
**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): September 30, 2010

PRUDENTIAL FINANCIAL, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

New Jersey
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-16707
(Commission File
Number)

22-3703799
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

751 Broad Street
Newark, New Jersey 07102
(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

(973) 802-6000
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- ☐ 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))
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Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

News Release

On September 30, 2010, Prudential Financial, Inc. (the “Company”) issued a news release announcing its agreement to acquire AIG Star Life Insurance Co., Ltd. (“Star”) and AIG Edison Life Insurance Company (“Edison”) from American International Group, Inc. A copy of the news release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Slide Presentation

As stated in the attached news release, the Company will hold a conference call at 8:00 a.m., New York time, on September 30, 2010 to discuss its agreement to acquire Star and Edison. Attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2, and incorporated herein by reference, are slides to be presented during such call and which may be used in various other presentations.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

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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.

Date: September 30, 2010

PRUDENTIAL FINANCIAL, INC.

By: /s/ BRIAN J. MORRIS
Name: **Brian J. Morris**
Title: **Vice President and Assistant Secretary**

Exhibit Index

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News Release



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For Immediate Release

September 30, 2010

Contact: Bob DeFillippo
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Prudential Financial to acquire AIG Star and AIG Edison in Japan

NEWARK, N.J. — Prudential Financial, Inc. (NYSE:PRU) announced today that the company has signed a definitive agreement to acquire AIG Star Life Insurance Co., Ltd (“Star”) and AIG Edison Life Insurance Company (“Edison”) from American International Group, Inc. (NYSE: AIG) for a total purchase price of \$4.8 billion. The \$4.8 billion amount comprises approximately \$4.2 billion in cash and \$0.6 billion in the assumption of third party debt, substantially all of which is expected to be repaid with excess capital of the acquired entities. Subject to regulatory approval, the transaction is expected to close during the first quarter of 2011. The policies and rights of Star and Edison customers will not be affected by this transaction.

“The addition of these operations to our existing businesses in Japan will increase our presence and give us opportunities to provide our quality service to more customers. We look forward to working with the management and employees of Star and Edison to ensure a smooth transition,” said John Strangfeld, chairman and CEO of Prudential Financial, Inc.

Conference Call

Members of Prudential’s senior management will host a conference call on Thursday, September 30, 2010, at 8:00 a.m. ET, to discuss the company’s acquisition of the Star and Edison businesses with the investment community. An investor presentation to accompany the call will be made available for download on the company’s Investor Relations website at <http://www.investor.prudential.com>.

The conference call and presentation will be available via live webcast on the Investor Relations web site at: <http://www.investor.prudential.com>. Please log on fifteen minutes early in the event necessary software needs to be downloaded.

Institutional investors, analysts and other members of the professional financial community are invited to listen to the call and participate in Q&A, by dialing the following numbers:

- Domestic (U.S.): 800-230-1093 (Toll-free)

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- International: 612-332-0335

All others may dial into the conference call in listen-only mode, by dialing the above numbers.

The web cast will remain on the Investor Relations website for replay through October 15. To listen to a replay of the call beginning at 10:30 a.m. ET on September 30 through October 7, please dial:

- Domestic (U.S.): 800-475-6701 (Toll-free), Access Code: 172968
- International: 320-365-3844, Access code: 172968

For questions about the investor conference call and presentation, please contact investor.relations@prudential.com

Prudential Financial, Inc. (NYSE: PRU), a financial services leader with approximately \$690 billion of assets under management as of June 30, 2010, has operations in the United States, Asia, Europe, and Latin America. Prudential's diverse and talented employees are committed to helping individual and institutional customers grow and protect their wealth through a variety of products and services, including life insurance, annuities, retirement-related services, mutual funds, investment management, and real estate services. In the U.S., Prudential's iconic Rock symbol has stood for strength, stability, expertise and innovation for more than a century. For more information, please visit <http://www.news.prudential.com/>





PRUDENTIAL FINANCIAL, INC.

