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## Section 1: 8-K (8-K)

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 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): April 13, 2018**

**Boston Private Financial Holdings, Inc.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

**Massachusetts**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

**0-17089**  
(Commission File Number)

**04-2976299**  
(IRS Employer Identification Number)

**Ten Post Office Square, Boston, Massachusetts 02109**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**(617) 912-1900**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter)

- Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On April 13, 2018 Boston Private Financial Holdings, Inc. (the “Company”) completed the closing of the sale of all of its equity interest in Anchor Capital Advisors LLC (“Anchor”) to the management team of Anchor for an upfront cash payment and a non-voting, revenue share participation interest in Anchor.

