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BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC  
Form 424B3  
May 08, 2001

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 42

DATED: May 4, 2001

(To Prospectus dated January 11, 2001,  
and Prospectus Supplement dated January 11, 2001)

Rule 424(b)(3)  
File No. 333-52902

\$9,015,893,162  
THE BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC.  
MEDIUM-TERM NOTES, SERIES B

Principal Amount: \$25,000,000 Floating Rate Notes ☒ Book Entry Notes ☒

Original Issue Date: 5/8/2001 Fixed Rate Notes ☐ Certificated Notes ☐

Maturity Date: 5/8/2003 CUSIP#: 073928TZ6

Option to Extend Maturity: No ☒  
Yes ☐ Final Maturity Date:

| Redeemable On | Redemption Price(s) | Optional Repayment Date(s) | Optional Repayment Price(s) |
|---------------|---------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| -----<br>N/A  | -----<br>N/A        | -----<br>N/A               | -----<br>N/A                |

Applicable Only to Fixed Rate Notes:  
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Interest Rate:

Interest Payment Dates:

Applicable Only to Floating Rate Notes:  
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|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Interest Rate Basis:                                   | Maximum Interest Rate: N/A    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Paper Rate         | Minimum Interest Rate: N/A    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal Funds Rate | Interest Reset Date(s): Daily |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Treasury Rate                 | Interest Reset Period: Daily  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LIBOR Reuters                 | Interest Payment Date(s): *   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LIBOR Telerate                |                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prime Rate                    |                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CMT Rate                      |                               |

Initial Interest Rate: 4.9875% Interest Payment Period: Quarterly

Index Maturity: N/A

Spread (plus or minus): + 0.55%

\* On the 8th of each August, November, February and May, including the maturity

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date.

The distribution of Notes will conform to the requirements set forth in Rule 2720 of the NASD Conduct Rules.