

BANNER CORP  
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November 22, 2016

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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SCHEDULE 13D/A

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
(Amendment No. 2)\*

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Banner Corporation  
(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share  
(Title of Class of Securities)

06652V208  
(CUSIP Number)

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November 18, 2016  
(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of This Statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition that is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of §§ 240.13d-1(e), 240.13d-1(f) or 240.13d-1(g), check the following box.

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\* The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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SCHEDULE 13D

NAMES OF REPORTING  
PERSONS

1  
Friedman Fleischer & Lowe Capital  
Partners III, L.P.

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX  
IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

2  
(a)  
(b)

SEC USE ONLY

3

SOURCE OF FUNDS

4  
OO

CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF  
LEGAL PROCEEDING IS  
REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS  
2(d) or 2(e)

5

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF  
ORGANIZATION

6  
Delaware

SOLE VOTING POWER

7  
0

NUMBER OF  
SHARES  
BENEFICIALLY  
OWNED BY  
EACH  
REPORTING  
PERSON  
WITH

SHARED VOTING POWER

8  
571,800

9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

0

SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

10

571,800

AGGREGATE AMOUNT  
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY  
EACH PERSON

11

571,800

CHECK BOX IF THE  
AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW  
(11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN  
SHARES

12

PERCENT OF CLASS  
REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN  
ROW (11)

13

1.7%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

14

PN

2

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SCHEDULE 13D

NAMES OF REPORTING  
PERSONS

1  
Friedman Fleischer & Lowe Parallel  
Fund III, L.P.

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX  
IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

2  
(a)  
(b)

SEC USE ONLY

3

SOURCE OF FUNDS

4  
OO

CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF  
LEGAL PROCEEDING IS  
REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS  
2(d) or 2(e)

5

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF  
ORGANIZATION

6  
Delaware

NUMBER OF  
SHARES 7

BENEFICIALLY  
OWNED BY 0

EACH  
REPORTING 8

PERSON 378,924

WITH  
SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

9  
0

10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

378,924

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT  
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY  
EACH PERSON

378,924

12 CHECK BOX IF THE  
AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW  
(11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN  
SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS  
REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN  
ROW (11)

1.1%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

PN

3

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SCHEDULE 13D

NAMES OF REPORTING  
PERSONS

1 FFL Individual Partners III, L.P.

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX  
IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

2 (a)  
(b)

SEC USE ONLY

3

SOURCE OF FUNDS

4 OO

CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF  
LEGAL PROCEEDING IS  
REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS  
2(d) or 2(e)

5

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF  
ORGANIZATION

6 Delaware

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH

7

SOLE VOTING POWER

0

SHARED VOTING POWER

8

12,113

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

9

0

10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

12,113

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT  
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY  
EACH PERSON

12,113

12 CHECK BOX IF THE  
AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW  
(11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN  
SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS  
REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN  
ROW (11)

0.0%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

PN

4

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SCHEDULE 13D

NAMES OF REPORTING  
PERSONS

1 FFL Executive Partners III, L.P.

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX  
IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

2 (a)  
(b)

SEC USE ONLY

3

SOURCE OF FUNDS

4 OO

CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF  
LEGAL PROCEEDING IS  
REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS  
2(d) or 2(e)

5

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF  
ORGANIZATION

6 Delaware

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH

7

0

SOLE VOTING POWER

8

11,151

SHARED VOTING POWER

9

0

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

11,151

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT  
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY  
EACH PERSON

11,151

12 CHECK BOX IF THE  
AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW  
(11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN  
SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS  
REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN  
ROW (11)

0.0%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

PN

5

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SCHEDULE 13D

NAMES OF REPORTING  
PERSONS

1  
Friedman Fleischer & Lowe GP III,  
L.P.

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX  
IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

2  
(a)  
(b)

SEC USE ONLY

3

SOURCE OF FUNDS

4  
OO

CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF  
LEGAL PROCEEDING IS  
REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS  
2(d) or 2(e)

5

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF  
ORGANIZATION

6  
Delaware

NUMBER OF  
SHARES 7

BENEFICIALLY  
OWNED BY 0

EACH  
REPORTING 8

PERSON 973,988

WITH  
SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

9  
0

10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

973,988

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT  
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY  
EACH PERSON

973,988

12 CHECK BOX IF THE  
AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW  
(11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN  
SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS  
REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN  
ROW (11)

2.9%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

PN

6

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SCHEDULE 13D

NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

1 Friedman Fleischer & Lowe GP III, LLC

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

2 (a)  
(b)

SEC USE ONLY

3

SOURCE OF FUNDS

4 OO

CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDING IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) or 2(e)

5

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

6 Delaware

SOLE VOTING POWER

7 0

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH

8 SHARED VOTING POWER

973,988

9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

0

SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

10

973,988

AGGREGATE AMOUNT  
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY  
EACH PERSON

11

973,988

CHECK BOX IF THE  
AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW  
(11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN  
SHARES

12

PERCENT OF CLASS  
REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN  
ROW (11)

13

2.9%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

14

OO

7

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Amendment No. 2 to Schedule 13D

This Amendment No. 2 amends and supplements the Schedule 13D filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) on October 13, 2015, as amended by the Schedule 13D/A filed with the SEC on November 7, 2016 (the “Schedule 13D”). Except as set forth herein, the Schedule 13D is unmodified and remains in full force and effect. Each capitalized term used but not defined herein has the meaning ascribed to such term in the Schedule 13D. This Amendment No. 2 amends Item 5 as set forth below. The filing of this Amendment No. 2 represents the final amendment to the Schedule 13D and constitutes an exit filing for the Reporting Persons.

