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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): November 23, 2004

EATON VANCE CORP.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland ----- (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	1-8100 ----- (Commission File Number)	04-2718215 ----- (IRS Employer Identification No.)
255 State Street, Boston, Massachusetts ----- (Address of principal executive offices)		02109 ----- (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (617) 482-8260

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INFORMATION INCLUDED IN THE REPORT

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Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

Registrant has reported its results of operations for the three months and Fiscal Year ended October 31, 2004, as described in Registrant's news release dated November 18, 2004, a copy of which is filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

Exhibit No. -----	Document -----
99.1	Press release issued by the Registrant dated November 23, 2004.

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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.

EATON VANCE CORP.
(Registrant)

Date: November 23, 2004 /s/ William M. Steul

William M. Steul, Chief Financial Officer

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Each exhibit is listed in this index according to the number assigned to it in the exhibit table set forth in Item 601 of Regulation S-K. The following exhibit is filed as part of this Report:

Exhibit No. -----	Description -----
99.1	Copy of Registrant's news release dated November 23, 2004.

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NEWS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

EATON VANCE CORP. REPORT FOR THE THREE MONTHS AND FISCAL YEAR ENDED OCTOBER 31, 2004

Boston, MA--Eaton Vance Corp. earned \$1.99 per diluted share in fiscal 2004 compared to \$1.51 per diluted share in fiscal 2003, an increase of 32 percent. The Company earned \$0.55 per diluted share in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2004, an increase of 34 percent over the \$0.41 per diluted share earned in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2003.

Assets under management on October 31, 2004 were \$94.3 billion, a 26 percent increase over the \$75.0 billion of managed assets on October 31, 2003. Total gross inflows into Eaton Vance funds and separate accounts were \$25.5 billion in fiscal 2004, an increase of 52 percent from the \$16.8 billion of gross inflows in fiscal 2003. Net inflows (gross inflows less redemptions and withdrawals) were \$13.8 billion in fiscal 2004 compared to \$8.3 billion in fiscal 2003, an increase of 66 percent. Both gross and net flows in fiscal 2004 represented the highest levels in Company history. Market appreciation added \$3.6 billion and the separate accounts acquired from Deutsche Bank last July added \$1.9 billion to assets under management in fiscal 2004. Tables 1, 2 and 3 (attached) summarize assets under management and asset flows by investment objective.

Eaton Vance raised a record \$6.3 billion in closed-end fund assets in fiscal 2004 compared to \$5.0 billion raised in fiscal 2003. In the fourth quarter, the Company introduced the Eaton Vance Enhanced Equity Income Fund, a closed-end fund that raised \$716 million in October. Earnings in fiscal 2004 were reduced by \$7.8 million of sales incentives and other expenses associated with the assets raised in 5 closed-end fund offerings.

"Eaton Vance had another year of record growth in fiscal 2004," said James B. Hawkes, Chairman and CEO. "Total assets under management increased 26 percent to \$94.3 billion. The Company was a leader among asset management firms in closed-end fund sales with \$6.3 billion of assets raised in fiscal 2004. Overall, equity fund assets increased 28 percent, bank loan fund assets increased 57 percent and separately managed account assets increased 33 percent. The new assets added in fiscal 2004 should contribute meaningfully to revenue and profit in fiscal 2005."

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Revenue in fiscal 2004 increased 27 percent to \$661.8 million from \$523.1 million in fiscal 2003. Fiscal 2004 investment adviser and administration fee revenue increased 39 percent in line with the 40 percent increase in average assets under management for the full year. Fiscal 2004 distribution and underwriter fee revenue increased only 2 percent, primarily because of the continuing shift in mutual fund sales and assets from Class B shares to other fund share classes and other managed assets with low or no distribution fees. Service fee revenue increased 23 percent due to the increase in average fund assets that pay service fees. Other revenue increased 25 percent, primarily because of investment income earned by two consolidated investment companies in which Eaton Vance is the majority shareholder.

Operating expenses increased 22 percent to \$439.3 million in fiscal 2004 from \$360.0 million in fiscal 2003 because of higher compensation, marketing,

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distribution and other expenses. Compensation expense increased 30 percent in fiscal 2004 due to higher marketing incentive payments associated with the increase in fund and separate account sales, additional compensation expense associated with the acquisition of Parametric Portfolio Associates in September 2003 and separate account assets of Deutsche Bank's Scudder Private Investment Counsel Boston office in July 2004, other employee additions, increases in base salaries and operating income-based performance bonuses.

Amortization of deferred sales commissions decreased 5 percent in fiscal 2004 compared to fiscal 2003 because of the decline in Class B share assets. Service fee expense increased 19 percent because of the growth in fund assets retained more than one year. Distribution expense increased 49 percent in fiscal 2004 primarily because of higher closed-end fund distribution expense, increases in other sales-related marketing expenses and an increase in commissions paid on certain Class A sales. Other expense increased 23 percent in fiscal 2004 because of increased travel, facilities, information technology, legal, audit, recruiting and other miscellaneous costs. Operating income increased 36 percent to \$222.6 million in fiscal 2004 from \$163.1 million in fiscal 2003.

