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Annual Report

INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- > **5 year Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of**
 - **Total Assets 10.4%**
 - **Deposits 11.6%**
 - **Cash Dividends 8.4%**
- > **5 year Total Return 102%**

2004 HIGHLIGHTS

- > **Loan Growth of 23%**
- > **Low net charge-offs; 15 basis points of average loans**
- > **Noninterest Deposit Growth of 33%**
- > **Deposit Growth of 24%**
- > **Announced 5% stock dividend**
- > **Total return on stock 20.2%**
- > **Opened new banking offices**
 - **Greenville**
 - **Hilton Head**
 - **Summerville**
 - **Fort Mill (Loan Production Office)**
- > **Formed The Mortgage Banc**
- > **Formed The Wealth Management Group**
- > **Announced plans to acquire New Commerce BanCorp**

2004 Financial Summary

	2004	2003	% Change	
(Dollars in thousands except per share)				
Loans, Net of Unearned Discount	\$ 1,153,230	\$ 938,760	22.8	%
Total Assets	\$ 1,436,977	\$ 1,197,692	20.0	%
Total Deposits	\$ 1,171,313	\$ 947,399	23.6	%
Shareholders' Equity	\$ 118,798	\$ 112,349	5.7	%
Net Income	\$ 14,016	\$ 14,786	(5.2)	%
Diluted EPS	\$ 1.72	\$ 1.82	(5.2)	%
Return on Average Assets	1.05%	1.23%	(14.6)	%
Return on Average Equity	12.20%	13.72%	(11.1)	%

Year Ended December 31					
(Dollars in thousands, except per share)	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000
Interest income	\$ 67,908	\$ 64,854	\$ 67,324	\$ 74,472	\$ 73,846
Interest expense	14,643	14,622	18,752	29,972	33,232
Net interest income	53,265	50,232	48,572	44,500	40,614
Provision for loan losses	4,332	2,345	3,227	2,304	1,838
Net interest income after provision for loan losses	48,933	47,887	45,345	42,196	38,776
Noninterest income	22,651	22,915	17,848	13,680	10,971
Noninterest expense	51,131	48,715	42,567	37,133	34,096
Income before provision for income taxes	20,453	22,087	20,626	18,743	15,651
Provision for income taxes	6,437	7,301	6,792	6,486	5,118
Net income	\$ 14,016	\$ 14,786	\$ 13,834	\$ 12,257	\$ 10,533
PER COMMON SHARE					
Net income, basic	\$ 1.74	\$ 1.83	\$ 1.72	\$ 1.51	\$ 1.30
Net income, diluted	1.72	1.82	1.71	1.51	1.30
Book value	14.77	13.91	12.85	11.57	10.45
Cash dividends	0.65	0.63	0.54	0.50	0.47
Dividend payout ratio	36.66%	33.98%	33.71%	32.63%	36.09%

	Year Ended December 31		% Change Increase/ (Decrease)
(Dollars in thousands, except per share)	2004	2003	
FOR THE YEAR			
Interest income	\$ 67,908	\$ 64,854	4.7%
Interest expense	14,643	14,622	0.1
Net interest income	53,265	50,232	6.0
Provision for loan losses	4,332	2,345	84.7
Noninterest income	22,651	22,915	(1.2)
Noninterest expense	51,131	48,715	5.0
Income before provision for income taxes	20,453	22,087	(7.4)
Provision for income taxes	6,437	7,301	(11.8)
Net income	14,016	14,786	(5.2)
PER COMMON SHARE			
Net income, basic	\$ 1.738	\$ 1.833	(5.2)%
Net income, diluted	1.721	1.815	(5.2)
Cash dividends	0.65	0.63	3.2
Book value	14.77	13.91	6.2
KEY PERFORMANCE MEASURES			
Return on average assets	1.05%	1.23%	(14.6)%
Return on average equity	12.20%	13.72%	(11.1)
Average nonperforming assets as a percentage of loans & OREO	0.59	0.76	(22.4)
Average shareholders' equity as a percentage of average assets	8.65	9.00	(3.9)
SELECTED YEAR END BALANCES			
Assets	\$1,436,977	\$ 1,197,692	20.0%
Loans, net of unearned income*	1,153,230	938,760	22.8
Investment securities	165,446	152,009	8.8
Deposits	1,171,313	947,399	23.6
Nondeposit borrowings	141,136	133,017	6.1
Shareholders' equity	118,798	112,349	5.7
Number of common shares outstanding	7,657,094	7,690,186	(0.4)

Per share data have been retroactively adjusted to give effect to a 10% common stock dividend paid to shareholders of record as of November 22, 2002 and a 5% common stock dividend paid to shareholders of record as of December 20, 2004.

