

FLEETBOSTON FINANCIAL CORP

Form 8-K

January 16, 2003

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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) January 16, 2003

FLEETBOSTON FINANCIAL CORPORATION

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

RHODE ISLAND

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(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-6366

05-0341324

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(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

100 Federal Street, Boston, MA

02110

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(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 617-434-2200

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(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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**PRESS RELEASE DATED 01-16-2003**

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Item 5. Other Events and Regulation FD Disclosure.

Pursuant to Form 8-K, General Instruction F, the Company hereby incorporates by reference the press release attached hereto as Exhibit 99

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

<b><u>Exhibit No.</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
Exhibit 99	Press Release dated January 16, 2003 announcing the full year and fourth quarter 2002 earnings.

