

E TRADE FINANCIAL CORP  
Form 8-K  
April 18, 2005

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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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## FORM 8-K

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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 15, 2005

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## E\*TRADE Financial Corporation

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

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Delaware  
(State or other Jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

1-11921  
(Commission File Number)

94-2844166  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

135 East 57<sup>th</sup> Street  
New York, New York  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

10022  
(Zip Code)

(646) 521-4300

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(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 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.*

Effective April 15, 2005, the Board of Directors elected Mr. Stephen H. Willard as a Director. Mr. Willard will be a Class I member of the Board and will stand for election at the next Annual Shareholders Meeting in May of 2005. Effective April 15, 2005, the Board of Directors appointed Mr. Willard to serve as a member of the Audit Committee.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Company has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

E\*TRADE Financial Corporation

Date: April 18, 2005

By: /s/ RUSSELL S. ELMER

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Name: Russell S. Elmer  
Title: Corporate Secretary