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 Form 424B3
 October 22, 2002

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 40
 DATED: October 17, 2002
 (To Prospectus dated January 25, 2002,
 and Prospectus Supplement dated January 25, 2002)

Rule 424(b)(3)
 File No. 333-76894

\$10,006,693,162
 THE BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC.
 MEDIUM-TERM NOTES, SERIES B

Principal Amount: \$229,400,000 Floating Rate Notes Book Entry Notes
 Original Issue Date: 10/22/2002 Fixed Rate Notes Certificated Notes
 Maturity Date: 10/22/2004 CUSIP#: 073928XW8
 Option to Extend Maturity: No
 Yes Final Maturity Date:

Redeemable On	Redemption Price(s)	Optional Repayment Date(s)	Optional Repayment Price(s)
----- N/A	----- N/A	----- N/A	----- N/A

Applicable Only to Fixed Rate Notes:

Interest Rate:

Interest Payment Dates:

Applicable Only to Floating Rate Notes:

Interest Rate Basis: Maximum Interest Rate: N/A
 Commercial Paper Rate Minimum Interest Rate: N/A
 Federal Funds Effective Rate
 Federal Funds Open Rate Interest Reset Date(s): *
 Treasury Rate Interest Reset Period: Quarterly
 LIBOR Reuters Interest Payment Date(s): **
 LIBOR Telerate
 Prime Rate
 CMT Rate
 Initial Interest Rate: 2.27875 Interest Payment Period: Quarterly
 Index Maturity: Three Months
 Spread (plus or minus): +0.45%

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- * On the 22nd of each January, April, July and October prior to Maturity.
- ** On the 22nd of each January, April, July and October, including the maturity date.

The distribution of Notes will conform to the requirements set forth in Rule 2720 of the NASD Conduct Rules.