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September 02, 2003

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

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

FOR SEPTEMBER 01 2003

ALLIED DOMECQ PLC
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its Charter)

ALLIED DOMECQ PLC
(Translation of Registrant's name into English)

The Pavilions
Bridgwater Road
Bedminster Down
Bristol BS13 8AR
England
(Address of Registrant's principal executive offices)

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

Form 20-F Form 40-F

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

Yes No

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

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Exhibit No.	Description
1.	Press Release - Trading Statement Dated 01 September 2003

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ALLIED DOMEQ PLC - TRADING STATEMENT

At the close of its financial year ended 31 August 2003, Allied Domeq confirmed strong underlying growth in trading profit together with earnings in line with expectations despite ongoing tough economic conditions in some markets.

The Spirits & Wine portfolio continues to deliver profitable volume growth as a result of the investment in growth categories and markets made over recent years. The US business has been the strongest performer with continued growth across the core brands. Asia Pacific and Latin America have made good progress despite the impact of slowing economies and SARS in Asia. The European business was held back by sluggish economies and the changes in the Spanish market reported in February and at our interim results. However, as expected, the Spanish business has shown a marked improvement in the second half.

The Quick Service Restaurants business has also performed strongly.

At an analysts' seminar on its wine business this afternoon in London, Allied Domeq will reiterate the strong investment case for its premium wine business. The wine business is performing well and is on track to achieve its targeted growth and returns.

The preliminary announcement of results for the year ended 31 August 2003 will be made on 21 October.

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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, thereto duly authorized.

01 September 2003

ALLIED DOMEQ PLC

By: /s/ Charles Brown

Name: Charles Brown

Title: Director of Secretariat & Deputy
Company Secretary