ACQUISITION OF STAR/EDISON

SEPTEMBER 30, 2010

Acquisition of Star/Edison

Building on Success in a Market We Know Well



Attractive Financial Transaction

- In-force business + cost synergies = attractive expected returns
- Expected near-term accretion to earnings per share, growing as synergies are realized
- Meaningful contribution to Prudential's ROE prospects
- Strong expected cash flow and capital generation

Strategic Benefits for Prudential's Japanese Insurance Business

- Complementary distribution, well-suited to Prudential's core protection and retirement products
- Increased scale supports efficient cost structure across Japanese businesses
- Client base offers second-sale opportunities

Low Execution Risk



- Products compatible with Prudential's established Japanese insurance operations
- Recent update of Prudential's administrative platform facilitates absorption of acquired business
- Seasoned Prudential management team with strong business combination track record in Japan: Kyoei/Gibraltar Life (2001); Aoba Life (2004); Yamato Life (2009)
- Expected returns primarily based on in-force business that has persisted through financial crisis

Transaction Highlights



- Purchase price \$4.8 billion; “net” purchase price, approximately \$4.2 billion⁽¹⁾
- Expected financing: approximately \$1.7 billion available capital, \$1.3 billion equity issuance, \$1.2 billion debt
- Acquired businesses to be adequately capitalized at closing, consistent with “AA” ratings targets⁽²⁾
- Expected pre-tax integration expenses, \$500 million over 5 year period to achieve targeted annual cost savings of \$250 million after integration completed
- Minimal goodwill
- Closing expected first quarter, 2011

1) “Net” purchase price reflects expected application of a portion of net assets acquired to repay assumed debt.

2) Based on approximately \$4.2 billion “net” purchase price.

Expected Transaction Financing



Available On-Balance-Sheet Capital	
– Parent company funds	\$1.7 billion
– Capital resident in international units	
Common Equity	
– Public equity offering prior to closing	\$1.3 billion
Debt Financing	
– Long term senior notes of Prudential Financial, Inc. to be issued prior to closing	\$1.2 billion
Total	\$4.2 billion

Ratio of Capital Debt To Total Capitalization ⁽¹⁾	Actual <u>6/30/10</u> 24.3%	Pro-Forma with <u>Expected Financing</u> ⁽²⁾ 25.8%
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1) For the Financial Services Businesses.

2) Reflects repayment of third-party debt assumed in transaction.



Attractive Financial Returns Driven by In-Force Business and Cost Synergies⁽¹⁾



	2009	2012
Star/Edison pre-tax operating income, historical basis ⁽²⁾	\$900	
Purchase accounting and other adjustments (primarily reset of investment portfolio yield)	(500)	
Pro-forma earnings base	\$400	
Expected Cost Synergies		\$170
Expected EPS Accretion ⁽³⁾		≈ \$\$.40
Expected ROE Accretion ⁽³⁾		≈ 70 bps

**Approximately
30% of
Star/Edison
expense base,
realized over
3-5 year
period**

1) Amounts in millions except per share data.

2) Excludes net realized capital gains and losses.

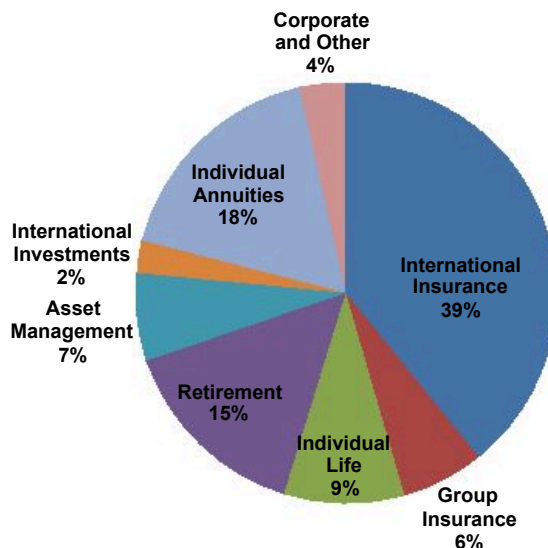
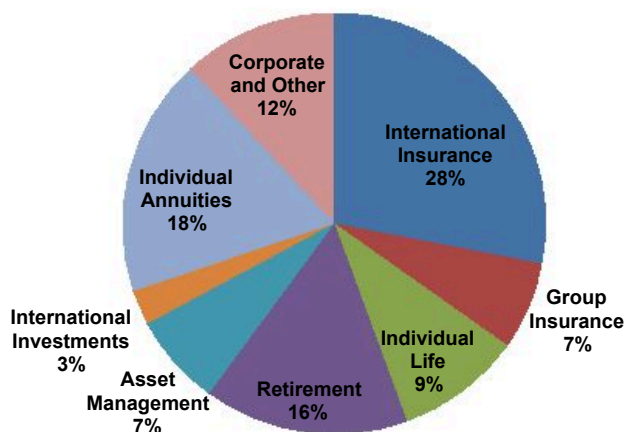
3) Based on contribution of acquired businesses to after-tax adjusted operating income of Financial Services Businesses before integration costs, net of expected financing costs and impact of Prudential Common Stock issuance at \$55.00 per share.

