                             | (Zip Code)   |

**(612) 303-6000**  
(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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 (see General Instruction A.2):

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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 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On January 27, 2010, Piper Jaffray Companies (the Company ) reported its financial results for its fourth fiscal quarter and its fiscal year ended December 31, 2009. See the Company's press release dated January 27, 2010, which is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 hereto.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press release dated January 27, 2010

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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.

PIPER JAFFRAY COMPANIES

Date: January 27, 2010

/s/ Debra L. Schoneman  
Debra L. Schoneman  
Chief Financial Officer

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EXHIBIT INDEX

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