

MFC BANCORP LTD

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FORM 6-K

**REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER
PURSUANT TO RULE 13A-16 OR 15D-16 OF
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the Month of MAY 2002

MFC BANCORP LTD.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Yukon Territory, Canada

(Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)

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(Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant files or will file annual reports
under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F).

Form 20-F Form 40-F

(Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant by furnishing the information contained in this Form 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**___

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MFC BANCORP LTD.

**2002 FIRST QUARTER REPORT
TO SHAREHOLDERS**

MARCH 31, 2002

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

The statements in this report that are not based on historical facts are called "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the United States Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements appear in a number of different places in this report and can be identified by words such as "estimates", "projects", "expects", "intends", "believes", "plans", or their negatives or other comparable words. Also look for discussions of strategy that involve risks and uncertainties. Forward-looking statements include statements regarding the outlook for our future operations, forecasts of future costs and expenditures, evaluation of market conditions, the outcome of legal proceedings, the adequacy of reserves, or other business plans. You are cautioned that any such forward-looking statements are not guarantees and may involve risks and uncertainties. Our actual results may differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements due to risks facing us or due to actual facts differing from the assumptions underlying our predictions. Some of these risks and assumptions include:

- * general economic and business conditions, including changes in interest rates;
- * prices and other economic conditions;
- * natural phenomena;
- * actions by government authorities, including changes in government regulation;
- * uncertainties associated with legal proceedings;
- * technological development;
- * future decisions by management in response to changing conditions;
- * our ability to execute prospective business plans; and
- * misjudgments in the course of preparing forward-looking statements.

We advise you that these cautionary remarks expressly qualify in their entirety all forward-looking statements attributable to us or persons acting on our behalf.

MFC BANCORP LTD.

2002 FIRST QUARTER REPORT

President's Letter to Shareholders:

We are pleased to enclose our results for the first quarter of 2002. Our net earnings in the first three months of 2002 increased by approximately 23.6% compared to the same period in 2001. The following table is a summary of selected financial information concerning MFC for the periods indicated:

	Three Months Ended March 31,		Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2002	2001	2002	2001
	(U.S. dollars in thousands except per share amounts)		(Canadian dollars in thousands except per share amounts)	
	Information Only			
Revenue	\$ 34,033	\$ 27,895	\$ 54,232	\$ 44,002
Net income	6,268	5,125	9,988	8,083
Net income per share:				
Basic	0.48	0.42	0.76	0.67
Diluted	0.45	0.40	0.72	0.63
	March 31, 2002	December 31, 2001	March 31, 2002	December 31, 2001
	(U.S. dollars in thousands)		(Canadian dollars in thousands)	
	Information Only			
Cash and cash Equivalents	\$ 43,341	\$ 48,453	\$ 69,064	\$ 77,166
Securities	49,603	47,598	79,043	75,805
Total assets	248,652	247,796	396,225	394,639
Debt	63,714	61,535	101,529	98,000

MFC is a financial services company that focuses on merchant banking. We provide specialized banking and corporate finance services internationally. We advise clients on corporate strategy and structure, including mergers and acquisitions and capital raising. In October 2001, we expanded our merchant banking operations by acquiring an Austrian trading group whose operations are primarily focused on Eastern Europe. We also commit our own capital to promising enterprises and invest and trade to capture investment opportunities for our own account. We seek to invest in businesses or assets whose intrinsic value is not properly reflected in their share price or value. Our proprietary investing is generally not passive and we seek investments where our financial expertise and management can either add or unlock value. Our operations are primarily conducted in Europe and North America.

Our experience and operating structure permits us to respond more rapidly to our clients' needs than many of our larger competitors. These traits are important to small and mid-sized business enterprises, many of which do not have large internal corporate finance departments to handle their

capital requirements. We develop a partnership approach to assist those clients. These activities are conducted through our wholly-owned subsidiary, MFC Merchant Bank S.A., a fully licensed Swiss bank. In 2002, our banking operations were relocated from Geneva to Herisau, Switzerland. Since 1999, our banking operations have outsourced and placed substantially all of their client deposits with other major financial institutions on a fiduciary or trust basis and earn a fee on the amount of money received from the counterparty. This is in contrast to most North American banks, which generate revenue from the spread between their cost of funds and the credit received. These fiduciary or trust deposits are off-balance sheet items and permit us to generate revenues without committing or tying up significant amounts of capital. These arrangements also let us maintain key client relationships and mandates where we can provide value-added advisory services and yet offer clients the capability and economies of scale of a large banking institution.

