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THE FOLLOWING PRESENTATION WAS USED IN A MEETING WITH ANALYSTS AND OTHERS.

























































Welcome to Wachovia  
Ben Jenkins,  
Vice Chairman and Head of the General  
Bank  
May 2006

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FOLLOWING  
WAS  
MADE  
AVAILABLE  
TO  
GOLDEN  
WEST  
AND  
WACHOVIA  
EMPLOYEES.

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Wachovia Corporation

Vision

We will be the best, most trusted  
and admired company in the  
financial services industry

Page 3  
Wachovia Corporation  
Core Values  
Integrity  
Respect and Value the Individual  
Teamwork  
Service  
Personal Excellence and Accountability  
Winning

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Head Office:

Customers:

Employees:

Assets:

Loans:

Deposits:

Corporate

Debt Ratings:

Market Cap:

Charlotte, N.C.

13.4 million households and businesses

97,000

\$542 billion

\$260 billion



\$323 billion

Moody s: Aa3

S&P: A+

\$95 billion\*\* #5 U.S.

Wachovia in Perspective\*

\*As of Mar. 31, 2006

\*\*As of May 5, 2006; Ranking among U.S. banks.

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Wachovia in Perspective

Our History

Wachovia Corporation was formed by the 2001 merger of First Union Corporation and the former Wachovia Corporation.

Former Wachovia formed in 1879 in the town of Winston-Salem under the name Wachovia National Bank. Merged with Wachovia Loan and Trust in 1911 to form Wachovia Corporation.

First Union formed in 1908. In 1958, Union National merged with First National Bank and Trust Company of Asheville, N.C., forming First Union National Bank of North Carolina.

Through  
more  
than

90

mergers

with

banks

and

other

companies

evolved into diversified financial services company.

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Delivering sustainable growth

2005

A year of strong performance

Fourth consecutive year of double-digit earnings growth

Fifth consecutive year of leading customer service

Generated strong customer acquisition and market share gains

Invested for the future

Superior shareholder returns

#2 shareholder return over 5 years: up 123%

Increased dividend 17% from 2004, 113% since year-end 2001

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Wachovia in perspective:

Diversified businesses

General Bank

\$3,904

(60%)

(Retail, small business and commercial banking)

3,159 branches, 5,179 ATMs

#3

Capital Management

\$579

(9%)

Retail Brokerage: 10,500 registered reps

#3\*

Mutual Fund: \$104 billion AUM

#17\*

Wealth Management (**Private Banking**)

\$256

(4%)

44,500 clients, \$66 billion client AUM

#4\*\*

Commercial Insurance Brokerage

#9

Corporate and Investment Bank

\$1,723

(27%)

3,800 corporate clients (2,400 institutional clients)

Capital Markets Issuance

Top 10

—

CDOs (Domestic)\*\*\*

#2

—

Loan syndications\*\*\*\*

#4

Cash Management

#3

2005 Segment Earnings

Key Business Lines

(\$ millions)

US Rank

\*Retail Brokerage ranking based on client assets of \$684 billion. Mutual Fund ranking based on FRC as of 11/30/05.

\*\*Wealth Management ranking based on total private banking assets under management of \$278 billion. Source: Barron's.

\*\*\*2005 league table rankings based on lead deal dollar volumes.

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4

th

largest bank

holding company in

U.S.

3

rd

largest full-service

U.S. brokerage firm\*

97,000 employees

3,159 financial

centers & 5,179 ATMs

730 retail brokerage

offices

Wachovia in perspective

Wachovia Financial Centers

Wachovia Brokerage Offices

Westcorp Financial Centers

\*Based on client assets; All data as of Mar. 31, 2006



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Wachovia in perspective:  
Together with Golden West  
Gold Mortgage Lending Offices States  
Gold Financial Centers

Wachovia Brokerage Offices  
Wachovia Financial Centers

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Best,  
most trusted &  
most admired  
financial services  
company  
Wachovia Strategic Business Priorities  
Employee  
Engagement  
Revenue  
Growth  
Customer  
Loyalty  
Corporate  
Governance

Lower  
Operating  
Cost  
Successful  
Merger  
Integration

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Competitive Compensation

Market-based compensation for all  
job classes

100% of employees eligible for cash  
incentives

Volunteer Opportunities

Time Away from Work for Community  
Service

More than 650,000 employee volunteer  
hours logged

Charitable Contributions

More than \$9 million in employee  
contributions matched

Education Opportunities

\$10 million in employee tuition  
reimbursement

49%

58%

70%

74%

Employee Engagement

Financial

Services

Average

High

Performers

WB\*

Best

Employers

\*Excludes SouthTrust

employees.

Source: Hewitt Associates Employee Engagement and Best Employer  
Database of 1,500 companies, including Fortune 500 (1997-2001).

Valuing Employees

Employee Engagement

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Employee Engagement

Sample of benefits:

Comprehensive health care benefits

Matched retirement savings plan

Education reimbursement program

4 hours paid time/month to volunteer

Wachovia is recognized for developing an inclusive workplace that values employees:

One  
of  
Working  
Mother  
magazine's  
100  
Best  
Companies  
for  
3  
rd  
consecutive  
year.

Top  
50  
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Essence



magazine s Outstanding Companies for Black Women.

100 Best Corporations in North America for Developing Human Capital in  
Training  
Magazine  
for  
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Customer Loyalty

40.2%

45.3%

48.6%

51.1%

55.0%

4Q02

4Q03

4Q04

4Q05

2006

Percentage Loyal

Customers\*

\*Data is from independent studies conducted with customers who

transact in our Financial Centers. Definition of a loyal customer is a customer who rates Wachovia a 7 in all three loyalty questions satisfaction with Wachovia, likelihood to recommend, and likelihood to repurchase (scale of 1-7).

