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The Bank of New York Company, Inc. [LOGO]

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The Bank of New York Company, Inc. CoreNotes(Service Mark)

Filed under Rule 424 (b) (3), Registration Statement No. 333-103003,  
333-103003-01, 333-103003-02, 333-103003-03 and 333-103003-04  
Pricing Supplement No. 20 - dated January 30, 2004  
(To prospectus dated March 6, 2003 and  
prospectus supplement dated March 28, 2003)

| CUSIP<br>Number | Aggregate<br>Principal<br>Amount | Price to<br>Public(1) | Purchasing<br>Agent's<br>Discount(1) | Proceeds<br>Before<br>Expenses(1) |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 0640P0AN5       | \$1,115,000                      | 100%                  | 1.50%                                | 98.50%                            |

| Interest<br>Rate Per<br>Annum | Interest<br>Payment<br>Frequency | Stated<br>Maturity<br>Date | Survivor's<br>Option |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| 4.25%                         | Semiannual                       | 02/18/2014                 | YES                  |

Senior Medium-Term Notes Series E

Interest Payment Dates: The 15th day of February and August of each year commencing 08/15/2004.

Redemption Information: The Notes are not callable and are not subject to optional redemption.

| CUSIP<br>Number | Aggregate<br>Principal<br>Amount | Price to<br>Public(1) | Purchasing<br>Agent's<br>Discount(1) | Proceeds<br>Before<br>Expenses(1) |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 06406JEH4       | \$1,037,000                      | 100%                  | 2.00%                                | 98.00%                            |

| Interest<br>Rate Per<br>Annum | Interest<br>Payment<br>Frequency | Stated<br>Maturity<br>Date | Survivor's<br>Option |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| 5.20%                         | Semiannual                       | 02/15/2019                 | YES                  |

Senior Subordinated Medium-Term Notes Series F

Interest Payment Dates: The 15th day of February and August of each year commencing 08/15/2004.

Redemption Information: Redeemable at the option of The Bank of New York

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Company, Inc. on 02/15/2007 and each Interest Payment Date thereafter, at a price equal to 100% on 30 calendar days notice.

| CUSIP Number | Aggregate Principal Amount | Price to Public(1) | Purchasing Agent's Discount(1) | Proceeds Before Expenses(1) |
|--------------|----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 06406JEJ0    | \$765,000                  | 100%               | 2.50%                          | 97.50%                      |

| Interest Rate Per Annum | Interest Payment Frequency | Stated Maturity Date | Survivor's Option |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| 5.40%                   | Semiannual                 | 02/15/2029           | YES               |

Senior Subordinated Medium-Term Notes Series F

Interest Payment Dates: The 15th day of February and August of each year commencing 8/15/2004.

Redemption Information: Redeemable at the option of The Bank of New York Company, Inc. on 02/15/2009 and each Interest Payment Date thereafter, at a price equal to 100% on 30 calendar days notice.

The Bank of New York Company, Inc.  
One Wall Street  
New York, New York 10286

Trade Date: 01/30/2004

Issue Date: 02/04/2004

Minimum Denominations/Increments: \$1,000/\$1,000

Original Issue Discount: No

All trades settle without accrued interest and clear SDFS: DTC Book-Entry only  
Merrill Lynch DTC Participant Number: 161

The defeasance and covenant defeasance provisions of the Senior Indenture and the Senior Subordinated Indenture described under "Description of Senior Debt Securities and Senior Subordinated Debt Securities - Defeasance and Covenant Defeasance" in the Prospectus will apply to the Senior and Senior Subordinated Notes respectively.

(1) Expressed as a percentage of the aggregate principal amount

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Purchasing Agent  
Acting as Principal