We have established a foundation for our financial services business and look forward to continued growth during the remainder of 2002.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Michael J. Smith

*M.J. Smith
President*

May 2002

MFC BANCORP LTD.

CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2002

(UNAUDITED)

MFC BANCORP LTD.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(UNAUDITED)

(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)

	March 31, 2002 (U.S. DOLLARS) INFORMATION ONLY	March 31, 2002 (CANADIAN DOLLARS)	December 31, 2001_____
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 43,341	\$ 69,064	\$ 77,166
Securities	49,603	79,043	75,805
Loans	49,025	78,121	69,737
Receivables	26,472	42,183	44,371
Due from investment dealers	312	497	493
Commodity investments	4,193	6,681	5,447
Properties held for development and sale	14,067	22,415	22,480
Resource property	23,392	37,275	37,451
Goodwill	17,536	27,943	28,066
Equity method investments	19,257	30,686	30,898
Prepaid and other	1,454	2,317	2,725
	\$ 248,652	\$ 396,225	\$ 394,639
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY			
Liabilities			
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 19,614	\$ 31,255	\$ 41,649
Debt	63,714	101,529	98,000
Future income tax liability	3,100	4,940	5,348
Deposits	2,779	4,429	524
Total liabilities	89,207	142,153	145,521
Minority interests	1,947	3,103	3,121
Shareholders' Equity			
Common stock	45,881	73,111	76,673
Cumulative translation adjustment	1,884	2,998	4,452
Retained earnings	109,733	174,860	164,872
	157,498	250,969	245,997
	\$ 248,652	\$ 396,225	\$ 394,639

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

MFC BANCORP LTD.

**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND RETAINED EARNINGS
FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2002 AND 2001
(UNAUDITED)**

(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS EXCEPT PER SHARE AMOUNTS)

	2002_____ (U.S. DOLLARS) INFORMATION ONLY	2002 (CANADIAN DOLLARS)	2001_____ (CANADIAN DOLLARS)
Financial services			
Revenue	\$ 34,033	\$ 54,232	\$ 44,002
Expenses			
Financial services	21,489	34,243	32,309
General and administrative	5,236	8,343	2,687
Interest	1,006	1,603	834
	27,731	44,189	35,830
Income before income taxes	6,302	10,043	8,172
Provision for income taxes	(43)	(69)	(76)
	6,259	9,974	8,096
Minority interests	9	14	(13)
Net income	6,268	9,988	8,083
Retained earnings, beginning of period	103,465	164,872	148,767
Retained earnings, end of period	\$ 109,733	\$ 174,860	\$ 156,850
Earnings per share			
Basic	\$ 0.48	\$ 0.76	\$ 0.67
Diluted	\$ 0.45	\$ 0.72	\$ 0.63
Weighted average number of shares outstanding (in thousands)			
Basic	13,165	13,165	12,103
Diluted	14,537	14,537	13,496

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

MFC BANCORP LTD.

**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2002 AND 2001
(UNAUDITED)**

(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)

	2002	2001_____
Operating		
Net income	\$ 9,988	\$ 8,083
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	300	492
Gain on debt	(1,450)	-
Changes in current assets and liabilities		
Securities	(3,417)	(752)
Receivables	(26)	4,698
Due from investment dealers	(12)	13,289
Commodity investments	(1,430)	-
Properties held for development and sale	(141)	(139)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(9,351)	7,655
Other	416	(191)
	(5,123)	33,135
Financing		
Net (decrease) increase in deposits	3,931	(50,545)
Borrowings	14,151	-
Debt repayments	(8,577)	-
Issuance of shares (repurchase of shares), net	(3,563)	407
	5,942	(50,138)
Investing		
Net decrease (increase) in loans	(8,407)	22,537
Other	(14)	(16)
	(8,421)	22,521
Exchange rate effect on cash and cash equivalents	(500)	(575)
Net change in cash	(8,102)	4,943
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	77,166	68,524
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 69,064	\$ 73,467

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

MFC BANCORP LTD.

**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2002
(UNAUDITED)**

NOTE 1. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The consolidated financial statements contained herein include the accounts of MFC Bancorp Ltd. and its subsidiaries (the "Company").

