

WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION  
Form 8-K  
April 21, 2016

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): April 20, 2016

WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware                      001-32550    88-0365922  
(State or other jurisdiction (Commission (IRS Employer  
of incorporation)              File Number) Identification No.)

One E. Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85004  
(Address of principal executive offices)              (Zip Code)

(602) 389-3500  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable  
(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))
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ITEM 2.02. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION.

On April 21, 2016, Western Alliance Bancorporation (the “Company”) issued a press release reporting results for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2016 and posted on its website its first quarter 2016 Earnings Conference Call Presentation, which contains certain additional historical and forward-looking information relating to the Company. Copies of the press release and presentation slides are attached hereto as Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2, respectively.

The information in this item (including Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2 hereto) is being “furnished” and shall not be deemed “filed” for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, is not subject to the liabilities of that section and is not deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

ITEM 8.01. OTHER EVENTS

On April 20, 2016, Western Alliance Bank completed its previously announced acquisition of a domestic select-service hotel franchise finance loan portfolio from GE Capital US Holdings, Inc. and its affiliated designees. A copy of the related Asset Purchase Agreement dated March 29, 2016 is filed herewith.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(d) Exhibits.

2.1 Asset Purchase Agreement, dated March 29, 2016, between Western Alliance Bank and GE Capital US Holdings, Inc.

99.1 Press Release dated April 21, 2016.

99.2 First Quarter 2016 Earnings Conference Call dated April 22, 2016.

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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.

WESTERN  
ALLIANCE  
BANCORPORATION  
(Registrant)

/s/ Dale Gibbons

Dale Gibbons  
Executive Vice  
President and  
Chief Financial Officer

Date: April 21, 2016