Transaction Effectively Deploys Capital and Strengthens Balanced Mix of Businesses



**6/30/10 Actual
Attributed Equity \$26.8 Billion⁽¹⁾**

**Pro-Forma Including Star/Edison,
Attributed Equity \$28.1 Billion⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾**



1) For the Financial Services Businesses, excluding accumulated other comprehensive income related to unrealized gains and losses on investments and pension / postretirement benefits.

2) Based on expected transaction financing.

Building a Leading Foreign Life Insurer in Japan



	Assets⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽³⁾ (\$ Billions)	Face Amount in-Force⁽²⁾⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾ (\$ Billions)	Insurance Revenues⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾⁽⁶⁾ (\$ Millions)	Captive Agents⁽²⁾
Star	\$ 18.6	\$ 76.3	\$ 1,462	4,333
Edison	29.0	70.5	2,065	3,400
Combined	47.6	146.8	3,527	7,733
Gibraltar Life	45.4	219.7	2,939	6,101
Prudential of Japan	35.4	303.6	4,046	3,122
TOTAL	\$128.4	\$670.1	\$10,512	16,956

1) Certain data based on one month reporting lag.

2) As of June 30, 2010.

3) Translated based on actual exchange rates.

4) Face amount in-force for individual insurance only (excluding annuity).

5) Source: Life Insurance Association of Japan

6) Net premiums, policy charges and fee income for the year ended December 31, 2009.



Business Integration Drives Cost Synergies



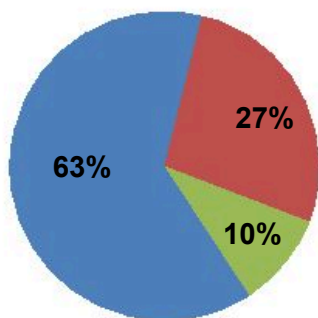
- Expect to integrate Star and Edison businesses with Prudential's Japanese insurance operations by early 2012
- Integration includes branch and back office consolidations, migration to Prudential's IT platform, rationalization of administrative expenses
- Expect pre-tax integration costs of approximately \$500 million over 5 year period, including approximately \$400 million in 2011-2012
- Expect annual cost savings of about \$170 million by 2012, \$200 million by 2013, and \$250 million after integration completed

Diversified Distribution Channels

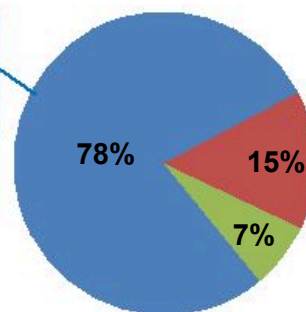


Star/Edison 2007 Sales⁽¹⁾
\$708 million

Star/Edison 2009 Sales⁽¹⁾
\$599 million



**7,733
Captive
Agents⁽²⁾**



**4,400
Independent
Agents⁽²⁾**

■ Captive Agents
 ■ Independent Agents
 ■ Banks and Other Distribution⁽³⁾

1) Annualized new business premiums; foreign denominated activity translated to U.S. dollars based on average exchange rates for periods indicated including 118 Japanese yen per U.S. dollar for 2007 and 94 Japanese yen per U.S. dollar for 2009; based on one-month reporting lag.

2) As of June 30, 2010.

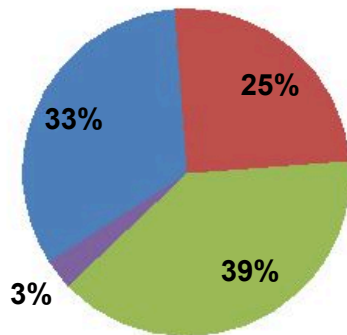
3) Includes distribution through corporations and associations.

