

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 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): September 28, 2011

Commission File Number: 00049806

First PacTrust Bancorp, Inc.

(Exact name of small business issuer as specified in its charter)

Maryland

043639825

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

610 Bay Boulevard, Chula Vista, California 91910
(Address of principal executive offices)

619-691-1519
(Registrant's Telephone number)

Not Applicable
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On September 28, 2011 the registrant issues a news release announcing that its NASDAQ trading symbol will change from "FPTB" to "BANC" effective October 3, 2011.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibit 99.1 - Press Release dated September 28, 2011

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 hereunto duly authorized.

First PacTrust Bancorp, Inc.

Date: *September 28, 2011*

By: */s/ James P. Sheehy*

Name: James P. Sheehy

Title: Executive Vice President and Secretary

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<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
EX-99.1	Press Release dated September 28, 2011

First PacTrust Bancorp to Change NASDAQ Ticker Symbol to “BANC” Effective October 3, 2011

CHULA VISTA, Calif., September 28, 2011 -- First PacTrust Bancorp, Inc. (NASDAQ: FPTB), the holding company for [Pacific Trust Bank](#), today announced that its NASDAQ ticker symbol will change to “BANC.”

The new symbol will become effective as of the opening of trading on Monday, October 3, 2011.

“The ticker symbol change reflects our transformation into California’s bank of choice,” said Greg Mitchell, president and CEO of First PacTrust Bancorp. “We continue to experience solid growth, which we expect will be further enhanced with the soon-to-be completed acquisitions of Beach Business Bank and Gateway Business Bank.”

About First PacTrust Bancorp

First PacTrust Bancorp, Inc. is the parent holding company of Pacific Trust Bank and is headquartered in Chula Vista, California. Pacific Trust Bank currently operates through 11 banking offices serving primarily San Diego and Riverside Counties in California. Pacific Trust Bank provides customers with the convenience of banking at more than 4,300 branch locations throughout the United States as part of the CU Services Network and 28,000 fee-free ATM locations through the CO-OP ATM Network. First PacTrust Bancorp, Inc. was founded in 1941. For more information on any of First PacTrust’s services, visit: <http://www.firstpactrustbancorp.com>.

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