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Form SC 13G
February 12, 2016

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE13G*

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Nicholas Financial, Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock

(Title of Class of Securities)

65373J209

(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2015

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which
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CUSIP No. 65373J209

1. Names of Reporting Persons.
I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only)

Wedbush Opportunity Capital, LLC

2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group
(See Instructions)

(a) /x/
(b) / /

3. SEC Use Only

6. Citizenship or Place of Organization

Delaware

| | | |
|------------------|-----------------------------|---------|
| Number of Shares | 5. Sole Voting Power | 460,968 |
| Beneficially by | 6. Shared Voting Power | 54,553 |
| Owned by Each | 7. Sole Dispositive Power | 460,968 |
| Reporting | 8. Shared Dispositive Power | 54,553 |
| Person With: | | |

9. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person

515,521

10. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain
Shares (See Instructions)

/ /

11. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9)

6.7%

12. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)

IA

CUSIP No. 65373J209

1. Names of Reporting Persons.
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Wedbush Opportunity Partners, LP

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(See Instructions)

(a) /x/

(b) / /

3. SEC Use Only

6. Citizenship or Place of Organization

Delaware

| | | |
|------------------|-----------------------------|---------|
| Number of Shares | 5. Sole Voting Power | 460,968 |
| Beneficially by | | |
| Owned by Each | 6. Shared Voting Power | 0 |
| Reporting | | |
| Person With: | 7. Sole Dispositive Power | 460,968 |
| | | |
| | 8. Shared Dispositive Power | 0 |

9. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person

460,968

10. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)

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11. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9)

6.0%

12. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)

PN

Cusip No. 65373J209 13G Nicholas Financial, Inc.

Item 1. Name and Address of Issuer.

(a) This statement relates to the shares of the common stock of Nicholas Financial, Inc. ("Issuer").

(b) Issuer's address: 2454 McMullen Booth Road, Building C, Clearwater, FL 33759.

Item 2. Filers

(a) This statement is filed by Wedbush Opportunity Capital, LLC ("WOC"), and Wedbush Opportunity Partners, LP ("WOP").

(b) Business address of the above filers are as follows:

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WOC - 1000 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90017-2457
WOP - 1000 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90017-2457

- (c) WOC is a limited liability corporation organized under the laws of the State of Delaware. WOP is a limited partnership organized under the laws of the State of Delaware.
- (d) Common stock
- (e) 65373J209

Item 3. Classification of Filers

- (d) WOC is an investment company registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940

Item 4. Ownership

The securities reported on this Schedule 13G are held directly by Wedbush Opportunity Partners, L.P. (the Fund) and accounts under management by Wedbush Opportunity Capital, LLC, for the benefit of the Fund's investors. Such securities may be deemed to be indirectly beneficially owned by Wedbush Opportunity Capital, LLC (the General Partner), as the general partner of the Fund. The Fund and the General Partner are the Filers.

The Filers and their affiliates report beneficial ownership in conformity with the guidelines articulated by the SEC in Release No. 34-39538 (January 12, 1998) relating to organizations, such as that of the Filers and their affiliates, where related entities exercise voting and investment powers over securities that they hold independently from each other. The General Partner's voting and investment powers over the securities held by the Fund are exercised independently from all of the Filer's other affiliates. The members of the Fund's investment team are also compensated separately from the investment professionals of such affiliates. Further, internal policies and procedures of the Filers and their affiliates establish informational barriers that prevent the flow between the Filers and such affiliates of information that relates to the voting and investment powers over the securities held by the Fund and the voting and investment powers held by such affiliates. Consequently, the Filers and such affiliates report the securities over which they hold investment and voting power separately from each other for purposes of Section 13 of the Act. Wedbush Opportunity Capital, LLC disclaim beneficial ownership of shares owned by Wedbush Opportunity Partners, L.P., except to the extent of any pecuniary interest therein.

- (a) Together, the Reporting Persons beneficially own a total of 515,521 shares of Common Stock of the Issuer.
- (b) Together, the Reporting Persons beneficially own approximately 6.7% of the outstanding shares of the Issuer.
- (c) Number of Shares as to which the filer has:
 - (i) Sole power to vote: WOC has 460,968 sole shares;

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and WOP has 460,968 sole Shares.

- (ii) Shared power to vote: WOC has 54,553 Shares; and WOP has 0 Shares.
- (iii) Sole power to dispose: WOC has 460,968 Shares to dispose; and WOP has 460,968 Shares to dispose.
- (iv) Shared power to dispose; WOC has 54,553 Shares; and WOP has 0 Shares.

Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class.

Not applicable.

Item 6. Ownership of More Than Five Percent on Behalf of Another.

Not applicable.

Item 7. Identification and Classification of Subsidiary which Acquired the Securities Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company.

Not Applicable.

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of a Group.

| Name | Category |
|----------------------------------|----------|
| Wedbush Opportunity Capital, LLC | IA |
| Wedbush Opportunity Partners, LP | PN |

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group.

Not applicable.

Item 10. Certification

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired for the purpose of and do not have the effect of changing or influencing the control of the Issuer of such securities and were not acquired in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having such purpose or effect.

Signature

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Wedbush Opportunity Capital, LLC

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02/02/16

Date

JEREMY Q. ZHU

JEREMY Q. ZHU

Signature

JEREMY Q. ZHU

JEREMY Q. ZHU/ Managing Director

Name/Title

Wedbush Opportunity Partners, LP

02/02/16

Date

JEREMY Q. ZHU

JEREMY Q. ZHU

Signature

JEREMY Q. ZHU

JEREMY Q. ZHU/ Managing Director

Name/Title