BANK OF BERMUDA LTD
Form 6-K
October 28, 2003

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 UNDER THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For October 28, 2003

THE BANK OF BERMUDA LIMITED
(Translation of registrant s name into English)

6 Front Street
Hamilton HM 11
Hamilton HM DX, Bermuda
(Address of principal executive offices)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F:

Form 20-F   X   Form 40-F

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Indicate by check mark whether by furnishing the information contained in this Form, the registrant is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes   No   X

If   Yes   is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b): 82- __N/A__

<div align="center">THE BANK OF BERMUDA LIMITED</div>

On October 28, 2003, The Bank of Bermuda Limited (the   Bank) announced that it has entered into an agreement with HSBC Holdings plc (HSBC) pursuant to which HSBC will acquire the Bank. The press release with respect to this matter is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 6-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

Exhibit Index

99.1   Press Release, dated October 28, 2003.

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<div align="center">SIGNATURES</div>

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, thereunto duly authorized.

<div align="center">THE BANK OF BERMUDA LIMITED</div>

By: /s/ Alison J. Satasi

Name: Alison J. Satasi
Title: Director of Investor Relations

Date: October 28, 2003