

WADDELL & REED FINANCIAL INC  
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**WADDELL & REED FINANCIAL, INC.**

**5.60% NOTES DUE 2011**

**FINAL TERM SHEET**

Dated January 10, 2006

Issuer:	Waddell & Reed Financial, Inc.
Size:	\$200,000,000
Maturity:	January 15, 2011
Coupon (Interest Rate):	5.60% per year
Price to public:	99.965% of principal amount
Yield to maturity:	5.608%
Spread to Benchmark Treasury:	1.25% (125 basis points)
Benchmark Treasury:	US Treasury 4.375% due December 15, 2010
Benchmark Treasury Price and Yield:	100 - 02.25; 4.358%
Interest Payment Dates:	January 15 and July 15, commencing on July 15, 2006
Redemption Provisions:	Make-whole call at any time based on US Treasury plus 20 basis points
Settlement:	T+3; January 13, 2006
Format:	SEC Registered (No. 333-43862)
Ratings:	Moody s, Baa2; S&P, BBB

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