

FIFTH THIRD BANCORP  
Form 8-K  
January 15, 2004

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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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## 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): January 15, 2004

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## FIFTH THIRD BANCORP

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Ohio**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**0-8076**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**31-0854434**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**Fifth Third Center**  
**38 Fountain Square Plaza, Cincinnati, Ohio**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**45263**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (513) 534-5300

**Not Applicable**

(Former name or address, if changed since last report)

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Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 Press release dated as of January 15, 2004.

Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure

On January 15, 2004, Fifth Third Bancorp issued a press release announcing its earnings release for the fourth quarter of 2003. A copy of this press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1. This information is furnished under both Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure and Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition in accordance with SEC Release No. 33-8176. The information in this Form 8-K and Exhibit 99.1 attached hereto shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Act of 1934, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference.

Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

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**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.

January 15, 2004

FIFTH THIRD BANCORP  
(Registrant)

/s/ Neal E. Arnold

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Neal E. Arnold  
Executive Vice President

and Chief Financial Officer