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January 04, 2002

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): December 19, 2001

ORIENTAL FINANCIAL GROUP INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Commonwealth of Puerto Rico

001-12647

66-053889

(State or other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

(Commission File No.)

(I.R.S. Emplo
Identification

1000 San Roberto Street
Monacillos Ward
Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico

00926

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (787) 771-6800

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ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS.

On December 19, 2001, Oriental Financial Group Inc. (the "Company")

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announced the issuance of trust preferred securities by a wholly-owned business trust subsidiary of the Company. A copy of the press release is attached as an exhibit to this report.

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibits

| Exhibit No. | Description of Document |
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| 99 | Press Release dated December 19, 2001. |

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 hereunto duly authorized.

ORIENTAL FINANCIAL GROUP INC.

Date: January 3, 2002

By: /s/ Rafael Valladares

Rafael Valladares
Senior Vice President and
Principal Financial Officer

INDEX OF EXHIBITS

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