

WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION  
Form 8-K  
March 22, 2013

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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):

March 19, 2013

Western Alliance Bancorporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Nevada

C17075-1995

88-0365922

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

One E Washington Street, Suite 1400, Phoenix,  
Arizona

85004

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

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)
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- 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 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On March 19, 2013, Kenneth Vecchione, President and Chief Operating Officer of Western Alliance Bancorporation (the "Company"), announced that he would be resigning his position, effective April 5, 2013, in order to become the chief executive officer of another publicly traded, non-banking company. Mr. Vecchione will continue to serve on the Company's Board of Directors and will continue to serve as Chairman of the Company's Finance and Investment Committee and as Vice-Chairman of Bank of Nevada.

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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.

*March 22, 2013*

Western Alliance Bancorporation

*By: Dale Gibbons*

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*Name: Dale Gibbons*

*Title: Chief Financial Officer*

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<b><u>Exhibit No.</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
99.1	Press Release dated March 20, 2013