

BANK OF BERMUDA LTD  
Form 6-K  
December 18, 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 December 18, 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)

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Yes ☐ No ☒

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On December 18, 2003, The Bank of Bermuda Limited distributed a letter to shareholders in connection with the special general meeting of shareholders to be held on February 16, 2004. A copy of the letter to shareholders is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 6-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

Exhibit Index

99.1 Letter to Shareholders, dated December 17, 2003.

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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, thereunto duly authorized.

THE BANK OF BERMUDA LIMITED

By: /s/ Alison J. Satasi

Name: Alison J. Satasi

Title: Head of Investor Relations

Date: December 18, 2003

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