

MANULIFE FINANCIAL CORP  
Form 6-K  
December 02, 2008

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549  
Form 6-K  
REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER  
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE  
ACT OF 1934**

**For the month of December, 2008  
Commission File Number 1-14942**

**MANULIFE FINANCIAL CORPORATION**  
(Translation of registrant's name into English)  
**200 Bloor Street East,  
North Tower 10  
Toronto, Ontario, Canada M4W 1E5  
(416) 926-3000**

(Address of principal executive office)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

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Yes  No

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**DOCUMENTS FILED AS PART OF THIS FORM 6-K**

The following documents, filed as exhibits to this Form 6-K, are incorporated by reference as part of this Form 6-K:

Exhibit Description of Exhibit

99.1 News Release dated December 2, 2008

**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, thereunto duly authorized.

MANULIFE FINANCIAL CORPORATION  
(Registrant)

By: /s/ David R. Kerr  
Name: David R. Kerr  
Title: Assistant Vice President, Senior  
Counsel & Assistant Corporate  
Secretary

Date: December 2, 2008

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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