

KOOKMIN BANK
Form 6-K
January 18, 2005

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 6-K

**REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 UNDER
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the month of January 2005

Kookmin Bank

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

9-1, 2-Ga, Namdaemun-Ro, Jung-Gu, Seoul, Korea 100-703

(Address of principal executive office)

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Yes _____ No

Change in the Largest Shareholder of Kookmin Bank

On January 18, 2005, Kookmin Bank confirmed and released the change in the largest shareholder of the bank in accordance with the shareholders' registry book, which was closed for the general shareholders' meeting for the fiscal year 2004.

As of December 31, 2004, the latest record date for the general shareholders' meeting, *Euro-Pacific Growth Fund* is the largest shareholder of the bank, holding 14,326,220 shares, approximately 4.26% of our common stocks. The fund had a record for holding 10,682,290 shares, about 3.18% stake, on December 31, 2003.

The former largest shareholder of Kookmin Bank, ING Bank N.V. Amsterdam, continues to hold 4.06% stake in Kookmin Bank as of December 31, 2004.

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.

Kookmin Bank
(Registrant)

Date: January 18, 2005

By: /s/ Kap Shin

(Signature)

Name: Kap Shin
Title: Senior Executive Vice President &
Chief Financial Officer