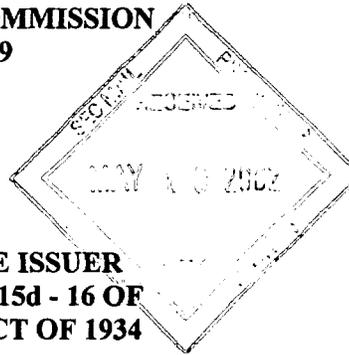




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WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 6-K



REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER  
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a - 16 OR 15d - 16 OF  
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month of  
May 2002

PRUDENTIAL PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY  
(Translation of registrant's name into English)

LAURENCE POUNTNEY HILL, LONDON EC4R 0HH, ENGLAND  
(Address of principal executive offices)

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is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3 - 2(b)  
under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Yes  No  X

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**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

PRUDENTIAL PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY

Date: 9 May 2002

By:



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Title:

Group Head of Media Relations



# PRUDENTIAL

Embargo: 11.30 hrs Thursday 9 May 2002

## PRUDENTIAL PLC BOARD APPOINTMENT

Prudential plc announced today (9 May 2002) the appointment of Bart Becht as a non-executive director with effect from today's date.

Mr Becht (age 45) is Chief Executive of Reckitt Benckiser plc. He joined Benckiser in 1988 and served as General Manager in the UK, Canada and Italy before being appointed as Chief Executive of Benckiser Detergents, subsequently Benckiser N.V., in 1995. Prior to joining Benckiser, Bart Becht undertook a number of roles, including brand management and international treasury, at Proctor & Gamble in the United States and Germany.

Sir Roger Hurn, Chairman of Prudential, commented: "I am delighted that Bart has agreed to join Prudential as a non-executive director. He has a wealth of international experience and a strong background in brand management, and I believe that these qualities will make him a valuable addition to our Board".

Bart Becht added: "Prudential is a leading international financial services group, with a proud heritage and significant financial strength, and I am very much looking forward to contributing to the company's continuing development".

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### Notes to Editors:

1. Following Bart Becht's appointment, Prudential plc will have 13 Board members. The other non-executive directors are Sir Roger Hurn (Chairman), Sir David Barnes (Chairman of the Remuneration Committee), Ann Burdus, Roberto Mendoza, Rob Rowley (Chairman of the Audit Committee), and Sandy Stewart.
2. Reckitt Benckiser is the world's leading provider of household cleaning products. It was created following the merger of Benckiser N.V. and Reckitt & Colman plc in December 1999, and now operates in 60 countries worldwide.
3. Photographs of Bart Becht are available on Reckitt Benckiser's website at [www.reckittbenckiser.com](http://www.reckittbenckiser.com).

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