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer

Items 5(a) and (c) of the Schedule 13D are hereby amended and restated as follows:

(a) In the aggregate, the Reporting Persons beneficially own 973,988 shares of Common Stock, constituting approximately 2.9% of the issued and outstanding Common Stock, which consists of 571,800 shares of Common Stock held by Friedman Fleischer & Lowe Capital Partners III, L.P., 378,924 shares of Common Stock held by Friedman Fleischer & Lowe Parallel Fund III, L.P., 12,113 shares of Common Stock held by FFL Individual Partners III, L.P. and 11,151 shares of Common Stock held by FFL Executive Partners III, L.P. The FFL Funds are controlled by Friedman Fleischer & Lowe GP III, L.P., their general partner, which is controlled by Friedman Fleischer & Lowe GP III, LLC, its general partner.

All ownership percentages of the securities reporting in this Schedule 13D are based upon 33,424,524 shares of Common Stock outstanding as of October 31, 2016, as reported on the Company’s Quarterly Report filed on Form 10-Q for the period ending September 30, 2016, as filed with the SEC on November 7, 2016.

(c) Information concerning transactions in the shares of Common Stock effected by the Reporting Persons since the filing of Amendment No. 1 to the Schedule 13D is set forth in Annex A hereto and is incorporated herein by reference. All of the transactions in shares of Common Stock listed in Annex A hereto were effected in the open market or through a brokered block trade.

(e) As a result of the transactions described on Annex A hereto, on November 18, 2016, each of the Reporting Persons ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent (5%) of the outstanding Common Stock.

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SIGNATURES

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of our knowledge and belief, the undersigned certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: November 21, 2016

Friedman Fleischer & Lowe  
Capital Partners III, L.P.

By: Friedman Fleischer &  
Lowe GP III, L.P., its general  
partner

By: Friedman Fleischer &  
Lowe GP III, LLC, its general  
partner

By: /s/ Spencer C. Fleischer  
Name: Spencer C. Fleischer  
Title: Managing Member

Friedman Fleischer & Lowe  
Parallel Fund III, L.P.

By: Friedman Fleischer &  
Lowe GP III, L.P., its general  
partner

By: Friedman Fleischer &  
Lowe GP III, LLC, its general  
partner

By: /s/ Spencer C. Fleischer  
Name: Spencer C. Fleischer  
Title: Managing Member

FFL Individual Partners III,  
L.P.

By: Friedman Fleischer &  
Lowe GP III, L.P., its general  
partner

By: Friedman Fleischer &  
Lowe GP III, LLC, its general  
partner

By: /s/ Spencer C. Fleischer  
Name: Spencer C. Fleischer  
Title: Managing Member

FFL Executive Partners III,  
L.P.

By: Friedman Fleischer &  
Lowe GP III, L.P., its general  
partner



By: Friedman Fleischer &  
Lowe GP III, LLC, its general  
partner

By: /s/ Spencer C. Fleischer  
Name: Spencer C. Fleischer  
Title: Managing Member

Friedman Fleischer & Lowe  
GP III, L.P.

By: Friedman Fleischer &  
Lowe GP III, LLC, its general  
partner

By: /s/ Spencer C. Fleischer  
Name: Spencer C. Fleischer  
Title: Managing Member

Friedman Fleischer & Lowe  
GP III, LLC

By: /s/ Spencer C. Fleischer  
Name: Spencer C. Fleischer  
Title: Managing Member

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ANNEX A

## TRANSACTIONS IN THE COMMON STOCK BY THE REPORTING PERSONS

The following tables set forth all transactions in the Common Stock effected by the Reporting Persons since the filing of Amendment No. 1 to the Schedule 13D. All prices per share exclude commissions.

## Friedman Fleischer &amp; Lowe Capital Partners III, L.P.

Date of Sale	Total Shares Sold	Price Per Share	How Effected
November 18, 2016	422,693	\$ 48.32	Block trade

## Friedman Fleischer &amp; Lowe Parallel Fund III, L.P.

Date of Sale	Total Shares Sold	Price Per Share	How Effected
November 18, 2016	280,111	\$ 48.32	Block trade

## FFL Individual Partners III, L.P.

Date of Sale	Total Shares Sold	Price Per Share	How Effected
November 18, 2016	8,954	\$ 48.32	Block trade

## FFL Executive Partners III, L.P.

Date of Sale	Total Shares Sold	Price Per Share	How Effected
November 18, 2016	8,242	\$ 48.32	Block trade