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# 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 February 3, 2004

# 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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Indicate by check mark whether by furnishing the information contained in this Form, the registrant is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.			
	Yes	No X	<u> </u>

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## THE BANK OF BERMUDA LIMITED

On February 3, 2004, The Bank of Bermuda Limited (the Bank) declared a quarterly dividend of BD\$0.29 per share. In addition, the Bank declared a special dividend of BD\$5.00 per share that is conditioned upon the closing of the acquisition of the Bank by HSBC Holdings plc. The press release with respect to these matters is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 6-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

Exhibit Index

99.1 Press Release, dated February 3, 2004.

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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: February 3, 2004