

B. Riley Financial, Inc.  
Form 8-K  
February 21, 2017

**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): February 21, 2017

**B. Riley Financial, Inc.**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State of  
Incorporation)

**000-54010**  
(Commission File Number)

**27-0223495**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**21255 Burbank Boulevard, Suite 400, Woodland Hills, California 91367**  
(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)  
**(818) 884-3737**

(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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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

**Item 8.01 Other Events**

On February 21, 2017, B. Riley Financial, Inc. (the Company ) and FBR & Co. (FBR ) issued a joint press release announcing the execution of an Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of February 17, 2017, by and between the Company and FBR, pursuant to which FBR will merge with and into the Company (or a subsidiary of the Company), with the Company (or its subsidiary) as the surviving corporation, subject to the terms and conditions set forth therein. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference. In addition, the Company and FBR intend to make available to investors the slides attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2, which are incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Joint Press Release, dated February 21, 2017.
99.2	Investor Presentation, dated February 21, 2017.

**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.

B. Riley Financial, Inc.

By: /s/ Phillip J. Ahn

Name: Phillip J. Ahn

Title: Chief Financial Officer and Chief  
Operating Officer

Date: February 21, 2017

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