

BANKATLANTIC BANCORP INC
Form SC 13G
December 05, 2007

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

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment No. __)*

BankAtlantic Bancorp, Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

Class A Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share

(Title of Class of Securities)

065908501

(CUSIP Number)

December 3, 2007

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

Rule 13d-1(b)

Rule 13d-1(c)

Rule 13d-1(d)

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CUSIP No. 065908501

1. Names of Reporting Persons.

I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only).

QVT Financial LP

11-3694008

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

- (a)
- (b)

3. SEC Use Only

4. Citizenship or Place of Organization

Delaware

Number of 5. Sole Voting Power

Shares 0

6. Shared Voting Power

Beneficially 3,205,800

Owned by 7. Sole Dispositive Power

Each 0

8. Shared Dispositive Power

Reporting 3,205,800

Person With:

9. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person

3,205,800

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

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

6.25%

12. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)

PN

CUSIP No. 065908501

1. Names of Reporting Persons.

I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only).

QVT Financial GP LLC

11-3694007

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

- (a)
- (b)

3. SEC Use Only

4. Citizenship or Place of Organization

Delaware

Number of 5. Sole Voting Power

Shares 0

6. Shared Voting Power

Beneficially 3,205,800

Owned by 7. Sole Dispositive Power

Each 0

8. Shared Dispositive Power

Reporting 3,205,800

Person With:

9. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person

3,205,800

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

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

6.25%

12. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)

OO

CUSIP No. 065908501

1. Names of Reporting Persons.

I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only).

QVT Fund LP

98-0415217

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

- (a)
- (b)

3. SEC Use Only

4. Citizenship or Place of Organization

Cayman Islands

Number of 5. Sole Voting Power

Shares 0

6. Shared Voting Power

Beneficially 2,644,942

Owned by 7. Sole Dispositive Power

Each 0

8. Shared Dispositive Power

Reporting 2,644,942

Person With:

9. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person

2,644,942

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

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

5.15%

12. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)

PN

CUSIP No. 065908501

1. Names of Reporting Persons.

I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only).

QVT Associates GP LLC

01-0798253

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

- (a)
- (b)

3. SEC Use Only

4. Citizenship or Place of Organization

Delaware

Number of 5. Sole Voting Power

Shares 0

6. Shared Voting Power

Beneficially 2,931,579

Owned by 7. Sole Dispositive Power

Each 0

8. Shared Dispositive Power

Reporting 2,931,579

Person With:

9. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person

2,931,579

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

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

5.71%

12. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)

OO

Item 1 (a). Name of Issuer

BankAtlantic Bancorp, Inc. (the Issuer)

Item 1 (b). Address of Issuer s Principal Executive Offices

The address of the Issuer s principal executive offices is:

2100 West Cypress Creek Road, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 33309, United States

Item 2 (a). Name of Person Filing

Item 2 (b). Address of Principal Business Office or, if none, Residence

Item 2 (c). Citizenship

QVT Financial LP

1177 Avenue of the Americas, 9th Floor

New York, New York 10036

Delaware Limited Partnership

QVT Financial GP LLC

1177 Avenue of the Americas, 9th Floor

New York, New York 10036

Delaware Limited Liability Company

QVT Fund LP

Walkers SPV, Walkers House

Mary Street

George Town, Grand Cayman KY1-9002, Cayman Islands

Cayman Islands Limited Partnership

QVT Associates GP LLC

1177 Avenue of the Americas, 9th Floor

New York, New York 10036

Delaware Limited Liability Company

Item 2 (d). Title of Class of Securities

Class A common stock, \$0.01 par value per share (the Common Stock).

Item 2 (e). CUSIP Number

The CUSIP number of the Common Stock is 065908501.

Item 3.

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If this statement is filed pursuant to §§ 240.13d-1(b) or 240.13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a:

- (a) .. Broker or dealer registered under section 15 of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78o).
- (b) .. Bank as defined in section 3(a)(6) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).
- (c) .. Insurance company as defined in section 3(a)(19) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).
- (d) .. Investment company registered under section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-8).
- (e) .. An investment adviser in accordance with § 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E);
- (f) .. An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with § 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F);
- (g) .. A parent holding company or control person in accordance with § 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G);
- (h) .. A savings associations as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813);
- (i) .. A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-3);
- (j) .. Group, in accordance with § 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J).

