

CATO CORP  
Form 8-K  
March 19, 2010

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
450 Fifth Street NW  
Washington, D.C. 29549

**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 18, 2010

**THE CATO CORPORATION**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation)

1-31340  
(Commission  
File Number)

56-0484485  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

8100 Denmark Road, Charlotte, NC

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

28273-5975  
(Zip Code)

(704) 554-8510

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Not Applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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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))



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Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On March 18, 2010, The Cato Corporation issued a press release regarding its financial results for the fourth quarter and fiscal year ending January 30, 2010. A copy of this press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 hereto.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 – Press Release issued March 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.

**THE CATO CORPORATION**

March 19, 2010  
Date

/s/ John P. D. Cato  
John P. D. Cato  
Chairman, President and  
Chief Executive Officer

March 19, 2010  
Date

/s/ John R. Howe  
John R. Howe  
Executive Vice President  
Chief Financial Officer

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**Exhibit**

**Exhibit No.**

Press Release issued March 18, 2010.

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