Product Mix Compatible with Prudential's Emphasis on Protection and Retirement Markets

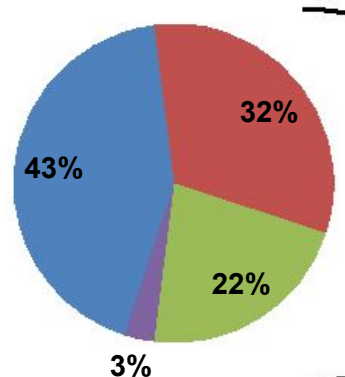


Star/Edison In-Force Annualized Premiums⁽¹⁾

As of December 31, 2009



Star/Edison Annualized New Business Premiums Year ended December 31, 2009⁽¹⁾



**45%
U.S.
dollar
business**

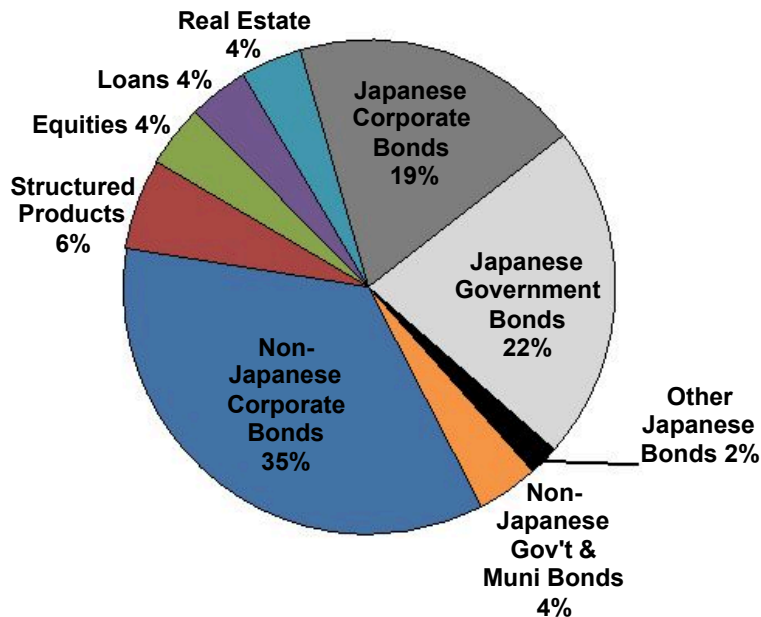
- Life Insurance - whole life, term, universal life
- Third Sector - primarily hospital daily benefits
- Fixed Annuities
- Group Life - primarily term insurance

1) Foreign denominated activity translated to U.S. dollars based on average exchange rates, Japanese yen 94 per U.S. dollar; data based on one-month reporting lag; percentage comprised of U.S. dollar business estimated.

Star/Edison General Account Portfolio



\$41 billion General Account⁽¹⁾



- 90% of fixed maturity investments are investment grade⁽²⁾⁽³⁾
- 72% of non-Japanese bonds are U.S. Dollar denominated
- Expect to migrate portfolio to reduce exposure to structured securities, real estate and equities

1) As of June 30, 2010, at estimated market value.

2) Securities not rated by either Moody's or S&P have been classified as below investment grade for purposes of this display.

3) Based on bonds and structured products.



Building on Success in a Market We Know Well



- Attractive financial and strategic transaction; expected returns primarily driven by in-force business and cost synergies
- Low strategic and execution risk: compatible products; updated Prudential systems facilitate integration; seasoned management team with strong business combination track record
- Effective deployment of capital enhances Prudential's ROE prospects; accretive to earnings per share
- Expanded footprint in Japan: world's second largest insurance market, with substantial retirement market opportunity driven by demographics and savings fund base
- Distribution and client base deepen and extend growth opportunities in Japanese life insurance market