Item 4. Ownership.

(a) Amount beneficially owned:

QVT Financial LP (QVT Financial) is the investment manager for QVT Fund LP (the Fund), which beneficially owns 2,644,942 shares of Common Stock, and for Quintessence Fund L.P. (Quintessence), which beneficially owns 286,637 shares of Common Stock. QVT Financial is also the investment manager for a separate discretionary account managed for Deutsche Bank AG (the Separate Account), which holds 274,221 shares of Common Stock. QVT Financial has the power to direct the vote and disposition of the Common Stock held by the Fund, Quintessence and the Separate Account. Accordingly, QVT Financial may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of an aggregate amount of 3,205,800 shares of Common Stock, consisting of the shares owned by the Fund and Quintessence and the shares held in the Separate Account.

QVT Financial GP LLC, as General Partner of QVT Financial, may be deemed to beneficially own the same number of shares of Common Stock reported by QVT Financial. QVT Associates GP LLC, as General Partner of the Fund and Quintessence, may be deemed to beneficially own the aggregate number of shares of Common Stock owned by the Fund and Quintessence, and accordingly, QVT Associates GP LLC may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of an aggregate amount of 2,931,579 shares of Common Stock.

Each of QVT Financial and QVT Financial GP LLC disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares of Common Stock owned by the Fund and Quintessence and held in the Separate Account. QVT Associates GP LLC disclaims beneficial ownership of all shares of Common Stock owned by the Fund and Quintessence, except to the extent of its pecuniary interest therein.

The percentage disclosed in Item 11 of the Cover Pages for each reporting person is calculated based upon 51,324,309 shares of Common Stock outstanding, which is the total number of shares issued and outstanding as reported in the Issuer's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2007.

(b) Percent of class:

See Item 11 of the Cover Pages to this Schedule 13G.

(c) Number of shares as to which the person has:

(i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote

0

(ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote

See item (a) above.

(iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of

0

(iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of

See item (a) above.

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

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following.....".

Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.

Not Applicable

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent Holding Company

Not Applicable

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group

Not Applicable

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 not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that 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.

Dated: December 5, 2007

QVT FINANCIAL LP

By QVT Financial GP LLC,

its General Partner

By: /s/ Lars Bader
Name: Lars Bader
Title: Managing Member

By: /s/ Nicholas Brumm
Name: Nicholas Brumm
Title: Managing Member

QVT FINANCIAL GP LLC

By: /s/ Lars Bader
Name: Lars Bader
Title: Managing Member

By: /s/ Nicholas Brumm
Name: Nicholas Brumm
Title: Managing Member

QVT FUND LP

By QVT Associates GP LLC,

its General Partner

By: /s/ Lars Bader
Name: Lars Bader
Title: Managing Member

By: /s/ Nicholas Brumm
Name: Nicholas Brumm
Title: Managing Member

QVT ASSOCIATES GP LLC

By: /s/ Lars Bader
Name: Lars Bader
Title: Managing Member

By: /s/ Nicholas Brumm
Name: Nicholas Brumm
Title: Managing Member

EXHIBIT A

JOINT FILING AGREEMENT

The undersigned hereby agree that the statement on Schedule 13G signed by each of the undersigned shall be filed on behalf of each of the undersigned pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of Rule 13d-1(k) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

Dated: December 5, 2007

QVT FINANCIAL LP

By QVT Financial GP LLC,

its General Partner

By: /s/ Lars Bader
Name: Lars Bader
Title: Managing Member

By: /s/ Nicholas Brumm
Name: Nicholas Brumm
Title: Managing Member

QVT FINANCIAL GP LLC

By: /s/ Lars Bader
Name: Lars Bader
Title: Managing Member

By: /s/ Nicholas Brumm
Name: Nicholas Brumm
Title: Managing Member

QVT FUND LP

By QVT Associates GP LLC,

its General Partner

By: /s/ Lars Bader
Name: Lars Bader
Title: Managing Member

By: /s/ Nicholas Brumm
Name: Nicholas Brumm
Title: Managing Member

QVT ASSOCIATES GP LLC

By: /s/ Lars Bader
Name: Lars Bader
Title: Managing Member

By: /s/ Nicholas Brumm
Name: Nicholas Brumm
Title: Managing Member