

MANULIFE FINANCIAL CORP

Form 40-F

March 31, 2003

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U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission
Washington, D.C. 20549
Form 40-F

[Check one]

Registration statement pursuant to section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

or

Annual report pursuant to section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2002 Commission File Number 1-14942

Manulife Financial Corporation

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

N/A

(Translation of Registrant's name into English (if applicable))

Canada

(Province or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

N/A

(Primary Standard Industrial Classification Code Number (if applicable))

N/A

(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number (if applicable))

200 Bloor Street East, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, M4W 1E5 (416) 926-3000

(Address and telephone number of Registrant's principal executive offices)

James Gallagher, Manulife Financial Corporation, 73 Tremont Street, Suite 1300
Boston, Massachusetts, 02108-3915 USA (617) 854-8614

(Name, address (including zip code) and telephone number (including area code) of agent for service in the United States)

Securities registered or to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act.

Title of each class

**Name of each exchange
on which registered**

Common Shares

New York Stock Exchange

Securities registered or to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act.

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N/A

(Title of Class)

N/A

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Securities for which there is a reporting obligation pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Act.

N/A

(Title of Class)

For annual reports, indicate by check mark the information filed with this Form:

Annual information form

Audited annual financial statements

Indicate the number of outstanding shares of each of the issuer's classes of capital or common stock as of the close of the period covered by the annual report.

462,609,293 Common Shares

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant by filing 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 (the Exchange Act). If Yes is marked, indicate the filing number assigned to the Registrant in connection with such Rule.

Yes

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No

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the Registrant was required to file such reports) and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes

No

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CAUTION REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This annual report includes forward-looking statements which are made pursuant to the safe harbour provisions of the United States Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995.

These forward-looking statements, include, among others, statements with respect to the business operations and strategy as well as the financial performance and condition of the Company and can generally be identified by the use of forward-looking words such as may, will, expect, intend, estimate, anticipate, believe, or continue or the negative thereof or similar variations. These statements involve inherent risks and uncertainties that may cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from the Company's expectations include, but are not limited to, general economic conditions worldwide, market factors, including global capital market activity, interest rate and currency value fluctuations, business competition, changes in government regulations or in tax laws, including estate taxes and changes in treatment of dividends, technological changes, changes in consumer demand for the Company's products and services, realizing increased revenue from the expansion and development of distribution channel capacity, the Company's ability to complete strategic acquisitions and to integrate acquisitions, catastrophic events, political conditions and developments and international conflicts including the war on terrorism. Investors and others are cautioned to consider these and other factors carefully and not to place undue reliance on the Company's forward-looking statements. The Company does not undertake to update any forward-looking statements.

CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Disclosure Controls and Procedures

In accordance with the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Company maintains disclosure controls and procedures and, under the supervision and with the participation of its management, including its Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, has evaluated the effectiveness of the design and operation of these disclosure controls and procedures within 90 days prior to the date of this annual report. Based on that evaluation, the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that, as of the date of the evaluation, the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were adequate and effective.

Change in Internal Controls

There were no significant changes in the Company's internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect these internal controls subsequent to the date on which the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer completed their evaluation of these controls.

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UNDERTAKING

The Registrant undertakes to make available, in person or by telephone, representatives to respond to inquiries made by the Commission staff, and to furnish promptly, when requested to do so by the Commission staff, information relating to: the securities in relation to which the obligation to file an annual report on Form 40-F arises or transactions in said securities.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Exchange Act, the Registrant certifies that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form 40-F and has duly caused this annual report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereto duly authorized.

MANULIFE FINANCIAL CORPORATION

By: /s/ Christer V. Ahlvik

Christer V. Ahlvik
Vice President, Corporate Law and Corporate Secretary

Date: March 31, 2003

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CERTIFICATION

I, Dominic D Alessandro, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 40-F of Manulife Financial Corporation;
2. Based on my knowledge, this annual report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this annual report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this annual report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this annual report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officers and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-14 and 15d-14) for the registrant and have:
 - (a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this annual report is being prepared;
 - (b) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures as of a date within 90 days prior to the filing date of this annual report (the Evaluation Date); and
 - (c) presented in this annual report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures based on our evaluation as of the Evaluation Date;
5. The registrant's other certifying officers and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of registrant's board of directors (and persons performing the equivalent function):
 - (a) all significant deficiencies in the design or operation of internal controls which could adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data and have identified for the registrant's auditors any material weaknesses in internal controls; and
 - (b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal controls; and
6. The registrant's other certifying officers and I have indicated in this annual report whether there were significant changes in internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect internal controls subsequent to the date of our most recent evaluation, including any corrective actions with regard to significant deficiencies and material weaknesses.

Date: March 31, 2003

/s/ Dominic D Alessandro

Dominic D Alessandro
President and Chief Executive Officer

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CERTIFICATION

I, Peter H. Rubenovitch, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 40-F of Manulife Financial Corporation;
2. Based on my knowledge, this annual report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this annual report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this annual report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this annual report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officers and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-14 and 15d-14) for the registrant and have:
 - (a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this annual report is being prepared;
 - (b) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures as of a date within 90 days prior to the filing date of this annual report (the Evaluation Date); and
 - (c) presented in this annual report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures based on our evaluation as of the Evaluation Date;
5. The registrant's other certifying officers and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of registrant's board of directors (and persons performing the equivalent function):
 - (a) all significant deficiencies in the design or operation of internal controls which could adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data and have identified for the registrant's auditors any material weaknesses in internal controls; and
 - (b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal controls; and
6. The registrant's other certifying officers and I have indicated in this annual report whether there were significant changes in internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect internal controls subsequent to the date of our most recent evaluation, including any corrective actions with regard to significant deficiencies and material weaknesses.

/s/ Peter H. Rubenovitch

Peter H. Rubenovitch
Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

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EXHIBITS

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