

SOTHEBYS HOLDINGS INC  
Form 8-K  
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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, DC 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 14, 2003

**Sotheby's Holdings, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Michigan**

(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**1-9750**

(Commission  
File Number)

**38-2478409**

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**38500 Woodward Avenue, Suite 100  
Bloomfield Hills, Michigan**

(Address of principal executive offices)

**48304**

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(248) 646-2400**

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**ITEM 5. Other Events**

On October 14, 2003, Sotheby's International Realty, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Sotheby's Holdings, Inc., announced that it had reached an agreement to acquire the business operations of Jackson Hole Realty, Jackson, Wyoming. Subject to the satisfaction of certain closing conditions, the acquisition is expected to be consummated on October 28, 2003. The press release discussing the acquisition of Jackson Hole Realty is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

**ITEM 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(c)  
Exhibits  
  
99.1

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Press release, dated October 14, 2003

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## SIGNATURE

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

SOTHEBY'S HOLDINGS, INC.

By: /s/ MICHAEL L. GILLIS

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Michael L. Gillis  
Senior Vice President,  
Controller and Chief  
Accounting Officer

Date: October 15, 2003

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