Goal

5.59

6.35

6.49

6.57

6.59

6.63

1Q99

4Q01

4Q02

4Q03

4Q04

4Q05

\*Data is from independent studies conducted with customers who transact in our Financial Centers. Scores prior to 1Q02 for legacy First Union only. Scale of 1-7.

Customer attrition is total customer attrition and includes single service credit card, mortgage and trust households and out of footprint households.

Customer Satisfaction

Scores\*

11%

20%

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Customer Loyalty  
Wachovia  
79  
+10%  
(#1)  
All Others  
78  
+5%  
Bank of America  
72  
+6%  
Wells Fargo  
67  
+2%

Bank One/JPMC

70

6%

2005 American Customer

Satisfaction Index\*

Score

2005

vs. 2001

#1 for 5

th

consecutive year

\*Annual consumer satisfaction survey by the University of Michigan.

USAA Federal Savings Banks

824

Commerce Bancorp

808

Downey Savings & Loan

797

ING Bank

767

Wachovia Bank

755

#1 among large banks

Huntington National Bank

745

Washington Mutual Bank

744

Comerica Bank

744

Regions Bank

733

Fifth Third Bank

731

Scores based on 1,000-point scale. Industry average was 741.

J.D. Power and Associates

2006 Retail Banking Satisfaction

Study

sm

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Customer Loyalty:

The Wachovia Service Philosophy

I will warmly welcome you.

I will focus only on you.

I will make it easy to do business with me.

I will take ownership of your needs.

I will be knowledgeable and professional.

I will be responsive to your questions and requests.

I appreciate your business.

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Revenue Growth:

Investing in the business drives future growth

Reinvesting 30-50% of efficiencies for future revenue growth

2006 Growth Initiatives

Credit Cards

Focused marketing to WB s 11 million retail and small business households

Mortgage

Expand modest market share

Hire 500-700 mortgage bankers

Auto Loans

Westcorp  
acquisition adds \$13 billion in auto loans  
De novo branches

Plan to open 100+ branches annually going forward  
Strategically positioned hiring and investments

Hiring up to 1,000 retail brokers



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Yes

No

Senior management required to retain  
75% of all stock awards until retirement

Yes

No

Stock options expensed

Yes

No

All stock plans approved by shareholders

Yes

No

All directors have meaningful Wachovia  
stock holdings

Yes

No

Board meets independently from  
management

Yes

No

Lead Independent Director

16

26

Board Size

2006

1999

Corporate Governance Leadership

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Lower Operating Costs:

Improving Overhead Efficiency\*

64.7%

60.6%

57.2%

64.3%

59.1%

56.2%

60.0%

2000

2001

2002

2003

2004

1Q05

2Q05

2007 Goal

\*Overhead efficiency ratio excludes merger-related and restructuring charges, changes in accounting principle and intangible a

2007 not a projection, results may differ from expectations for a number of reasons.

52 -

55%

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Successful Merger Integration

Track record of successful integrations:

First Union/Wachovia

2003

SouthTrust

2005

Our Philosophy:

Goal = no customer attrition

Thoughtful, deliberate approach

Retain all frontline, customer-facing employees

Carefully plan merger transitions and conversions

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General Bank Overview

\$9B Revenue

\$89B Loans

\$170B Deposits

\$26B Mortgage Production

Over 10MM Relationships

3,159 Financial Centers and 5,179 ATMs

#3 national branch & market share

#1 share in Southeast

\$13B Revenue

\$178B Loans

\$216B Deposits

11MM Household & Business

Relationships

45,400 Employees

As of 1st

Quarter 2006.

\$3.8B Revenue

\$89B Loans

\$47B Deposits

75,000 Wholesale Relationships

7,000 Auto Finance Relationships

Includes Commercial, Business Banking, Real

Estate Financial Services and Wachovia Dealer

Services

34% Commercial Do Business

share

#2 national market share in Real

Estate Financial Services

Retail & Small Business

Wholesale Businesses

General Bank



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General Bank Focus Areas

Service

Delivery

Sales focus with industry-leading service levels

Drive

new

customer

acquisition

and

customer

retention

Relentless pursuit of customer loyalty (2005 goal of 52%)

Sales

Management

Communication, measurement, incentives and coaching  
Continued focus on increasing branch productivity  
Generating industry leading balance sheet growth  
Distribution  
Excellence  
De Novo in Texas, NYC, and high growth in footprint markets  
Network management (refurbishment, consolidations, etc.)  
Extended hours in selected markets (Capital and Atlanta)  
Building  
Credit  
Businesses  
Mortgage  
Credit Card  
Auto Finance  
People  
Drive higher employee satisfaction and retention  
Adjust training and development to match new requirements  
Revenue growth 2 x expensive growth  
Operating  
Leverage

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-40%

-20%

0%

20%

40%

60%

80%

100%

120%

140%

4Q01

4Q02

4Q03

4Q04

4Q05

Sustainable growth drives  
material stock outperformance

S&P 500 +3%

5 year Total Return

BKX +33%

WB +123%

(# 2 of Top 20

U.S. Banks)

Wachovia's 5 year total return performance of 123%

is more than 3.5 times that of the BKX

and 41 times that of the S&P 500

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Marketplace Accolades  
Top 100 Companies for  
Working Mothers  
Top 100 Best Corporate  
Citizens  
Outstanding CRA rating  
Top 20 Best Corporate  
Reputation  
Outstanding Corporation for  
Philanthropic Efforts

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