

ISTAR FINANCIAL INC
Form 8-K
October 25, 2011

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): **October 25, 2011**

iStar Financial Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland
(State or other jurisdiction of

incorporation)

1-15371
(Commission File

Number)

95-6881527
(IRS Employer

Identification Number)

1114 Avenue of the Americas, 39th Floor
New York, New York
(Address of principal executive offices)

10036
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(212) 930-9400**

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N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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Item 8.01 Other Events

On October 25, 2011, iStar Financial Inc. sold substantially all of its interests in Oak Hill Advisors, L.P. and related entities in an all cash transaction. The transaction was completed in part through sales of interests to an unrelated third party and to the principals of Oak Hill, and in part through a redemption of interests by Oak Hill Advisors, L.P. iStar expects to record a pre tax gain in the fourth quarter in the range of approximately \$30 million on the carrying value of the investment. Glenn R. August, a director of iStar who was appointed to its board of directors in connection with iStar's acquisition of the Oak Hill interests in 2005, is the president and senior partner of Oak Hill Advisors, L.P. and acquired a portion of the interests in the transaction. Mr. August recused himself from the deliberations of iStar's board with respect to the transaction.

SIGNATURES

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

ISTAR FINANCIAL INC.

Date: October 25, 2011

By: /s/Jay Sugarman
Jay Sugarman
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Date: October 25, 2011

By: /s/David DiStaso
David DiStaso
Chief Financial Officer