

BOSTON PRIVATE FINANCIAL HOLDINGS INC

Form 8-K

January 05, 2005

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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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## FORM 8-K

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### CURRENT REPORT

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

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported): January 3, 2005

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## Boston Private Financial Holdings, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

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Massachusetts  
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

0-17089  
(Commission File Number)

04-2976299  
(IRS Employer

Identification Number)

Ten Post Office Square, Boston, Massachusetts 02109

(Address of principal executive offices)

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(617) 912-1900

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 8.01 Other Events**

On January 3, 2004, Boston Private Financial Holdings, Inc. (the Company) announced that it had completed the acquisition of an 81% interest in the business of KLS Professional Advisors Group, Inc. (KLS). Located in New York City, KLS is a wealth management firm with approximately \$2.7 billion of client assets under supervision. The firm specializes in investment management, insurance, retirement planning, estate planning and income tax planning services. The transaction purchase price is approximately \$30 million, with approximately 90% paid in cash, and the remaining paid in the Company's common stock. KLS has an option to put and the Company has an option to call, at fair market value, the remaining 19% interest in KLS, under ordinary circumstances, in 2009 and 2010, respectively. The Company expects the transaction to be accretive on a cash basis immediately and to be accretive on a GAAP basis within an 18-month timeframe.

**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/ Walter M. Pressey

Name: Walter M. Pressey  
Title President

Date: January 4, 2004