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Form S-8 December 13, 2002

As filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 13, 2002

Registration No. 333-_____

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM S-8
REGISTRATION STATEMENT
Under
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

ALLIED IRISH BANKS,

public limited company
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

IRELAND
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or formation)

13-1774656 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

Bankcentre, Ballsbridge
Dublin 4 Ireland

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number,
including area code, of registrant's principal
executive offices)

Allfirst Financial Inc. 1997 Stock Option Plan (Full Title of the Plan)

Gregory K. Thoreson
Senior Vice President and General Counsel
Allfirst Financial Inc.
25 South Charles Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21201
(Name and address of agent for service)

(410) 244-3800 (Telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

		PROPOSED	PROPOSED	
		MAXIMUM	MAXIMUM	
	AMOUNT	OFFERING	AGGREGATE	AMOUNT OF
TITLE OF SECURITIES	TO BE	PRICE	OFFERING	REGISTRATION
TO BE REGISTERED	REGISTERED(2)	PER SHARE(3)	PRICE(3)	FEE
American Depository				
Shares (1)	5,009,330	\$27.10	\$135,752,843	\$12,490

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- (1) Each American Depository Share ("ADS") represents two ordinary shares of 0.32 euro each.
- (2) Also includes an indeterminable number of additional ADSs that may be issued pursuant to the anti-dilution provisions of the Plans.
- (3) Calculated in accordance with Rule 457(c) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, based on the average of the high and low prices of the ADSs on the New York Stock Exchange for December 11, 2002.

PART II. INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Registration of Additional Securities

The contents of the Registration Statement on Form S-8, Registration No. 333-8212, of Allied Irish Banks, p.l.c. ("AIB"), are incorporated herein by reference. Allfirst Financial Inc. is the successor by merger to First Maryland Bancorp.

Item 8. Exhibits

- 4.1 Form of Amended and Restated Depository Agreement between AIB and The Bank of New York, as Depositary (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit A to AIB's Registration Statement on Form F-6 dated May 12, 1999)
- 23.1 Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers, former Accountants and Registered Auditors *
- 23.2 Consent of KPMG, Accountants and Registered Auditors*
- 24.1 Powers of Attorney*

* Filed herewith

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Baltimore, Maryland on December 13, 2002.

ALLIED IRISH BANKS, p.l.c.

By: EUGENE J. SHEEHY

----Eugene J. Sheehy
Chief Executive, USA Division

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities indicated below on December 13, 2002.

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SIGNATURE TITLE

MICHAEL BUCKLEY* Principal Executive Officer and

Michael Buckley Director

GARY KENNEDY* Principal Financial Officer and

Gary Kennedy Director

DECLAN MCSWEENEY* Principal Accounting Officer

Declan McSweeney

*By: MAURICE J. CROWLEY
----Maurice J. Crowley, as
Attorney-in-Fact

A Majority of the Remaining Directors:

Adrian Burke, Dermot Gleeson, Don Godson, Derek A. Higgs, John B. McGuckian, Carol Moffet, Lochlan Quinn, Michael J. Sullivan

By: MAURICE J. CROWLEY
----Maurice J. Crowley, as
Attorney-in-Fact