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Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On April 30, 2018, Financial Engines, Inc. (“Financial Engines”) issued a press release announcing the entry into a merger agreement providing for the acquisition of Financial Engines by funds affiliated with Hellman & Friedman, subject to the terms and conditions contained therein. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

Additional Information and Where to Find It

This communication relates to the proposed merger involving Financial Engines, Inc. (“Financial Engines” or the “Company”). In connection with the proposed merger, Financial Engines will file relevant materials with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”), including the Company’s proxy statement on Schedule 14A (the “Proxy Statement”). This communication is not a substitute for the Proxy Statement or any other document that Financial Engines may file with the SEC or send to its stockholders in connection with the proposed merger. **BEFORE MAKING ANY VOTING DECISION, STOCKHOLDERS OF FINANCIAL ENGINES ARE URGED TO READ ALL RELEVANT DOCUMENTS FILED WITH THE SEC, INCLUDING THE PROXY STATEMENT, WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSED MERGER.** Investors and security holders will be able to obtain the documents (when available) free of charge at the SEC’s website, www.sec.gov, and the Company’s website, www.FinancialEngines.com. In addition, the documents (when available) may be obtained free of charge by directing a request to Amy Conley by email at ir@FinancialEngines.com or by calling (408) 498-6040.

Participants in the Solicitation

The Company and its directors and executive officers may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the holders of Financial Engines common stock in respect of the proposed merger. Information about the directors and executive officers of Financial Engines is set forth in the proxy statement for the Company’s 2018 annual meeting of stockholders, which was filed with the SEC on April 6, 2018, and in other documents filed by Financial Engines with the SEC. Other information regarding the participants in the proxy solicitation and a description of their direct and indirect interests, by security holdings or otherwise, will be contained in the Proxy Statement and other relevant materials to be filed with the SEC in respect of the proposed merger when they become available.

Cautionary Statements Regarding Forward-Looking Information

Certain statements contained in this communication may constitute “forward-looking statements.” These forward-looking statements may be identified by terms such as “plan to,” “designed to,” “allow,” “will,” “can,” “expect,” “estimate,” “believes,” “intends,” “may,” “continues,” “to be” or the negative of these terms, and similar expressions intended to identify forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause actual results, performance or achievements to differ materially from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements, and reported results should not be considered as an indication of future performance. These risks, uncertainties and other factors include, but are not limited to, risks related to the occurrence of any event, change or other circumstance that could give rise to the termination of the merger agreement; the failure to obtain Financial Engines stockholder approval of the merger or the failure to satisfy any of the other conditions to the completion of the merger; the effect of the announcement of the merger on the ability of Financial Engines to retain and hire key personnel and maintain relationships with its clients, providers, partners and others with whom it does business, or on its operating results and businesses generally; risks associated with the disruption of management’s attention from ongoing business operations due to the merger; the ability to meet expectations regarding the timing and completion of the merger; and other factors described in the Company’s Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017, as filed with the SEC, and in other reports filed by the Company with the SEC from time to time. You are cautioned not to unduly rely on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of this communication. Unless required by law, Financial Engines undertakes no obligation to publicly revise any forward-looking statement to reflect circumstances or events after the date of this communication or to report the occurrence of unanticipated events.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description of Exhibit
<u>99.1</u>	<u>Press Release dated April 30, 2018</u>

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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.

Financial Engines, Inc.

April 30, 2018 By: /s/ Lewis E. Antone, Jr.

Name: Lewis E. Antone, Jr.

Title: Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary
