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MB Financial, Inc. will file a registration statement on Form S-4 with the Securities and Exchange Commission in connection with the proposed merger of First SecurityFed Financial, Inc. with MB Financial. The registration statement will include a proxy statement/prospectus which will be sent to the stockholders of First SecurityFed seeking their approval of the proposed transaction. Investors and security holders are advised to read the proxy statement/prospectus because it will contain important information. When filed, these documents can be obtained free of charge from the web site maintained by the SEC at www.sec.gov. This document also can be obtained free of charge upon written request to MB Financial, Inc., Secretary, 1200 North Ashland Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60622 or by calling (773) 645-7868.

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Set forth below is material prepared for presentation at an industry conference.

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Forward Looking Statements

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MB Financial Snapshot

As of December 31, 2003

Offices	41
Bank subsidiaries	2
Assets	\$ 4.4 billion
Loans	\$ 2.8 billion
Deposits	\$ 3.4 billion
Trust assets under management	\$ 1.4 billion

2003 Statistics:

Net income		million
	\$	53.4(+15.1%)
Cash return on tangible equity		18.8%
Return on equity		14.8%
Return on assets		1.3%
Efficiency ratio		55.7%
Fully diluted EPS	\$	1.96 (+14.0%)
Fully diluted EPS 2004 IBES estimate	\$	2.27 (+15.8%)
Market information:		
Stock price February 17, 2004	\$	36.76
Market capitalization	\$	983.3 million
P/E (TTM)		18.8
P/E forward (2004 based on IBES estimate)		16.2
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Chicago Area Branch Map

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Key Strategies

Dual growth sources		
Core businesses are growing rapidly		

Commercial Banking

Wealth Management

Retail Banking

Mergers and acquisitions supplement core business growth

Balanced revenue and profit streams from our business lines
Decreasing dependence on net interest related revenues
Expanding fee businesses
Remaining focused on current business segments
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Commercial Banking

Well devel	oped Commercial Banking business including:
	Middle-market business financing
	Lease banking
	Treasury management
	Capital markets products (swaps, floors, caps)
	Real estate investor, construction, developer financing
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Target market is companies with revenues ranging from \$5-50 million		
Loans are granular typical size is \$3-6 million		
Focus is on relationship banking		
We are adding senior lenders focused on growing the business		
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Commercial Banking Loans Outstanding

+17% CAGR

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*Includes commercial loans collateralized by assignment of lease payments.

Wealth Management

Rapidly exp	panding business and capabilities:
	Private Banking
	High touch/high service approach
planning)	Staff are deep generalists (loans, deposits, trust and asset management services, estate and financial
	Trust/Asset Management
	High touch/high service approach
	Asset management side uses an open architecture format
	Objective advice
	Superior returns
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Vision Investment Services
High quality provider
Provides brokerage services through MB and other community banks
Rapidly growing
Works closely with Retail
Overall
Relationship focused
Team approach
Focused on what s best for the client
Significant growth potential Commercial side holds strong potential for referrals and new business
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Wealth Management Revenue

49% CAGR

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Retail Banking

Consumer and small business
Deposit and credit services
Sales/service culture
Focused on growing core transaction accounts
Free Checking
Top Rate NOW
Bank @ Work
Gateway to other services Brokerage platform, Trust/Asset Management, Private Banking
Efficient expertise in mortgage platform low cost; can scale quickly to react to volume changes
Upgrading branch locations to maximize growth and profitability
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Bank Holding Companies Cook County Deposit Market Share

As of June 30, 2003 Pending Ownership as of February 17, 2004

Rank	Institution	Туре	Branch Count	Total Deposits in Market (\$000)	Total Market Share (%)
	J.P. Morgan Chase & Co. (NY (Bank				
1	One)	Bank	119	36,949,238	23.73
2	LaSalle Bank Corporation (IL)	Bank	87	23,966,499	15.39
3	Bank of Montreal (Harris)	Bank	68	13,811,017	8.87
4	Citigroup Inc. (NY)	Bank	38	7,546,703	4.85
5	Northern Trust Corp. (IL)	Bank	9	7,220,877	4.64
6	Charter One Financial (OH)	Bank	68	5,015,087	3.22
7	Bank of America Corp. (NC)	Bank	7	3,608,341	2.32
8	Fifth Third Bancorp (OH)	Bank	28	3,322,016	2.13
9	MB Financial Inc. (IL)*	Bank	34	3,144,652	2.02
10	MAF Bancorp Inc. (IL)	Thrift	28	3,077,599	1.98
11	Corus Bankshares Inc. (IL)	Bank	11	2,252,641	1.45
12	FBOP Corp. (IL)	Bank	19	2,008,449	1.29
13	Taylor Capital Group Inc. (IL)	Bank	10	1,971,699	1.27
14	TCF Financial Corp. (MN)	Bank	109	1,897,549	1.22
15	First Midwest Bancorp Inc. (IL)	Bank	15	1,808,512	1.16
16	Wintrust Financial Corp. (IL)	Bank	13	1,568,565	1.01
17	Metropolitan Bank Group Inc. (IL)	Bank	44	1,458,670	0.94
18	U.S. Bancorp (MN)	Bank	21	1,304,944	0.84
19	Parkway Bancorp Inc. (IL)	Bank	14	1,293,476	0.83
20	Popular Inc. (PR)	Bank	16	1,196,972	0.77

^{* -} Includes First SecurityFed Financial, Inc.

Source: SNL Datasource

Mergers and Acquisitions

Supplements our core growth

Allows us to strengthen our Company in key business areas

We have capitalized on good opportunities over the past ten years

M & A Highlights 2001 to 2004

	Assets
1990 to 2000 (10 mergers and acquisitions)	\$ 1.9 billion
Acquired FSL Holdings, Inc. April 2001	\$ 222 million
MidCity Financial and MB Financial merge November 2001	MOE
Acquired Lincolnwood Financial Corp. April 2002	\$ 228 million
Acquired LaSalle Systems Leasing August 2002	\$ 92 million
Acquired South Holland Bancorp February 2003	\$ 560 million
Divested Abrams Centre Bancshares May 2003	\$ 98 million
Announced First SecurityFed Financial merger January 2004	\$ 491 million
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M & A Success Factors

Integration starts as	soon as the deal	is signed and is	s completed ra	pidly

We deliver promised results

Financial modeling is realistic

Cost savings targets are met

Very experienced M&A management team with proven M&A performance

Disciplined acquisition pricing

Recent Acquisition Pricing

Transaction	P/E	P/E Adj*	P/B	Prem/ Dep
FSL	21.7	9.7	1.2	4.3%
Lincolnwood	14.4	9.7	1.6	6.9%
LaSalle Leasing	10.0	6.3	1.3	N/A
South Holland	18.1	10.3	1.2	4.4%
First SecurityFed	16.8	9.8	1.7	18.8%

^{*} P/E Adj is computed as (price excess equity) / (pre-acquisition core earnings + after-tax cost savings in year one after tax earnings on excess equity).

Transaction	IRR	1 st Yr EPS	1 st Yr Cost Saves
FSL	27%	+3.5%	42%
Lincolnwood	27%	+4.5%	50%
LaSalle Leasing	22%	+3.4%	0%
South Holland	22%	+3.5%	21%
First SecurityFed*	21%	+3.5%	15%

^{*} For First SecurityFed, second year EPS accretion is projected to be 3.8% and second year cost saves are estimated to be 32%.

Fully Diluted Earnings Per Share

We are rapidly growing earnings

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** All data has been adjusted to reflect 50% stock dividend.

^{*} Including \$19.2 million after tax merger charge.

Net Income

Company has consistently grown earnings

Both core business growth and M&A contribute

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Net Interest Income

Consistently growing as we expand our business

Similar on loan growth trend

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Net Interest Margin

Margins have been stable through various interest rate environments

Prepayment fees and loan rate floors have protected margins

Company is insulated from parallel shifts in yield curve

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Non-Performing Loans to Total Loans

Credit quality has been

Excellent, stable, predictable

Better than peers with large C&I portfolios

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Net Charge-offs to Average Loans

Charge-offs have been manageable

Portfolio is granular

We avoid big bets on loans

Extensive due diligence is done prior to acquiring loans through acquisition

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Allowance to Loans

Appropriate reserves for potential losses

Statistical modeling techniques used to determine appropriate allowance

Default risk is appropriately priced into loans originated

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Other Income

Focus area for growth in Strategic Plan

Diversifying and rapidly growing revenue sources

Wealth Management, Deposit Services and Lease Banking are strong contributors to growth

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Other Income to Total Revenues

Revenue streams are becoming more balanced

Will continue to be a strategic area of focus

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Efficiency Ratio

We are carefully managing expenses

Investments are being made in revenue producing personnel

Uptick in 2003 related to large increase in fee revenue

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Cash Return on Tangible Equity

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MBFI Stock Price

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