### 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): October 24, 2012

## FORRESTER RESEARCH, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 000-21433 (Commission File Number) 04-2797789 (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

60 Acorn Park Drive Cambridge, Massachusetts 02140 (Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(617) 613-6000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changes since Last Report)

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#### ITEM 2.02. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION.

The information contained in this current report on Form 8-K is furnished pursuant to Item 2.02 of Form 8-K "Results of Operations and Financial Condition". This information and the exhibits hereto are being furnished and shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of, or otherwise regarded as filed under, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. The information contained in this report shall not be incorporated by reference into any filing of Forrester Research, Inc. with the SEC, whether made before or after the date hereof, regardless of any general incorporation language in such filings.

On October 24, 2012, Forrester Research, Inc. issued a press release announcing its financial results for the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2012.

Forrester believes that pro forma financial results provide investors with consistent and comparable information to aid in the understanding of Forrester's ongoing business. Forrester uses pro forma financial information to manage its business, including use of pro forma financial results as the basis for setting targets for various compensation programs. Our pro forma presentation excludes the following, as well as their related tax effects:

Amortization of intangibles—we exclude the effect of the amortization of intangibles from our pro forma results in order to more consistently present our ongoing results of operations.

Gains and losses from investments—we have consistently excluded both gains and losses related to our investments in non-marketable securities and sales of marketable securities from our pro forma results in order to keep quarter-over-quarter and year-over-year comparisons consistent.

Stock-based compensation expense—we exclude stock-based compensation from our pro forma results in order to keep quarter-over-quarter and year-over-year comparisons consistent.

Reorganization costs associated with the Company's January 2012 sales force realignment are not included in our pro forma results in order to keep quarter-over-quarter and year-over-year comparisons consistent.

Acquisition and integration related costs and credits are not included in our pro forma results in order to more consistently present our ongoing results of operations.

Duplicate lease costs represent costs for replacement facilities for the period of time prior to the Company utilizing the new facility for operations. Duplicate lease costs are excluded from our pro forma results in order to keep quarter-over-quarter and year-over-year comparisons consistent.

However, these measures should be considered in addition to, not as a substitute for, or superior to, operating income or other measures of financial performance prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles as more fully discussed in our financial statements and filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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### ITEM 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangement of Certain Officers

On October 24, 2012, Charles Rutstein resigned as a director and Chief Operating Officer of the Company.

#### ITEM 8.01 Other Events.

On October 24, 2012, the Company announced that its Board of Directors has authorized a \$50 million increase in the Company's stock repurchase program, bringing the total available authorization to approximately \$100 million. The shares may be purchased in the open market or privately negotiated transactions.

On October 24, 2012, the Company also announced that its Board of Directors has approved a regular quarterly cash dividend of \$0.14 per share, to be paid on December 19, 2012 to shareholders of record on December 5, 2012.

#### ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

#### (d) Exhibits

- 99.1 Press release dated October 24, 2012 with respect to increased authorization to repurchase Company stock.
- 99.2 Press Release dated October 24, 2012 with respect to financial results for the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2012.

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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.

#### FORRESTER RESEARCH, INC.

By /s/ Michael A. Doyle

Name:Michael A. DoyleTitle:Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

Date: October 25, 2012

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#### Exhibit Index

Description

99.1 Press Release dated October 24, 2012 with respect to increased authorization to repurchase Company stock.

Exhibit

99.2 Press Release dated October 24, 2012 with respect to financial results for the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2012.

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#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

#### Forrester Research Plans To Repurchase \$100 million Of Stock By The End Of 2013

**Cambridge, Mass., October 24, 2012**... Forrester Research, Inc. (Nasdaq: FORR) today announced that its board of directors has authorized a \$50 million increase in the company's stock repurchase program. The move brings the total available authorization to \$100 million. The shares may be purchased from time to time in open market or privately negotiated transactions. As of September 30, 2012, Forrester had approximately 22,303,000 shares outstanding.