The interim period consolidated financial statements have been prepared by the Company in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles. The preparation of financial data is based on accounting principles and practices consistent with those used in the preparation of the most recent annual financial statements. Certain information and footnote disclosure normally included in consolidated financial statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles have been condensed or omitted. These interim period statements should be read together with the audited consolidated financial statements and the accompanying notes included in the Company's latest annual report on Form 20-F. In the opinion of the Company, its unaudited interim consolidated financial statements contain all adjustments necessary in order to present a fair statement of the results of the interim periods presented.

Certain reclassifications have been made to the prior period financial statements to conform to the current period presentation.

NOTE 2. NATURE OF BUSINESS

The Company is in the financial services business and its principal activities focus on merchant banking.

NOTE 3. EARNINGS PER SHARE

The Company adopted the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants' Accounting Handbook Section 3500, "Earnings Per Share", which is applied for fiscal years beginning on or after January 1, 2001. Basic earnings per share is computed by dividing income available to common shareholders by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period. The computation of diluted earnings per share assumes the conversion, exercise or contingent issuance of securities only when such conversion, exercise or issuance would have a dilutive effect on earnings per share. The dilutive effect of convertible securities is reflected in diluted earnings per share by application of the "if-converted" method. The dilutive effect of outstanding call options and warrants and their equivalents is reflected in diluted earnings per share by application of the treasury stock method. The computation of earnings per share under Canadian generally accepted accounting principles conforms in all material respects with the computation under U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

NOTE 4. GOODWILL AND OTHER INTANGIBLE ASSETS

Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants' Accounting Handbook Section 3062, "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets", which is applied for fiscal years beginning on or after January 1, 2002, and establishes standards for the recognition, measurement, presentation and disclosure of goodwill and other intangible assets. A recognized intangible asset should be amortized over its useful life, unless the life is determined to be indefinite; and an intangible asset that is subject to amortization should be tested for impairment. Goodwill should be recognized on an enterprise's balance sheet at the amount initially recognized, less any write-down for impairment.

As prescribed by the Section 3062, the following table sets forth the reconciliation of reported net income to adjusted net income before amortization of goodwill:

	For Three Months Ended March 31, _____	
	2002	2001
	(in thousands of Canadian dollars, except per share amounts)	
Reported net income	\$ 9,988	\$ 8,083
Add back: goodwill amortization	-	290
Adjusted net income	\$ 9,988	\$ 8,373
Basic earnings per share:		
Reported net income	\$ 0.76	\$ 0.67
Goodwill amortization	-	0.02
Adjusted net income	\$ 0.76	\$ 0.69
Diluted earnings per share:		
Reported net income	\$ 0.72	\$ 0.63
Goodwill amortization	-	0.02
Adjusted net income	\$ 0.72	\$ 0.65

NOTE 5. REPORTING CURRENCY

The Company reports its results in Canadian dollars. Certain amounts herein have also been reported in U.S. dollars for reference purposes. Amounts reported in U.S. dollars have been translated from Canadian dollars at a rate of U.S. \$1.00 = Canadian \$1.5935 as at March 31, 2002, being the period-end exchange rate as prescribed by Regulation S-X (the accounting regulation of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission).

**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF
FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

IN THIS DOCUMENT, PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

- * REFERENCES TO "WE", "OUR", "US" OR "MFC" MEAN MFC BANCORP LTD. AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES UNLESS THE CONTEXT OF THE SENTENCE CLEARLY SUGGESTS OTHERWISE;
- * ALL REFERENCES TO MONETARY AMOUNTS ARE IN CANADIAN DOLLARS, UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED;
- * THE INFORMATION SET FORTH IN THIS QUARTERLY REPORT IS AS AT MARCH 31, 2002, UNLESS AN EARLIER OR LATER DATE IS INDICATED; AND
- * SELECTED FINANCIAL INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN U.S. DOLLARS FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES USING AN EXCHANGE RATE OF ONE CANADIAN DOLLAR BEING EQUAL TO U.S. \$0.6266, BEING THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK RATE OF CONVERSION FOR CANADIAN DOLLARS TO U.S. DOLLARS AS AT MARCH 31, 2002.

