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**SCHEDULE 14A**

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**FACTSET RESEARCH SYSTEMS INC.**

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FACTSET RESEARCH SYSTEMS INC.  
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Tuesday, December 16, 2008

The proxy materials listed below are available at:  
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FACTSET RESEARCH SYSTEMS INC.

*This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.*

*If you want to receive a paper or e-mail copy of these documents, you must request one. There is no charge to you for requesting a copy. Please make your request for a copy as instructed below on or before December 3, 2008 to facilitate timely delivery.*

Dear Stockholder:

The Fiscal 2008 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of FactSet Research Systems Inc. (the "Company") will be held at the Company headquarters, 601 Merritt 7, Norwalk, CT 06851 on Tuesday, December 16, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

Proposals to be considered at the Annual Meeting:

- (1) To elect two directors to the Board of Directors, each for a three-year term and to elect one director to the Board of Directors for a two-year term.
- (2) To ratify the appointment of the accounting firm of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2009.
- (3) To ratify the adoption of the Company's 2008 Non-Employee Directors' Stock Option Plan.
- (4) To ratify the adoption of the Company's 2008 Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (5) To amend the Company's By-laws to require advance notice to the Company of stockholder nominations for election of directors and other business to be brought by stockholders before a meeting of stockholders in the manner provided by the Company's By-laws.
- (6) To transact such other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting or any adjournment or postponement of the Annual Meeting.

**Management recommends a vote "FOR" Proposals 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.**

The Board of Directors has fixed the close of business on October 20, 2008 as the record date (the "Record Date") for the determination of stockholders entitled to receive notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting or any adjournment(s) thereof.

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Stockholders of record as of the Record Date are encouraged and cordially invited to attend the Annual Meeting at which you may vote in person. Directions to attend the meeting where you may vote in person can be found on our website, [www.factset.com](http://www.factset.com).

The following Proxy Materials are available for you to review online at: <http://bnymellon.mobular.net/bnymellon/fds>

- the Company's Fiscal 2008 Proxy Statement (including all attachments thereto);
- the Proxy Card;
- the Company Annual Report for the year ended August 31, 2008 (which is not deemed to be part of the official proxy soliciting materials); and
- any amendments to the foregoing materials that are required to be furnished to stockholders.

To request a paper copy of the Proxy Materials, please call 1-888-313-0164 (outside of the U.S. and Canada call 1-201-680-6688), or you may request a paper copy by email at [shrrelations@bnymellon.com](mailto:shrrelations@bnymellon.com), or by logging onto <http://bnymellon.mobular.net/bnymellon/fds>.

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