STIFEL FINANCIAL CORP

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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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Stock

1 Name and Address of Departing Da

	1. Name and Ad FORD RICH	dress of Reporting I ARD F	Symbol	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol STIFEL FINANCIAL CORP [SF]			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
	(Last) 800 S HANL		(Month/D	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/11/2005			_X_ Director	10%	6 Owner er (specify	
(Street) ST. LOUIS, MO 63105				4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
	(City)	(State)	(Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative S	ecurities Ac	equired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned	
	1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit onAcquired Disposed (Instr. 3, 4	(A) or of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
	Common						9,104	D		

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. 5. Number Transaction Derivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Stock Units	\$ 0	05/11/2005		A	1,951		<u>(1)</u>	(2)	Common Stock	1,951
Stock Option (Option to Buy)	\$ 7.8						(3)	01/02/2012	Common Stock	1,333
Stock Option (Option to Buy)	\$ 8.7						<u>(4)</u>	01/30/2013	Common Stock	1,333
Stock Option (Option to Buy)	\$ 13.89						<u>(5)</u>	02/03/2014	Common Stock	1,333
Stock Option (Option to Buy)	\$ 20.22						<u>(6)</u>	01/03/2015	Common Stock	1,000
Stock Option (Option to Buy)	(7)						<u>(8)</u>	<u>(9)</u>	Common Stock	2,666

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
r g	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
FORD RICHARD F						
800 S HANLEY # 1D	X					
ST. LOUIS, MO 63105						

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By: Forrest M. Smith For: Richard F.

Ford 05/12/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Date

- (1) Units vest quarterly over a one year period.
- (2) No expiration date for these Units.
- (3) Options vest in 20% increments on 1/2/03, 1/2/04, 1/2/05, 1/2/06 and 1/2/07.
- (4) Options vest in 20% increments on 1/3/04, 1/3/05, 1/3/06, 1/3/07 and 1/3/08.
- (5) Options vest in 20% increments yearly from the grant date.
- (6) Options vest in 20 percent increments on 1/3/06, 1/3/07, 1/3/08, 1/3/09 and 1/3/10.
- (7) Various exercise prices.
- (8) Various exercisable dates.
- (9) Various expiration dates.

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