The following discussion and analysis of the financial condition and results of our operations for the three months ended March 31, 2002 should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and related notes included elsewhere in this quarterly report. Certain reclassifications have been made to our prior period financial statements to conform to the current period presentation.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS - THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2002

In the three months ended March 31, 2002, revenues increased to \$54.2 million from \$44.0 million in the comparable period of 2001, primarily due to the acquisition of our trading operations in October 2001. Revenues in the current period include non-cash gains on indebtedness of \$1.5 million. Expenses increased to \$44.2 million in the three months ended March 31, 2002 from \$35.8 million in the comparable period of 2001, primarily as a result of the acquisition of our trading operations. General and administrative expenses increased to \$8.3 million in the three months ended March 31, 2002 from \$2.7 million in the comparable period of 2001, primarily as a result of increased revenues. Interest expense increased to \$1.6 million in the three months ended March 31, 2002 from \$0.8 million in the comparable period of 2001.

In the three months ended March 31, 2002, our net earnings were \$10.0 million or \$0.76 per share on a basic basis (\$0.72 per share on a diluted basis). In the three months ended March 31, 2001, our net earnings were \$8.1 million or \$0.67 per share on a basic basis (\$0.63 per share on a diluted basis).

Financing Activities

Financing activities provided cash of \$5.9 million in the three months ended March 31, 2002, compared to using cash of \$50.1 million in the comparable period of 2001, primarily as a result of a net decrease of approximately \$50.5 million in banking customer deposits during 2001 resulting primarily from the outsourcing of our private banking operations. Net borrowings provided cash of \$5.6 million in the current period, compared to nil in the comparative period of 2001, and were used primarily to fund increased lending activities. Net repurchases of shares used cash of \$3.6 million in the current period, compared to issuances of shares providing cash of \$0.4 million in the comparative period of 2001.

An unrealized foreign exchange translation loss of \$0.5 million on cash and cash equivalents resulted primarily from the devaluation of the Swiss franc relative to the Canadian dollar by approximately 1.4% over the period, which is included as shareholder's equity in our balance sheet and does not affect our net earnings.

We continue to explore potential acquisition opportunities as a means of expanding our business. Such opportunities may involve acquisitions which are material in size and may require the raising of additional capital.

FOREIGN CURRENCY

Substantially all of our operations are conducted in international markets and our consolidated financial results are subject to foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations.

We translate foreign assets and liabilities into Canadian dollars at the rate of exchange on the balance sheet date. Revenues and expenses are translated at the average rate of exchange prevailing during the period. Unrealized gains or losses from these translations are recorded as shareholders' equity on the balance sheet and do not affect our net earnings.

As a substantial amount of our revenues are received in Swiss francs, our financial position for any given period, when reported in Canadian dollars, can be significantly affected by the exchange rate for Swiss francs prevailing during that period. In addition, certain assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses are denominated in U.S. dollars and Euros. In the three months ended March 31, 2002, we reported approximately a net \$1.5 million foreign exchange translation loss and, as a result, our cumulative foreign exchange translation gain at March 31, 2002 was \$3.0 million, compared to \$4.5 million at December 31, 2001.

We use derivatives to manage our exposure and our clients' exposure to foreign currency exchange rate risks.

Based upon the period average exchange rate in the first quarter of 2002, the Canadian dollar decreased by approximately 3.2% in value against the Swiss franc and approximately 4.2% in value against the U.S. dollar and increased by approximately 0.7% in value against the Euro, compared to the first quarter of 2001.

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CERTAIN FACTORS

Our results of operations may be materially affected by market fluctuations and economic factors. In addition, our results of operations have been and may continue to be affected by many factors of a global nature, including economic and market conditions, the availability of capital, the level and volatility of equity prices and interest rates, currency values, commodity prices and other market indices, technological changes, the availability of credit, inflation and legislative and regulatory developments. Our results of operations may also be materially affected by competitive factors. Competition includes firms traditionally engaged in financial services such as banks, broker-dealers and investment dealers, along with other sources such as insurance companies, mutual fund groups and other companies offering financial services in Europe and globally.

DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS

Derivatives are financial instruments, the payments of which are linked to the prices, or relationships between prices, of securities or commodities, interest rates, currency exchange rates or other financial measures. Derivatives are designed to enable parties to manage their exposure to interest rates and currency exchange rates, and security and other price risks. We use derivatives to provide products and services to clients and to manage our foreign exchange exposure for our own account.

INFLATION

We do not believe that inflation has had a material impact on revenues or income during the first quarter of 2002. Because our assets to a large extent are liquid in nature, they are not significantly affected by inflation. However, increases in inflation could result in increases in our expenses, which may not be readily recoverable in the price of services provided to our clients. To the extent inflation results in rising interest rates and has other adverse effects on capital markets, it could adversely affect our financial position and profitability.