

FLUSHING FINANCIAL CORP

Form SC 13G

May 13, 2009

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

SCHEDULE 13G
Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Flushing Financial Corp.
(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock
(Title of Class of Securities)

343873105
(CUSIP Number)

May 13, 2009
(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

CUSIP No. 343873105

Item 1: REPORTING PERSONS
Pinnacle Associates Ltd. (Tax ID: 13-3220717)

Item 4: CITIZENSHIP
New York Corporation

Item 5: SOLE VOTING POWER
1,088,000 **see Note 1**

Item 6: SHARED VOTING POWER
None

Item 7: SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
1,088,000 **see Note 1**

Item 8: SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
None

Item 9: AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED
1,088,000 ** see Note 1 **

Item 11: PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY ITEM 9
5.01

Item 12: TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON
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ITEM 1(A). NAME OF ISSUER

Flushing Financial Corp.

ITEM 1(B). ADDRESS OF ISSUER

1979 Marcus Avenue, Suite E140
Lake Success, NY 11042

ITEM 2(A). NAME OF PERSON FILING

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PINNACLE ASSOCIATES LTD.

ITEM 2(B). ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL BUSINESS OFFICE

335 Madison Avenue, 11th Floor, New York, NY 10017

ITEM 2(C). CITIZENSHIP

New York Corporation

ITEM 2(D). TITLE OF CLASS OF SECURITIES

Common Stock

ITEM 2(E). CUSIP NUMBER

343873105

ITEM 3. This statement is filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1 (b), or 13d-2 (b) and the person filing is an investment advisor registered under section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940.

ITEM 4. OWNERSHIP

ITEM 4(a). AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED

1,088,000

** see Note 1 **

ITEM 4(b). PERCENT OF CLASS

5.20

ITEM 4(c). NUMBER OF SHARE AS TO WHICH SUCH PERSON HAS:

(i). SOLE POWER TO VOTE OR DIRECT THE VOTE

1,088,000

** see Note 1 **

(ii). SHARED POWER TO VOTE OR TO DIRECT THE VOTE

None

(iii). SOLE POWER TO DISPOSE OR TO DIRECT DISPOSITION OF

1,088,000

** see Note 1 **

(iv). SHARE POWER TO DISPOSE OR TO DIRECT DISPOSITION OF

None

Note 1

Pinnacle Associates, Ltd. ("Pinnacle"), an investment adviser registered under Section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, furnishes investment advice on a discretionary basis to its clients. In its role as investment adviser, Pinnacle possesses voting and/or investment power over the securities of the Issuer described in this schedule.

ITEM 5. OWNERSHIP OF FIVE PERCENT OR LESS OF A CLASS

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that 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

All securities reported in this schedule are owned by advisory clients of Pinnacle Associates, Ltd., no one of which to the knowledge of Pinnacle Associates, Ltd. owns more than 5% of

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the class.

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 acquired in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired for the purpose of and do not have the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of such securities and were not acquired in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having such purposes or effect.

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.

Signature

Gail Mannix
Chief Compliance Officer
May 13, 2009