E TRADE FINANCIAL CORP Form 8-K January 25, 2010

## 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: January 25, 2010 (Date of earliest event reported)

E\*TRADE Financial Corporation (Exact name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) 1-11921 (Commission File Number)

94-2844166 (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

135 East 57th Street, New York, New York 10022 (Address of Principal Executive Offices and Zip Code)

(646) 521-4300 (Registrant's Telephone Number, including Area Code)

Not Applicable (Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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- Item Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers;
- 5.02. Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

Effective January 25, 2010, the Board of Directors of E\*TRADE Financial Corporation (the "Company") appointed Mr. Joseph M. Velli, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of BNY ConvergEx Group, LLC, as a Director. Mr. Velli will be a Class I member of the Board and will stand for election by the stockholders at the next annual meeting. Mr. Velli was appointed to fill the seat formerly held by Mr. Donald H. Layton who retired at the end of 2009.

Mr. Velli received restricted stock awards for 9,920 of the Company's common shares in connection with his appointment and, otherwise, will receive cash and equity compensation under the Company's non-employee director compensation policy as in effect from time to time, as described in its annual proxy statement.

### **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.

E\*TRADE FINANCIAL CORPORATION

Date: January 25, 2010 By: /s/ Karl A. Roessner

Name: Karl A. Roessner Title: Corporate Secretary