Forward-Looking Statements



Certain of the statements included in this presentation constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the U. S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. It is possible that actual results may differ materially from any expectations or predictions expressed in this presentation. Words such as “expects,” “believes,” “anticipates,” “includes,” “plans,” “assumes,” “estimates,” “projects,” “intends,” “should,” “will,” “shall,” or variations of such words are generally part of forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are made based on management’s current expectations and beliefs concerning future developments and their potential effects upon Prudential Financial, Inc. and its subsidiaries. There can be no assurance that future developments affecting Prudential Financial, Inc. and its subsidiaries will be those anticipated by management. These forward-looking statements are not a guarantee of future performance and involve risks and uncertainties, and there are certain important factors that could cause actual results to differ, possibly materially, from expectations or estimates reflected in such forward-looking statements, including, among others: (1) general economic, market and political conditions, including the performance and fluctuations of fixed income, equity, real estate and other financial markets; (2) the availability and cost of external financing for our operations, which has been affected by the stress experienced by the global financial markets; (3) interest rate fluctuations; (4) reestimates of our reserves for future policy benefits and claims; (5) differences between actual experience regarding mortality, morbidity, persistency, surrender experience, interest rates or market returns and the assumptions we use in pricing our products, establishing liabilities and reserves or for other purposes; (6) changes in our assumptions related to deferred policy acquisition costs, valuation of business acquired or goodwill; (7) changes in our claims-paying or credit ratings; (8) investment losses, defaults and counterparty non-performance; (9) competition in our product lines and for personnel; (10) changes in tax law; (11) economic, political, currency and other risks relating to our international operations; (12) fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates and foreign securities markets; (13) regulatory or legislative changes, including the recently enacted Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act; (14) adverse determinations in litigation or regulatory matters and our exposure to contingent liabilities, including in connection with our divestiture or winding down of businesses; (15) domestic or international military actions, natural or man-made disasters including terrorist activities or pandemic disease, or other events resulting in catastrophic loss of life; (16) ineffectiveness of risk management policies and procedures in identifying, monitoring and managing risks; (17) effects of acquisitions, divestitures and restructurings, including possible difficulties in integrating and realizing the projected results of acquisitions; (18) changes in statutory or U.S. GAAP accounting principles, practices or policies; (19) changes in assumptions for retirement expense; (20) Prudential Financial, Inc.’s primary reliance, as a holding company, on dividends or distributions from its subsidiaries to meet debt payment obligations and the ability of the subsidiaries to pay such dividends or distributions in light of our ratings objectives and/or applicable regulatory restrictions; and (21) risks due to the lack of legal separation between our Financial Services Businesses and our Closed Block Business. The foregoing risks are even more pronounced in severe adverse market and economic conditions such as those that began in the second half of 2007 and continued into 2009. Prudential Financial, Inc. does not intend, and is under no obligation, to update any particular forward-looking statement included in this presentation.

Prudential Financial, Inc. of the United States is not affiliated with Prudential PLC which is headquartered in the United Kingdom.

Non-GAAP Measure



This presentation includes references to “adjusted operating income.” Adjusted operating income is a non-GAAP measure of performance of our Financial Services Businesses. Adjusted operating income excludes “Realized investment gains (losses), net,” as adjusted, and related charges and adjustments. A significant element of realized investment gains and losses are impairments and credit-related and interest rate-related gains and losses. Impairments and losses from sales of credit-impaired securities, the timing of which depends largely on market credit cycles, can vary considerably across periods. The timing of other sales that would result in gains or losses, such as interest rate-related gains or losses, is largely subject to our discretion and influenced by market opportunities as well as our tax and capital profile. Realized investment gains (losses) within certain of our businesses for which such gains (losses) are a principal source of earnings, and those associated with terminating hedges of foreign currency earnings and current period yield adjustments are included in adjusted operating income. Realized investment gains and losses from products that are free standing derivatives or contain embedded derivatives, and from associated derivative portfolios that are part of an economic hedging program related to the risk of those products, are included in adjusted operating income. Adjusted operating income excludes gains and losses from changes in value of certain assets and liabilities related to foreign currency exchange movements that have been economically hedged, as well as gains and losses on certain investments that are classified as other trading account assets and debt that is carried at fair value. Adjusted operating income also excludes investment gains and losses on trading account assets supporting insurance liabilities and changes in experience-rated contractholder liabilities due to asset value changes, because these recorded changes in asset and liability values are expected to ultimately accrue to contractholders. Trends in the underlying profitability of our businesses can be more clearly identified without the fluctuating effects of these transactions. In addition, adjusted operating income excludes the results of divested businesses, which are not relevant to our ongoing operations. Discontinued operations, which is presented as a separate component of net income under GAAP, is also excluded from adjusted operating income. We believe that the presentation of adjusted operating income as we measure it for management purposes enhances understanding of the results of operations of the Financial Services Businesses by highlighting the results from ongoing operations and the underlying profitability of our businesses. However, adjusted operating income is not a substitute for income determined in accordance with GAAP, and the adjustments made to derive adjusted operating income are important to an understanding of our overall results of operations.

For additional information about adjusted operating income and the comparable GAAP measure please refer to our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009 and our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2010 located on the Investor Relations website at www.investor.prudential.com. Additional historical information relating to the Company's financial performance, including its second quarter 2010 Quarterly Financial Supplement, is also located on the Investor Relations website.

The information referred to above and on the prior page, as well as the risks of our businesses described in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009 and our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2010 should be considered by readers when reviewing forward-looking statements contained in this presentation.



PRUDENTIAL FINANCIAL, INC.

ACQUISITION OF STAR/EDISON

SEPTEMBER 30, 2010