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Form 6-K  
July 22, 2005

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  
under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the date of 22 July 2005

ALLIED IRISH BANKS, public limited company

Bankcentre, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4, Republic of Ireland

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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Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes ..... No ..X...

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

22 JULY 2005

TWO NEW SENIOR APPOINTMENTS AT AIB

Allied Irish Banks, p.l.c. ("AIB") (NYSE:AIB) has today announced two new  
appointments to its senior management team.

John O'Donnell, currently Head of Investment Banking AIB Group, has been  
appointed Group Finance Director. Mr. O'Donnell will also become a member of the  
AIB Board and the Group Executive Committee.

Robbie Henneberry, currently General Manager, Branches, AIB (GB), has been  
appointed Managing Director Designate AIB Group (UK) p.l.c. to succeed Aidan  
McKeon on his retirement in December 2005. Mr Henneberry will also become a

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member of the AIB Group Executive Committee.

Eugene Sheehy, Chief Executive AIB Group said,

"I want to congratulate John and Robbie on their appointments and wish them every success in their new roles.

"I also particularly want to thank Aidan for his outstanding contribution to the success of AIB throughout his long career. He has played a major part in the success of many areas of AIB Group over the last forty years. In recent years our UK business has grown strongly under his leadership and now contributes 25% of AIB's profits. It was Aidan's intention to retire earlier this year having completed 40 years service in March, so I also want to thank him for agreeing to stay on till the end of December to ensure Robbie has the smoothest possible transition to his new roles."

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### 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.

ALLIED IRISH BANKS, p.l.c.  
(Registrant)

Date 22 July 2005

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gary Kennedy  
Group Director, Finance,  
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