Fiscal year 2004 net income increased 31 percent to \$138.9 million. Interest income in fiscal 2004 declined 42 percent to \$2.8 million primarily because of the inclusion of interest income from two consolidated investment companies in other revenue beginning in the second quarter of fiscal 2003. Interest expense increased 2 percent, reflecting \$1.0 million of previously capitalized debt offering costs expensed in the fourth quarter associated with the repurchase of \$46.0 million of a subsidiary's exchangeable notes that was partly offset by the decline in interest expense associated with the Company's overall reduction of long-term debt in fiscal 2004. The Company's effective tax rate was 36 percent in fiscal 2004 and 35 percent in fiscal 2003.

Cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments were \$357.6 million on October 31, 2004 (\$294.3 million excluding minority shareholder investments in two consolidated investment companies) and \$242.8 million on October 31, 2003 (\$238.8 million excluding minority interest). The Company's strong cash flow in fiscal 2004 allowed it to pay \$85.0 million to repurchase and retire 2,263,155 shares of its non-voting common stock (at an average price of \$37.57 per share), \$34.5 million to pay dividends to its shareholders and \$53.2 million to reduce its long-term debt. There are no outstanding borrowings against the Company's \$170.0 million credit facility. Approximately 1.6 million shares remain of the current stock repurchase authorization.

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Eaton Vance Corp., a Boston-based investment management firm, is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol EV.

This news release contains statements that are not historical facts, referred to as "forward-looking statements." The Company's actual future results may differ significantly from those stated in any forward-looking statements, depending on factors such as changes in securities or financial markets or general economic conditions, the volume of sales and repurchases of fund shares, the continuation of investment advisory, administration, distribution and service contracts, and other risks discussed from time to time in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission

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Eaton Vance Corp.
Summary of Results of Operations

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(in thousands, except per share amounts)

	Three Months Ended			
	October 31, 2004	October 31, 2003	% Change	October 31, 2004
Revenue:				
Investment adviser and administration fees	\$112,701	\$ 83,648	35 %	\$413,102
Distribution and underwriter fees	34,920	38,074	(8)	150,018
Service fees	23,964	20,147	19	92,087
Other revenue	2,021	1,550	30	6,606
Total revenue	173,606	143,419	21	661,813
Expenses:				
Compensation of officers and employees	38,521	34,173	13	150,489
Amortization of deferred sales commissions	18,651	21,024	(11)	81,202
Service fee expense	19,691	17,438	13	76,620
Distribution expense	21,965	16,356	34	81,559
Other expenses	13,892	9,160	52	49,381
Total expenses	112,720	98,151	15	439,251
Operating Income	60,886	45,268	35	222,562
Other Income/ (Expense) :				
Interest income	524	659	(20)	2,799
Interest expense	(1,568)	(1,427)	10	(5,898)
Gain on investments	(3)	43	(107)	275
Foreign currency gain (loss)	(23)	(24)	(4)	(85)
Equity in net income of affiliates	783	314	149	2,005
Income Before Income Taxes and Minority Interest	60,599	44,833	35	221,658
Income Taxes	21,816	15,691	39	79,797
Minority Interest, Net of Tax	855	469	82	2,918
Net Income	\$ 37,928	\$ 28,673	32	\$138,943
Earnings Per Share:				
Basic	\$ 0.57	\$ 0.42	36	\$ 2.06
Diluted	\$ 0.55	\$ 0.41	34	\$ 1.99
Dividends Declared, Per Share	\$ 0.16	\$ 0.12	33	\$ 0.55
Weighted Average Shares Outstanding:				
Basic	66,739	68,493	(3)	67,469

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Diluted	69,293	70,446	(2)	69,789
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Eaton Vance Corp. Balance Sheet (in thousands, except per share figures)

	October 31, 2004	October 31, 2003
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ASSETS		
Current Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$147,137	\$138,328
Short-term investments	210,429	104,484
Investment adviser fees and other receivables	32,249	25,922
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Other current assets	4,861	3,583
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Total current assets	394,676	272,317
Other Assets:		
Deferred sales commissions	162,259	199,322
Goodwill	89,281	88,879
Other intangible assets, net	43,965	46,193
Long-term investments	36,895	36,490
Equipment and leasehold improvements, net	12,413	12,411
Other assets	4,077	3,090
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Total other assets	348,890	386,385
Total assets	\$743,566	\$658,702
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LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current Liabilities:		
Accrued compensation	\$ 52,299	\$ 35,339
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	23,789	23,822
Dividend payable	10,660	8,189
Current portion of long-term debt	-	7,143
Other current liabilities	7,451	8,302
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Total current liabilities	94,199	82,795
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Long-Term Liabilities:		
Long-term debt	74,347	118,736
Deferred income taxes	57,644	33,203
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Total long-term liabilities	131,991	151,939
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Total liabilities	226,190	234,734
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Minority interest	67,870	7,691
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Commitments and contingencies	-	-

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Shareholders' Equity:

Common stock, par value \$0.0078125 per share:

Authorized, 640,000 shares

Issued, 154,880 shares

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Non-voting common stock, par value \$0.0078125 per share:

