

Financial Engines, Inc.
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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): April 29, 2018

Financial Engines, Inc.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 001-34636 94-3250323
(State or other jurisdiction (Commission (I.R.S. Employer
of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

1050 Enterprise Way, 3rd Floor, Sunnyvale, CA 94089
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (408) 498-6000

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

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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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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§ 230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§ 240.12b-2 of this chapter).

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 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

Merger Agreement

On April 29, 2018, Financial Engines, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the “Company”), entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the “Merger Agreement”) with Edelman Financial, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (“Parent”), and Flashdance Merger Sub, Inc., a Delaware corporation and an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Parent (“Merger Sub”).

The Merger Agreement provides, among other things and subject to the terms and conditions set forth therein, that Merger Sub will be merged with and into the Company (the “Merger”), with the Company continuing as the surviving corporation and as an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Parent. The Merger Agreement provides that each share of common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share, of the Company (“Common Stock”) outstanding immediately prior to the effective time of the Merger (the “Effective Time”) (other than shares of Common Stock owned by the Company in treasury, Parent, Merger Sub or any wholly owned subsidiary of the Company or Parent and shares of Common Stock owned by stockholders of the Company who properly demand and do not withdraw a demand for, or lose their right to, appraisal rights pursuant to Section 262 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware) will at the Effective Time automatically be cancelled and converted into the right to receive \$45.00 in cash (the “Merger Consideration”), without interest and subject to applicable withholding taxes.

Pursuant to the Merger Agreement, as of the Effective Time, (i) each Company stock option will become fully vested and be converted into the right to receive an amount in cash equal to the product of (A) the excess, if any, of the Merger Consideration over the applicable exercise price of such option, multiplied by (B) the number of shares subject to such option, subject to applicable withholding taxes, and (ii) each restricted stock unit award that is outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time will (A) if granted prior to the date of the Merger Agreement or held by a non-employee director, become fully vested and be converted into the right to receive the Merger Consideration in respect of each underlying vested share of Common Stock, subject to applicable withholding taxes, or (B) if granted on or after the date of the Merger Agreement (other than to a non-employee director), be converted into an award representing the right to receive an amount in cash equal to the Merger Consideration in respect of each underlying share of Common Stock which otherwise has the same terms and conditions (including with respect to vesting) as were applicable to such restricted stock unit award as of immediately prior to the Effective Time.

The Company’s board of directors (the “Company Board”) has unanimously approved and declared advisable the Merger Agreement and the transactions contemplated thereby, including the Merger. The obligation of the parties to complete the Merger is subject to customary closing conditions, including, among others, (i) the adoption of the Merger Agreement by a majority of outstanding shares of Common Stock entitled to vote thereon (the “Company Stockholder Approval”), (ii) the expiration or earlier termination of the applicable waiting period under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, as amended, (iii) the absence of any law, order or injunction of a court or governmental entity of competent jurisdiction prohibiting the consummation of the Merger, (iv) the accuracy of the representations and warranties contained in the Merger Agreement (subject to certain qualifications), (v) the performance in all material respects by the parties of their respective obligations under the Merger Agreement that are required to be performed at or prior to the Effective Time and (vi) the absence of a Company Material Adverse Effect (as defined in the Merger Agreement) occurring after the date of the Merger Agreement.

The Company has made customary representations, warranties and covenants in the Merger Agreement, including, among others, covenants (i) to conduct its business in all material respects in the ordinary course during the period between the execution of the Merger Agreement and the closing of the Merger, and not to engage in specified types of transactions during this period, subject to certain exceptions, (ii) to convene a meeting of its stockholders for the purpose of obtaining the Company Stockholder Approval, and (iii) subject to certain exceptions, not to solicit certain alternative acquisition proposals, engage in discussions or negotiations with respect to such proposals or provide non-public information in connection with such proposals. Subject to certain exceptions, the Company Board is required to recommend that the Company's stockholders adopt the Merger Agreement and may not withhold, withdraw, qualify or modify in a manner adverse to Parent such recommendation or take certain similar actions which are referred to in the Merger Agreement as a Change of Recommendation. However, the Company may, prior to the time the Company Stockholder Approval is obtained, make a Change of Recommendation in connection with a Superior Proposal or Intervening Event (each as defined in the Merger Agreement), and in the case of a Superior Proposal, terminate the Merger Agreement, if the Company complies with certain notice and other requirements.