"The fundamentals of our business are strong, and combined with structural changes we put in place this year to ensure long-term growth, we believe our share price is undervalued based on recent performance," said Mike Doyle, chief financial officer. "We intend to repurchase up to \$100 million of our shares by the end of 2013, subject to market conditions, business opportunities, and unanticipated events. Our sizable cash reserve enables us to buy back shares and build long-term shareholder value without compromising our ability to invest in our business."

#### **About Forrester Research**

Forrester Research, Inc. (Nasdaq: FORR) is an independent research company that provides pragmatic and forward-thinking advice to global leaders in business and technology. Forrester works with professionals in 17 roles at major companies providing proprietary research, customer insight, consulting, events, and peerto-peer executive programs. For more than 29 years, Forrester has been making IT, marketing, and technology industry leaders successful every day. For more information, visit <u>www.forrester.com</u>.

This press release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements include, but are not limited to, the amount and timing of the repurchase of Forrester stock and statements about future financial performance and financial condition. These statements are based on Forrester's current plans and expectations and involve risks and uncertainties that could cause actual future activities and results of operations to be materially different from those set forth in the forward-looking statements. For further information, please refer to Forrester's reports and filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

#### Forrester Research Reports Third-Quarter Financial Results

Cambridge, Mass., October 24, 2012 . . . Forrester Research, Inc. (Nasdaq: FORR) today announced its 2012 third-quarter financial results.

#### **Third-Quarter Financial Performance**

- Total revenues were \$68.5 million for the third quarter of 2012, compared with \$69.8 million for the third quarter of last year. Research revenues increased 2%, and advisory services and other revenue decreased 11% compared to the third quarter of last year. The decline in advisory services and other revenue during the third quarter 2012 is due to both a planned shift of a number of Forrester Events from being held during the current quarter to being held during the fourth quarter and a decrease in advisory services revenue.
- On a GAAP basis, net income was \$10.4 million, or \$0.45 per diluted share, for the third quarter of 2012, compared with net income of \$5.7 million, or \$0.25 per diluted share, for the same period last year. Net income in 2012 includes a \$5.5 million deferred tax benefit resulting from the settlement of a foreign tax audit.
- On a pro forma basis, net income was \$5.8 million, or \$0.26 per diluted share, for the third quarter of 2012, which reflects a pro forma effective tax rate of 39%. Pro forma net income excludes stock-based compensation of \$1.4 million, amortization of \$0.6 million of acquisition-related intangible assets, and net investment gains of \$0.1 million. This compares with pro forma net income of \$7.9 million, or \$0.34 per diluted share, for the same period in 2011, which reflects a pro forma tax rate of 40%. Pro forma net income for the third quarter of 2011 excludes stock-based compensation of \$1.4 million, amortization of \$0.7 million of acquisition-related intangible assets, \$0.9 million of duplicate lease costs, and \$0.1 million of acquisition and integration costs.

"Forrester met our revenue guidance and exceeded operating margin and earnings per share for the third quarter," said George F. Colony, Forrester's chairman and chief executive officer. "However, we expect the softness we experienced in our consulting business in the third quarter, related to both lower-than-expected productivity and the macroeconomic environment, to continue and therefore are reducing revenue and EPS guidance for the year."

"We continue to see lingering dislocation from the ambitious research initiatives and aggressive changes to the sales organization put in place earlier in the year — productivity gains are taking longer than expected to materialize, and attrition is hindering the delivery of consulting services," said Mike Doyle, Forrester's chief financial officer. "We believe that these are short-term operating challenges and that the structural changes we made are the right moves to drive efficiency, better engage with our clients, and accelerate growth in the long term. Our core business metrics remain healthy, and our client retention rates continue at nearhistoric levels — evidence that Forrester remains a premier brand in the information marketplace."

Forrester also announced the resignation of Charles Rutstein as chief operating officer and a member of the board of directors, effective immediately. The position of chief operating officer will not be filled.

