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The following factors, among others, could cause Wachovia s financial performance to differ materially from that expressed in such forward-looking statements: (1) the risk that the businesses of Wachovia and A.G. Edwards in connection with the Merger or the businesses of Wachovia and Golden West in connection with the Golden West Merger will not be integrated successfully or such integration may be more difficult, time-consuming or costly than expected; (2) the risk that expected revenue

synergies and cost savings from the Merger or the Golden West Merger may not be fully realized or realized within the expected time frame; (3) the risk that revenues following the Merger or the Golden West Merger may be lower than expected; (4) deposit attrition, operating costs, customer loss and business disruption following the Merger or the Golden West Merger, including, without limitation, difficulties in maintaining relationships with employees, may be greater than expected; (5) the inability to obtain governmental approvals of the Merger on the proposed terms and schedule; (6) the failure of A.G. Edwards' shareholders to approve the Merger; (7) risk that the strength of the United States economy in general and the strength of the local economies in which Wachovia and/or A.G. Edwards conducts operations may be different than expected resulting in, among other things, a deterioration in credit quality or a reduced demand for credit, including the resultant effect on Wachovia's loan portfolio and allowance for loan losses; (8) the effects of, and changes in, trade, monetary and fiscal policies and laws, including interest rate policies of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; (9) potential or actual litigation; (10) inflation, interest rate, market and monetary fluctuations; and (11) adverse conditions in the stock market, the public debt market and other capital markets (including changes in interest rate conditions) and the impact of such conditions on Wachovia's and A.G. Edwards' brokerage and capital markets activities. Additional factors that could cause Wachovia's and A.G. Edwards' results to differ materially from those described in the forward-looking statements can be found in Wachovia's and A.G. Edwards' Annual Reports on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and Current Reports on Form 8-K filed with the SEC. All subsequent written and oral forward-looking statements concerning Wachovia or the proposed Merger or other matters and attributable to Wachovia or A.G. Edwards or any person acting on their behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by the cautionary statements above. Wachovia and A.G. Edwards do not undertake any obligation to update any forward-looking statement, whether written or oral, relating to the matters discussed in this filing.

The proposed Merger will be submitted to A.G. Edwards' shareholders for their consideration. Wachovia has filed a registration statement with the SEC, which includes a preliminary proxy statement/prospectus regarding the proposed Merger. A.G. Edwards' shareholders are urged to read the registration statement and the definitive proxy statement/prospectus when it becomes available, as well as any other relevant documents concerning the proposed Merger filed with the SEC (and any amendments or supplements to those documents), because they will contain important information. You will be able to obtain a free copy of the registration statement and the proxy statement/prospectus, as well as other filings containing information about Wachovia and A.G. Edwards, at the SEC's website (<http://www.sec.gov>) and at the companies' respective websites, [www.wachovia.com](http://www.wachovia.com) and [www.agedwards.com](http://www.agedwards.com). Copies of the definitive proxy statement/prospectus and the SEC filings that will be incorporated by reference in the proxy statement/prospectus can also be obtained, free of charge, by directing a request to Wachovia Corporation, Investor Relations, One Wachovia Center, 301 South College Street, Charlotte, NC 28288-0206, (704)-383-0798; or to A.G. Edwards, Inc., Investor Relations, One North Jefferson Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63103, (314) 955-3000.

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Ken Thompson, Chairman and CEO

Don Truslow, Chief Risk Officer

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Long-term trends highlight  
execution excellence

Fifth consecutive year of double-digit earnings growth

Sixth consecutive year of No. 1 customer service

Improved efficiency ratio by 932 bps from 2001

Continued investment for sustainable growth

Superior credit quality

Strong shareholder returns

#1 shareholder return year-end 2001

2006

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shareholder return year-end 2001

YTD 07\*: up 88%

Increased dividend 10% from 2005, 133% since  
year-end 2001

\*As of August 8, 2007.

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Industry concerns

Meeting the challenge in 2007 and beyond

Wachovia response

Slower Growth

Economy

Interest Rate

Environment

New product development

Credit Cycle

Concerns

Diversified scale businesses

Great footprint in high growth

and high wealth markets  
Superior customer service  
and loyalty  
Focus on customer acquisition  
and sales execution in newly  
acquired businesses  
Cross-enterprise sales  
management  
Improving overhead efficiency  
ratio  
Focus on retail DDA  
account sales  
Disciplined retail pricing  
Highly collateralized, low  
risk consumer portfolio  
Granular commercial  
portfolio  
Challenge  
Modest exposures to capital  
markets  
areas of concern



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\*As reported segment earnings through December 31, 2006 excluding merger and restructuring charges of \$115 million after-tax  
Combined

2006 and 2005 revenues were \$33.1 billion and \$29.6 billion, respectively. For additional information on Combined  
results see Wachovia's Current Report on Form 8-K dated July 20, 2007.

