

WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION  
Form 8-K  
March 09, 2015

**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): March 9, 2015**

**WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION**  
**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**Delaware**  
**(State or other jurisdiction**

**001-32550**  
**(Commission**

**88-0365922**  
**(IRS Employer**

**of incorporation)**

**File Number)**

**Identification No.)**

**One E. Washington Street, Suite 1400, Phoenix, Arizona 85004**

**(Address of principal executive offices)**

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (602) 389-3500**

**Not Applicable**

**(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)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On March 9, 2015 Western Alliance Bancorporation ( WAL or the Company ) and Bridge Capital Holdings ( Bridge ) issued a joint press release announcing the entry into an Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of March 9, 2015, by and between WAL and Bridge, pursuant to which WAL will acquire Bridge and its wholly owned subsidiary, Bridge Bank, National Association, subject to the terms and conditions set forth therein. A copy of the joint press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 7.01 - Regulation FD Disclosure**

The Company is filing an investor presentation, which provides supplemental information regarding the proposed transaction that the Company intends to make available to investors and post on the investor relations portion of its website, which is located at [www.westernalliancebancorp.com](http://www.westernalliancebancorp.com). The slides are included as Exhibit 99.2 to this report.

The information in the presentation shall not be deemed to be filed for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act ), or otherwise subject to the liability of that section, and shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document filed under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing. All annualized, pro forma, projected, combined, estimated and similar numbers are used for illustrative purpose only, are not forecasts and may not reflect actual results.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

- (a) Not applicable.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) Not applicable.
- (d) Exhibits.

Exhibit

No.	Description
99.1	Joint Press Release dated March 9, 2015.
99.2	Investor Presentation dated March 9, 2015.

**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.

WESTERN ALLIANCE  
BANCORPORATION  
(Registrant)

/s/ Dale Gibbons  
Dale Gibbons  
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial  
Officer

Date: March 9, 2015

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