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PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT (TO PROSPECTUS DATED OCTOBER 21, 2002)

ING PRIME RATE TRUST

7,285.124 SHARES OF BENEFICIAL INTEREST

During the period of May 16, 2003 through May 19, 2003, ING Prime Rate Trust (the "Trust") sold 7,285.124 shares of beneficial interest of the Trust through the Trust's Shareholder Investment Program pursuant to a Distribution Agreement with ING Funds Distributor, LLC ("IFD") at a sales price of \$6.86 per share.

| Gross Proceeds | \$ 49,975.94 |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Commission to IFD | \$ 0.00 |
| Net Proceeds to Trust | \$ 49,975.94 |

On May 15, 2003, the last day of the corresponding pricing period, the last reported sales price of the Shares on the NYSE was \$6.88.

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The Date of this Prospectus Supplement is May 22, 2003.