

FLEETBOSTON FINANCIAL CORP

Form 11-K

June 27, 2003

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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 11-K**

(Mark One)

**(X) ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF  
1934**

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2002

OR

**( ) TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT  
OF 1934**

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission file number 1-6366

A. Full title of Plan: **FLEETBOSTON FINANCIAL SAVINGS PLAN**

B. Name of issuer of the securities held pursuant to the plan and the address of its principal executive office:

FleetBoston Financial Corporation  
100 Federal Street  
Boston, MA 02110

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**Required Information**

Item 4. Financial Statements and Supplemental Schedule for the Plan.

The FleetBoston Financial Savings Plan, or the Plan, is subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, or ERISA. In lieu of the requirements of Items 1-3 of this Form, the Plan is filing financial statements and a supplemental schedule prepared in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of ERISA. The Plan's financial statements and supplemental schedule for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2002 are included as Exhibit 99.1 to this report on Form 11-K and are incorporated herein by reference. The Plan's financial statements and supplemental schedule have been examined by Ernst & Young LLP, Independent Auditors, and their report is included therein.

**Exhibits**

- 23.1 Consent of Independent Auditors
  - 99.1 Financial statements and supplemental schedule of the FleetBoston Financial Savings Plan for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2002, prepared in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of ERISA.
  - 99.2 Certification of Pamela D. Gormley, Corporate Controller of FleetBoston Financial Corporation and Fleet National Bank, pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (18 U.S.C. § 1350). A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906, or other document authenticating, acknowledging, or otherwise adopting the signature that appears in typed form within the electronic version of this written statement required by Section 906, has been provided to FleetBoston Financial Corporation, or FleetBoston, and will be retained by FleetBoston and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.
  - 99.3 Certification of Patricia Callahan Fay, Director of Benefits Planning of Fleet National Bank, pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (18 U.S.C. § 1350). A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906, or other document authenticating, acknowledging, or otherwise adopting the signature that appears in typed form within the electronic version of this written statement required by Section 906, has been provided to FleetBoston and will be retained by FleetBoston and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.
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**SIGNATURES**

THE PLAN. Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the plan administrator has duly caused this annual report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**FLEETBOSTON FINANCIAL SAVINGS PLAN**

By: /s/ PATRICIA CALLAHAN FAY

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Patricia Callahan Fay  
Director of Benefits Planning

Dated: June 27, 2003