

ORIENTAL FINANCIAL GROUP INC
Form 8-K
October 10, 2008

**UNITED STATES
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): October 10, 2008

ORIENTAL FINANCIAL GROUP INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Commonwealth of Puerto Rico

001-12647

66-0538893

*(State or other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation)*

(Commission File No.)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

Oriental Center
Professional Offices Park
997 San Roberto Street, 10th Floor
San Juan, Puerto Rico

00926

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

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

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 2.06. Material Impairments.

Oriental Bank and Trust, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Oriental Financial Group Inc. (the Group), has a counterparty exposure to Lehman Brothers Finance S.A. (LBFSA) in connection with derivative transactions under option agreements. LBFSA filed for bankruptcy in New York on October 3, 2008. As a result of the uncertain recoverability of this counterparty exposure, management of the Group determined on the date hereof that this event will likely result in a loss on derivative activities of approximately \$5.0 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2008.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Group has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

ORIENTAL FINANCIAL GROUP INC.

Date: October 10, 2008

By: /s/ Norberto González
Norberto González
Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer