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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement WADDELL & REED FINANCIAL INC [WDR] **Â** Sanders Philip James (Month/Day/Year) 02/23/2011 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 6300 LAMAR AVENUE (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer Other Person (give title below) (specify below) **OVERLAND** Form filed by More than One SVP & Chief Investment Officer PARK, KSÂ 66202 Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) D Â Class A Common 175,620 Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02)

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of	5. Ownership Form of Derivative	rm of (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		Amount or Number of	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect	

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Shares

(I) (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer

Other

Sanders Philip James 6300 LAMAR AVENUE OVERLAND PARK, KSÂ 66202

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SVP & Chief Investment Officer Â

Signatures

Philip J. Sanders

03/04/2011

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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