

FLEETBOSTON FINANCIAL CORP  
Form 8-K  
October 19, 2001

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 17, 2001

FLEETBOSTON FINANCIAL CORPORATION  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

RHODE ISLAND  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-6366                                  05-0341324  
(Commission File Number)                  (IRS Employer Identification No.)

100 Federal Street, Boston, MA                  02110  
(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)

Item 5. Other Events.

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 Other Exhibits.

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
Exhibit 99	Press Release Dated October 17, 2001

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Company has duly caused this report to be signed in its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

FLEETBOSTON FINANCIAL CORPORATION

By: /s/ William C. Mutterperl

Name: William C. Mutterperl  
Title: Executive Vice President, General  
Counsel and Secretary

Dated: October 17, 2001