Authorized, 95,360,000 shares

Issued, 66,635,780 and 68,250,464 shares, respectively

521

533

Notes receivable from stock option exercises

(2,718)

(2,995)

Deferred compensation

(2,400)

(1,000)

Accumulated other comprehensive income

1,854

1,245

Retained earnings

452,248

418,493

Total shareholders' equity

449,506

416,277

Total liabilities and shareholders' equity

\$743,566

\$658,702

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Table 1
Asset Flows (in millions)
Twelve Months Ended October 31, 2004

Assets 10/31/2003 - Beginning of Period	\$ 75,044
Long-term fund sales and inflows	19,823
Long-term fund redemptions and outflows	(8,629)
Long-term fund net exchanges	(27)
Long-term fund mkt. value change	2,113
Institutional and HNW account inflows	3,680
Institutional and HNW account outflows	(2,001)
Institutional and HNW assets acquired(1)	1,943
Retail managed account inflows	1,998
Retail managed account outflows	(1,053)
Separate account mkt. value change	1,511
Change in money market funds	(56)
Net change	19,302
Assets 10/31/2004 - End of Period	\$ 94,346

Table 2
Assets Under Management
By Investment Objective (in millions)

	October 31, 2004	October 31, 2003	% Change
Equity Funds	\$ 36,895	\$ 28,854	28%
Fixed Income Funds	17,553	17,801	-1%
Bank Loan Funds	15,034	9,547	57%
Money Market Funds	389	445	-13%
Separate Accounts	24,475	18,397	33%
Total	\$ 94,346	\$ 75,044	26%

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Table 3
Asset Flows by Investment Objective (in millions)

	Three Months Ended		Twelve Months Ended	
	October 31, 2004	October 31, 2003	October 31, 2004	October 31, 2003
Equity Fund Assets - Beginning of Period	\$ 35,018	\$ 25,407	\$ 28,854	\$ 22,407
Sales/Inflows	2,559	2,073	9,776	4,073
Redemptions/Outflows	(1,629)	(885)	(4,071)	(2,073)
Exchanges	(2)	61	95	61
Market Value Change	949	1,538	2,241	3,073
Assets Acquired(1)	-	660	-	660
Net Change	1,877	3,447	8,041	5,094
Equity Fund Assets - End of Period	\$ 36,895	\$ 28,854	\$ 36,895	\$ 28,854
Fixed Income Fund Assets - Beginning of Period	17,090	17,580	17,801	13,801
Sales/Inflows	644	667	2,469	667
Redemptions/Outflows	(472)	(681)	(2,375)	(2,375)
Exchanges	(2)	(144)	(265)	(144)
Market Value Change	293	379	(77)	379
Net Change	463	221	(248)	221
Fixed Income Fund Assets - End of Period	\$ 17,553	\$ 17,801	\$ 17,553	\$ 17,801
Bank Loan Fund Assets - Beginning of Period	13,777	8,419	9,547	7,547
Sales/Inflows	1,810	1,333	7,578	3,333
Redemptions/Outflows	(541)	(310)	(2,183)	(1,333)
Exchanges	(4)	75	143	75
Market Value Change	(8)	30	(51)	30
Net Change	1,257	1,128	5,487	1,128
Bank Loan Fund Assets - End of Period	\$ 15,034	\$ 9,547	\$ 15,034	\$ 9,547
Long-Term Fund Assets - Beginning of Period	65,885	51,406	56,202	43,406
Sales/Inflows	5,013	4,073	19,823	13,406
Redemptions/Outflows	(2,642)	(1,876)	(8,629)	(6,876)
Exchanges	(8)	(8)	(27)	(8)
Market Value Change	1,234	1,947	2,113	4,073
Assets Acquired(1)	-	660	-	660
Net Change	3,597	4,796	13,280	12,406
Total Long-Term Fund Assets - End of Period	\$ 69,482	\$ 56,202	\$ 69,482	\$ 56,202
Separate Accounts - Beginning of Period	23,154	12,492	18,397	10,492
Institutional/HNW Account Inflows	1,172	695	3,680	2,492
Institutional/HNW Account Outflows	(569)	(505)	(2,001)	(1,492)
Institutional and HNW Assets Acquired(1) (2)	(53)	2,772	1,943	2,492

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Retail Managed Account Inflows	468	338	1,998	
Retail Managed Account Outflows	(246)	(142)	(1,053)	
Retail Managed Account Assets Acquired(1)	-	1,850	-	1
Separate accounts market value change	549	897	1,511	1

Net Change	1,321	5,905	6,078	7

Separate accounts - End of Period	\$ 24,475	\$ 18,397	\$ 24,475	\$ 18

Money market fund assets - End of Period	389	445	389	

Total Assets Under Management - End of Period	\$ 94,346	\$ 75,044	\$ 94,346	\$ 75
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- 1 Parametric Portfolio Associates acquired by Eaton Vance on September 10, 2003
- 2 Deutsche Bank's Scudder Private Investment Counsel assets acquired by Eaton Vance in July 2004 Deutsche Bank asset acquisition value adjusted in August 2004