The Merger Agreement contains certain termination rights, including, among others, (i) the right of either party to terminate the Merger Agreement if the Merger is not consummated on or before October 29, 2018 or if the Company Stockholder Approval is not obtained at a meeting of the Company's stockholders at which a vote on the adoption of the Merger Agreement is taken; (ii) the right of the Company to terminate the Merger Agreement (a) if Parent and Merger Sub fail to consummate the Merger following satisfaction or waiver of the conditions to Parent's obligation to consummate the Merger and completion of a specified marketing period for Parent's debt financing or (b) prior to the time the Company Stockholder Approval is obtained in order to substantially concurrently enter into an agreement providing for a Superior Proposal, subject to complying with the terms of the Merger Agreement; and (iii) the right of Parent to terminate the Merger Agreement prior to the time the Company Stockholder Approval is obtained if the Company Board effects a Change of Recommendation. The Merger Agreement provides that, upon termination of the Merger Agreement under specified circumstances, the Company will be required to pay Parent a termination fee of \$89 million. The Merger Agreement further provides that Parent will be required to pay the Company a termination fee of \$181 million if the Merger Agreement is terminated under specified circumstances.

The foregoing description of the Merger Agreement does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Merger Agreement, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 2.1 and is incorporated by reference herein.

The Merger Agreement has been included to provide investors with information regarding its terms. It is not intended to provide any other factual information about the Company, Parent or their respective subsidiaries or affiliates. The representations, warranties and covenants contained in the Merger Agreement were made only for purposes of the Merger Agreement as of the specific dates therein, were solely for the benefit of the parties to the Merger Agreement, may be subject to limitations agreed upon by the contracting parties, including being qualified by confidential disclosures made for the purposes of allocating contractual risk among the parties to the Merger Agreement instead of establishing these matters as facts, and may be subject to standards of materiality applicable to the contracting parties that differ from those applicable to investors. Investors should not rely on the representations, warranties and covenants or any descriptions thereof as characterizations of the actual state of facts or condition of the parties thereto or any of their respective subsidiaries or affiliates. Moreover, information concerning the subject matter of representations and warranties may change after the date of the Merger Agreement, which subsequent information may or may not be reflected in the Company's public disclosures. The Merger Agreement should not be read alone, but should instead be read in conjunction with the other information regarding the Company, Parent and Merger Sub and the transactions contemplated by the Merger Agreement that will be contained in or attached as an annex to the proxy statement that the Company will file in connection with the transactions contemplated by the Merger Agreement, as well as in the other filings that the Company will make with the SEC.

Parent Financing

Parent has obtained equity and debt financing commitments for the purpose of financing the transactions contemplated by the Merger Agreement and paying related fees and expenses. The obligations of the equity financing sources to provide equity financing under the equity commitment letter are subject to customary conditions. The obligations of the lenders to provide debt financing under the debt commitment letter are subject to customary conditions.

Guarantees

Concurrently with the execution of the Merger Agreement, certain funds affiliated with the equity financing sources have entered into limited guarantees, pursuant to which they have agreed to guarantee Parent's obligation to pay any termination fee, reimburse and indemnify the Company with respect to certain expenses in connection with the Merger and pay certain other amounts.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description of Exhibit
2.1	Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of April 29, 2018, by and among Edelman Financial, L.P., Flashdance Merger Sub, Inc. and Financial Engines, Inc.

Additional Information and Where to Find It

This communication relates to the proposed Merger involving the Company. In connection with the proposed Merger, the Company 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 the Company may file with the SEC or send to its stockholders in connection with the proposed Merger. **BEFORE MAKING ANY VOTING DECISION, STOCKHOLDERS OF THE COMPANY 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 Common Stock in respect of the proposed Merger. Information about the directors and executive officers of the Company 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 the Company 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 the Company Stockholder Approval 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 the Company 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, the Company 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.

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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.

May 2, 2018 By: /s/ Lewis E. Antone, Jr.
Name: Lewis E. Antone, Jr.
Title: Executive Vice President,
General Counsel and Secretary
