

BANK OF BERMUDA LTD

Form 6-K

October 31, 2003

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

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

For October 30, 2003

THE BANK OF BERMUDA LIMITED

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

6 Front Street
Hamilton HM 11
Hamilton HM DX, Bermuda
(Address of principal executive offices)

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

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Yes ☐ No ☒

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On October 28, 2003, The Bank of Bermuda Limited (the Bank) announced that it has entered into a Transaction Agreement and Plan of Amalgamation (the Transaction Agreement) with HSBC Holdings plc (HSBC) pursuant to which HSBC will acquire the Bank. A copy of the Transaction Agreement is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 6-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

Exhibit Index

- 99.1 Transaction Agreement and Plan of Amalgamation, by and among HSBC Holdings plc, The Bank of Bermuda Limited and Somers Investment Company Limited, dated as of October 27, 2003.

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SIGNATURES

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, thereunto duly authorized.

THE BANK OF BERMUDA LIMITED

By: /s/ Alison J. Satasi

Name: Alison J. Satasi
Title: Head of Investor Relations

Date: October 30, 2003

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