

BROWN FORMAN CORP
Form 8-K
November 18, 2010

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):
November 18, 2010 (November 18, 2010)

Brown-Forman Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

002-26821

61-0143150

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

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

850 Dixie Highway, Louisville, Kentucky

40210

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (502) 585-1100

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 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

On November 18, 2010, Brown-Forman Corporation (the "Company") issued a press release announcing that its Board of Directors increased its regular quarterly cash dividend on its Class A and Class B Common Stock to \$0.32 per share. Stockholders of record on December 7, 2010 will receive the quarterly cash dividend on December 27, 2010.

Historically, quarterly dividends declared in November have been paid in early January of the following calendar year. However, with the uncertainty surrounding the renewal of the current dividend tax rates that expire on December 31, 2010, the Company chose to accelerate the dividend payment, which will result in five cash dividend payments for calendar 2010.

A copy of the press release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1. The information furnished pursuant to this Item 7.01 (and the related information in Exhibit 99.1) shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Exchange Act, and shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference in any filing 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.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

The following Exhibit is furnished as part of this Report on Form 8-K.

99.1 Brown-Forman Corporation Press Release dated November 18, 2010

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.

Brown-Forman Corporation
(Registrant)

November 18, 2010
(Date)

/s/ Nelea A. Absher
Nelea A. Absher
Vice President, Associate General Counsel and Assistant Corporate Secretary

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99.1 Brown-Forman Corporation Press Release dated November 18, 2010