

BANKATLANTIC BANCORP INC  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**BFC FINANCIAL CORP**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**BANKATLANTIC BANCORP INC [BBX]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**2100 WEST CYPRESS CREEK ROAD**  
 (Street)  
**FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33309**  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**12/05/2008**

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 \_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below)  
 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Class A Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	12/05/2008		P		41,049 <u>(1) (4)</u>	A	\$ 3.2809 <u>(1) (4)</u>
Class A Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	12/08/2008		P		47,367 <u>(2) (4)</u>	A	\$ 3.9642 <u>(2) (4)</u>
	12/09/2008		P			A	2,310,130 <u>(5)</u>

Class A Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	47,367 <u>(3)</u> <u>(4)</u>	\$ 3.7939 <u>(3)</u> <u>(4)</u>
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 5)
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BFC FINANCIAL CORP 2100 WEST CYPRESS CREEK ROAD FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33309		X		

## Signatures

/s/ John K. Grelle, Chief Financial Officer	12/09/2008
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
  - \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) The reporting person purchased these shares in the open market on December 5, 2008 at prices ranging from \$2.98 per share to \$3.34 per share.

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- (2) The reporting person purchased these shares in the open market on December 8, 2008 at prices ranging from \$3.75 per share to \$4.11 per share.
- (3) The reporting person purchased these shares in the open market on December 9, 2008 at prices ranging from \$3.60 per share to \$3.85 per share.
- (4) The reporting person undertakes to provide upon request by the Staff of the Securities Exchange Commission, the issuer, or any shareholder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares purchased at each purchase price.
- (5) The reporting person additionally owns 975,225 shares of the issuer's Class B Common Stock which are convertible at any time in the reporting person's discretion on a share-for-share basis into the issuer's Class A Common Stock.

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