

BLACKROCK CORE BOND TRUST
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
LAFORCE JAMES

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O BLACKROCK FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, INC., 40 EAST 52ND STREET

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10022

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
BLACKROCK CORE BOND TRUST [BHK]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/17/2005

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|-----|-------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. P... Der... Sec... (Ins... | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|----------------------------|----|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |
| Performance Rights ⁽¹⁾ | <u>(2)</u> | 02/17/2005 | | A | 171 | <u>(3)</u> | <u>(3)</u> | Common Stock | 171 | \$ |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

LAFORCE JAMES
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 40 EAST 52ND STREET
 NEW YORK, NY 10022

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Signatures

Bartholomew Battista as Attorney-in-Fact for James LaForce

02/18/2005

 **Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) The Phantom Stock units were accrued under the BlackRock Deferred Compensation Plan.
- (2) One performance right is convertible into the cash value of one share of BlackRock Core Bond Trust, Inc.
- (3) The units are to be settled 100% in cash at the end of the deferral period chosen by the reporting person.

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