Wachovia in perspective

Diversified, scale businesses

Capital

Management

Corporate

& Investment

Bank

General

Bank

Wealth

Management

62%

24%

3%

11%

2006 vs. 2005

Earnings up 19%

to \$7.9 billion\*

Record earnings in

all 4 segments

Combined

revenues

up 12% from 2005

1H07 vs. 1H06

Earnings up 7% on

strong fee income and

solid credit quality

Wachovia's 4 Core Businesses Earned \$8.4 billion\* in 2006

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Wachovia

80

+21.2%

(#1)

All Others

78

+8.3%

Bank of America

72

+14.3%

JPM/Bank One

72

2.9%

Wells Fargo

72

7.5%

Superior customer service and loyalty  
drives results

40.2%

48.6%

51.8%

52.1%

53.7%

55.0%

4Q02

4Q04

4Q06

1Q07

2Q07

Goal

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).

2006 American Customer  
Satisfaction Index

6

th

year of No. 1 rank

Most improved since #1  
ranking

in 2001

Score

2006

vs. 2000

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Operating efficiency improvements  
drives results

51.5%

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53.5%

Cash Overhead Efficiency Ratio\*

\*Excludes merger-related and restructuring expenses, changes in accounting principle and other intangible amortization.

63.6%

59.1%

60.5%

60.0%

58.0%

54.2%  
56.3%  
2001  
2002  
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2005  
2006  
1H07  
2007 Goal

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Initiative

Auto Loans

Results exceeding expectations as we focus on  
existing 11.5 million retail and small business  
households

Cross-sell opportunities continue as we leverage  
nation s 7

th

largest auto loan origination platform

Investing for long-term growth  
drives results

Mortgage

Lending

Leveraging platform to increase cross-sales by placing mortgage consultants in branches and training financial specialists

Credit Cards

Retail branch expansion also drives growth in Commercial, Wealth Management, Insurance and our other businesses



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Period-end balance sheet as of 6/30/2007.

Loan portfolio at a glance

High quality, low loss content

Total Loan Portfolio

89% Secured/Guaranteed

Consumer

Mortgage

Other

Consumer

Real Estate

Secured

Student

Auto, Other

Secured

Commercial,

Financial &

Agricultural

Commercial

Real Estate

Commercial

Leasing

Commercial

Foreign

\$254 billion consumer loan portfolio

96% secured (additional 3% guaranteed)

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87% secured by Real Estate

87% secured by a first lien

70% average loan-to-value

699 average FICO score

\$175 billion commercial loan portfolio

76% secured

No industry > 5% (3-digit SIC)

\$1.7 million average size

38%

5%

3%

9%

24%

6%

13%

2%

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Consumer real estate portfolio

Consumer Real Estate Portfolio - On-Balance Sheet (Net of Unearned Income)

Loan

Average

Average

% of Loans

(dollars in millions)

Balances

FICO

LTV

(1)

LTV > 90%

Home equity loans and lines

First lien

\$

28,445

729

71%

13%

Second lien

29,284

725

75%

14%

Total home equity loans and lines

57,729

727

73%

14%

Mortgage loans

162,564

689

70%

2%

Total consumer real estate portfolio

220,293

699

70%

5%

Nonaccrual loans

Total first lien

1,289

648

76%

4%

Total second lien

47

682

82%

27%

Total consumer real estate nonaccrual loans

\$  
1,336  
  
649  
76%  
5%  
(1)  
Second lien LTVs reflect the total borrowings, including first lien positions held by third parties.  
Consumer real estate loans with FICO score < 620 and LTV > 80% total  
only \$1.1 billion

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Investment Banking positions

Modest leveraged loan and high yield bond bridge  
positions

4% market share

YTD 2007

\*

Little hedge fund exposure; not a prime broker

Minimal subprime exposure

Exited HomEq

and Equibanc; Vertice

ceased subprime  
originations in 1Q06  
Structured product pipelines at manageable levels

CDO/CLO pipelines reduced substantially from  
2Q07 levels

3Q07-to-date have marketed 2 CMBS deals

Sold nearly all bonds below A rated levels

(\*)

Loan Pricing Corp (LPC) leveraged league tables by \$ volume

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0.14%

WB

0.14%

BAC

0.81%

JPM

0.85%

WFC

0.87%

C

1.14%

Net Charge-off Ratio



0.99%

Credit quality

Risk reduction = best-in-class credit positioning

0.37%

0.70%

2001

2Q07

Wachovia

Median: Top 20 U.S. Banks

0.60%

1.04%

0.48%

NPA/Loans Ratio

1.05%

2001

2Q07

Source: Company reports.

BAC

0.32%

WB

0.48%

JPM

0.57%

WFC

0.79%

C

0.89%

25.8x

4.96x

5.82x

10.0x

2Q07

2001

WB

25.8x

JPM

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BAC

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PTPP Earnings\*/

Charge-offs

\*Pre-tax, pre-provision earnings.

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Long-term priorities

Continued focus on execution drives results

Maintaining employee engagement

Building customer loyalty and maintaining service  
excellence

Executing revenue growth strategies

Employing proactive risk management strategies

Improving cost structure and operating efficiencies  
while reinvesting for future growth

Focus on financial strength and corporate governance

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Additional information

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Information

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