"In order to streamline our operations, I will be assuming day-to-day oversight of the company," said Colony. "And in Q4, the arrival of a new chief sales officer will put an experienced industry hand at the helm of our sales organization as we plan for 2013. Mike Morhardt is a disciplined, process-driven executive with a track record of building high-performing, cost-effective selling teams."

#### Nine-Month Period Ended September 30, 2012 Financial Performance

- Total revenues were \$217.9 million, compared with \$209.0 million for the same period last year.
- On a GAAP basis, net income was \$21.3 million, or \$0.93 per diluted share, for the nine months ended September 30, 2012, compared with net income of \$14.1 million, or \$0.61 per diluted share, for the same period last year.
- On a pro forma basis, net income was \$19.1 million, or \$0.83 per diluted share, for the nine months ended September 30, 2012, which reflects a pro forma effective tax rate of 39%. Pro forma net income excludes stock-based compensation of \$3.9 million, amortization of \$1.8 million of acquisition-related intangible assets, \$1.4 million of reorganization costs, and net investment gains of \$0.3 million. This compares with pro forma net income of \$20.2 million, or \$0.87 per diluted share, for the same period in 2011, which reflects a pro forma tax rate of 40%. Pro forma net income for the nine months ended September 30, 2011, excludes stock-based compensation of \$1.9 million of acquisition-related intangible assets, \$3.9 million of duplicate lease costs, \$1.0 million of acquisition and integration costs, and net investment gains of \$0.6 million.

A reconciliation of GAAP results to pro forma results may be found in the attached financial tables.

Forrester is providing fourth-quarter 2012 financial guidance as follows:

#### Fourth-Quarter 2012 (GAAP):

- Total revenues of approximately \$72.0 million to \$76.0 million.
- Operating margin of approximately 9.5% to 11.5%.
- Other income, net of approximately \$0.1 million.
- An effective tax rate of 40%.
- Diluted earnings per share of approximately \$0.18 to \$0.23.

#### Fourth-Quarter 2012 (Pro Forma):

Pro forma financial guidance for the fourth quarter of 2012 excludes stock-based compensation expense of \$1.4 million to \$1.5 million, amortization of acquisition-related intangible assets of approximately \$0.6 million, and any investment gains or losses.

- Pro forma operating margin of approximately 12.5% to 14.5%.
- Pro forma effective tax rate of 39%.
- Pro forma diluted earnings per share of approximately \$0.24 to \$0.29.

#### Our full-year 2012 guidance is as follows:

#### Full-Year 2012 (GAAP):

- Total revenues of approximately \$290.0 million to \$294.0 million.
- Operating margin of approximately 10.5% to 11.5%.
- Other income, net of approximately \$1.0 million.
- An effective tax rate of 20%.
- Diluted earnings per share of approximately \$1.10 to \$1.15.

#### Full-Year 2012 (Pro Forma):

Pro forma financial guidance for full-year 2012 excludes stock-based compensation expense of \$5.3 million to \$5.4 million, amortization of acquisition-related intangible assets of approximately \$2.4 million, reorganization costs of \$1.4 million, and any investment gains or losses.

- Pro forma operating margin of approximately 13.5% to 14.5%.
- Pro forma effective tax rate of 39%.
- Pro forma diluted earnings per share of approximately \$1.07 to \$1.12.

#### **Quarterly Dividend**

Forrester also announced today that its board of directors has approved a quarterly dividend of \$0.14 per share payable December 19, 2012, to shareholders of record on December 5, 2012.

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update publicly any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise. For further information, please refer to Forrester's reports and filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The consolidated statements of income and table of key financial data are attached.

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#### Forrester Research, Inc.

