

KOOKMIN BANK
Form 6-K
July 23, 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 the month of July 2003

Kookmin Bank

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

9-1, 2-Ga, Namdaemun-Ro, Jung-Gu, Seoul, Korea 100-703

(Address of principal executive office)

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Form 20-F

Form 40-F

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Yes

No

Kookmin Bank's 2003 First Half Results

On July 23, 2003, Kookmin Bank held an earnings conference and released its operating results for the first half of 2003. Followings are the key figures released during the conference, and full presentation material is available at Kookmin Bank website (www.kbstar.com) for further information.

The figures presented in this section have not been fully reviewed by our independent auditor yet, and therefore they may be subject to changes in the due course of review process.

1. Financial Highlights

1.1 Balance sheet figures

(tn Won)	As of the date indicated		
	June 30, 2003	December 31, 2002	% Change (YTD)
Total Assets	181.6	171.5	5.9
Loans in Won	121.6	116.4	4.5
Total Liabilities	171.4	161.5	6.1
Deposits in Won	130.0	125.2	3.8
Total Stockholders' Equity	10.2	10.0	2.0

1.2 Operating results

(bn Won)	For the 6 month periods ended June 30		
	2003	2002	% Change (YoY)
Operating Income	296.3	1,462.4	Δ79.7
Operating Income before Provisioning	2,089.5	2,063.0	1.3
Non-operating Income	Δ334.7	198.9	N.A
Net Income	Δ40.7	1,164.0	N.A

2. Key Financial Indicators

NIS (cumulative) : 3.78%

NIM (cumulative) : 3.22%

Return on assets (annualized) : Δ0.05%

Return on equity (annualized) : Δ0.80%

3. Asset Quality

(bn Won)	As of the date indicated		
	June 30, 2003	March 31, 2003	% Change (QoQ)
Total Loans for NPL Management	136,518.1	136,037.6	0.4
Allowance for Loan Losses	3,528.7	2,928.3	20.5
Substandard & Below Ratio	4.35%	3.38%	0.97%p
Coverage Ratio	59.4%	63.6%	Δ4.2%p
Delinquency Ratio	3.52%	3.39%	0.13%p

This document and the attached presentation material contain forward-looking statements, as defined in the safe harbor provisions of the United States Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements reflect Kookmin Bank's current views with respect to future events and financial performance, and are subject to certain risks and uncertainties, which could cause actual results to differ materially from those anticipated. Although Kookmin Bank believes the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are based upon reasonable assumptions, it can give no assurance that its expectations will be attained. Kookmin Bank undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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.

Kookmin Bank

(Registrant)

Date: July 23, 2003

By: /s/ Jong-Kyoo Yoon

(Signature)

Name: Jong-Kyoo Yoon
Title: Executive Vice President &
Chief Financial Officer