

BOSTON PRIVATE FINANCIAL HOLDINGS INC

Form 8-K

March 13, 2009

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE**  
**SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported): March 13, 2009**

**Boston Private Financial Holdings, Inc.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

**Massachusetts**  
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

**0-17089**  
(Commission File Number)

**Ten Post Office Square, Boston, Massachusetts 02109**

**04-2976299**  
(IRS Employer

Identification Number)

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(Address of principal executive offices)

(617) 912-1900

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure**

Boston Private Bank & Trust Company (the Bank), a wholly owned subsidiary of Boston Private Financial Holdings, Inc. (Boston Private), has prepared a brochure containing information relating to the Bank's financial results for the twelve months ended December 31, 2008. It is expected that this brochure will be provided to existing clients of the Bank, and also to prospective clients or others, upon their request. The brochure consists of a letter from Mark Thompson, the Chief Executive Officer and President of the Bank, and unaudited financial statements reflecting the Bank's financial results for the twelve months ended December 31, 2008. The brochure is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated into this Item 7.01 by reference in its entirety.

The information in this Current Report on Form 8-K (including the exhibit hereto) is furnished pursuant to Item 7 of Form 8-K and shall not be deemed to be filed for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing of Boston Private under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. Furthermore, the furnishing of this Current Report on Form 8-K is not intended to constitute a determination by Boston Private that the information contained herein (including the exhibits hereto) is material or that the dissemination of such information is required by Regulation FD.

*The brochure (furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1) contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the federal securities laws. Forward-looking statements include all statements, estimates, projections, expectations or predictions about future events and often include words such as estimate, projects, will, targets, expects, and other words or expressions indicating statements about the future. Reliance should not be placed on forward-looking statements because they involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors, which are in some cases beyond the control of Boston Private, and which may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of Boston Private to differ materially from anticipated future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Boston Private disclaims any obligation to update any of the forward-looking statements contained herein to reflect future events or developments.*

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Brochure Entitled Statement of Financial Condition

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunder duly authorized.

BOSTON PRIVATE FINANCIAL HOLDINGS, INC.

By: /s/ David J. Kaye  
Name: David J. Kaye  
Title: Chief Financial Officer

Date: March 13, 2009