**Consolidated Statements of Income** 

(Unaudited, in thousands, except per share data)

	Septen	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
Revenues:	2012	2011	2012	2011	
Research services	\$50,300	\$49,242	\$151,132	\$141,130	
Advisory services and other	18,211	20,532	66,732	67,836	
Total revenues	68,511	69,774	217,864	208,966	
Operating expenses:					
Cost of services and fulfillment	25,736	25,071	82,502	78,593	
Selling and marketing	24,309	24,927	75,709	76,401	
General and administrative	8,411	7,928	26,667	25,176	
Depreciation	2,262	1,420	6,510	3,335	
Amortization of intangible assets	579	679	1,779	1,898	
Reorganization costs	37		1,431		
Total operating expenses	61,334	60,025	194,598	185,403	
Income from operations	7,177	9,749	23,266	23,563	
Other income, net	357	378	896	273	
Gains on investments, net	147	8	290	648	
Income before income taxes	7,681	10,135	24,452	24,484	
Income tax provision (benefit)	(2,692)	4,403	3,129	10,371	
Net Income	\$10,373	\$ 5,732	\$ 21,323	\$ 14,113	
Diluted income per share	\$ 0.45	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.93	\$ 0.61	
Diluted weighted average shares outstanding	22,858	23,082	23,018	23,179	
Basic income per share	\$ 0.46	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.94	\$ 0.62	
Basic weighted average shares outstanding	22,398	22,620	22,573	22,672	
Pro forma data (1):					
Income from operations	\$ 7,177	\$ 9,749	\$ 23,266	\$ 23,563	
Amortization of intangible assets	579	679	1,779	1,898	
Duplicate lease costs	—	864	—	3,850	
Reorganization costs	37		1,431		
Acquisition and integration costs	—	87	-	986	
Stock-based compensation included in the following expense categories:	025	670	2 212	1 225	
Cost of services and fulfillment Selling and marketing	835 207	678 294	2,213 638	1,325 686	
General and administrative	367	294 440	1,070	1,082	
Pro forma income from operations	9,202	12,791	30,397	33,390	
Other income, net	357	378	30,397 896	273	
Pro forma income before income taxes	9,559	13,169	31,293	33,663	
Pro forma income tax provision	3,728	5,268	12,204	13,466	
Pro forma net income	\$ 5,831	\$ 7,901	\$ 19,089	\$ 20,197	
Pro forma diluted income per share	\$ 0.26	\$ 0.34	\$ 0.83	\$ 0.87	
Diluted weighted average shares outstanding	22,858	23,082	23,018	23,179	
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(1) Forrester believes that pro forma financial results provide investors with consistent and comparable information to aid in the understanding of Forrester's ongoing business, and are also used by Forrester in making compensation decisions. Our pro forma presentation excludes amortization of acquisition-related intangible assets, duplicate lease costs, costs associated with acquisition and integration activities, stock-based compensation, reorganization costs and net gains or losses from investments, as well as their related tax effects. The pro forma data does not purport to be prepared in accordance with Accounting Principles Generally Accepted in the United States.

# Forrester Research, Inc. Key Financial Data

(Unaudited, dollars in thousands)

	September 30, 2012	December 31, 2011
Balance sheet data:		
Cash, cash equivalents and marketable investments	\$ 238,446	\$ 227,603
Accounts receivable, net	\$ 44,149	\$ 81,378
Deferred revenue	\$ 124,857	\$ 147,887

	 Nine Months Ended September 30, 2012 2011		
Cash flow data:	2012		2011
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 43,223	\$	46,507
Cash used for acquisitions	\$ —	\$	(7,164)
Purchases of property and equipment	\$ (4,845)	\$	(33,194)
Repurchases of common stock	\$ (26,187)	\$	(18,405)
Dividends paid	\$ (9,481)	\$	_

	As of September	As of September 30,	
	2012	2011	
Metrics:			
Agreement value	\$ 221,576	\$ 211,240	
Client retention	78%	81%	
Dollar retention	91%	91%	
Enrichment	96%	104%	
Number of clients	2,498	2,508	

		As of September 30,	
	2012	2011	
Headcount:			
Total headcount	1,218	1,222	
Research staff	440	458	
Sales staff	446	440	