*Excludes loans held for sale.

For more financial information about the Company, please refer to SCBT Financial Corporation's 2004 Annual Report on Form 10-K, a copy of which is included with the package provided to the Company's shareholders in connection with the Company's 2005 annual meeting of shareholders.



Robert R. Horger
Chairman of the Board
SCBT Financial Corporation

TO OUR SHAREHOLDERS & CUSTOMERS

The year 2004 marked the 70th anniversary of South Carolina Bank and Trust. Throughout those 70 years our company has built its well-earned reputation on relationships and relationship banking. We have found that our style of relationship banking has been well received as we focus on our goal of becoming South Carolina's premier community bank.

2004 was a year of transition, challenge and growth for our company. When C. John Hipp, III resigned in late 2004, Robert R. Hill, Jr. was quickly and unanimously selected as SCBT Financial's new CEO. Robert's experience and innate ability to lead will serve our shareholders and customers well in the years to come, and his dedication and vision for the company are certainly a basis for optimism at SCBT Financial. Part of John's legacy to the company was to leave a very talented and prepared management team in place to assist Robert. We would like to thank John Hipp for his leadership and vision in moving the company forward towards a statewide presence.

The past year was a challenging one in certain respects. Economic conditions, including historically low interest rates and a slowly improving economy, negatively affected our interest rate margins. Additionally, like many institutions, we experienced reduced mortgage origination fee income. We also incurred various non-recurring expenses during the year. As a result, earnings for 2004 do not match the prior year's earnings.

On the positive side of the ledger, we have experienced quite significant loan and deposit growth during 2004, including noninterest deposit growth of 32.9%. Our asset quality remains quite good. We launched The Mortgage Banc, which we believe in the long term can be a healthy contributor to noninterest income. We have also made great improvements in our Wealth Management division.

During 2004 we continued our strategy of expanding existing markets and entering new markets. We opened new branches in Greenville, Hilton Head, Fort Mill and Summerville. In addition, in December we announced plans to acquire New Commerce BanCorp in the Greenville area. This acquisition will double our presence in the vibrant upstate of South Carolina. Our management group and brand will certainly be leveraged in one of the high growth markets in our state.

We continue to look for expansion opportunities with the right partners. We are interested in those opportunities both in new markets and in markets which we currently serve. Of course, safety and soundness are the fundamental concerns of our company. We also seek to attain the right balance of growth and income in the best interest of our shareholders.

Your board of directors and management team has emphasized appropriate corporate governance. Frankly, it is my view that our company has been ahead of the curve in corporate governance and the culture of our board is to make our very good system of governance even better. Consequently, we remain diligent regarding our corporate processes and procedures. We will consistently strive to meet heightened expectations of shareholders and customers.

As we enter our eighth decade of service, I believe that the future at SCBT is bright. We have many opportunities for growth and development in South Carolina. We have a very fine management team in place to lead the company and help us achieve our expectations. We have a cohesive, focused and experienced group of bankers with morale that has never been higher. Of course, there are always challenges, but as you can tell I am very optimistic about the prospects of our company.

We thank you for your support and as always we welcome your comments.

Sincerely,

Robert R. Horger
Chairman of the Board

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President and CEO
SCBT Financial Corporation

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DEAR SHAREHOLDERS, CUSTOMERS, AND FRIENDS,

Amid the growth and progress of the past year, 2004 was also a year of transition, as I became your 10th CEO in the history of SCBT Financial Corporation. It is with a great deal of pride and pleasure that I communicate with you in my first Shareholders letter. As the new CEO of SCBT, I follow in the footsteps of an outstanding leader, C. John Hipp, III, who built a strong strategic platform with great potential. All of us at SCBT thank John for his years of vision and guidance.

During this year of transition, SCBT acted on many opportunities in our state, while facing the challenges of tighter net interest margins, slowdowns in mortgage lending, and an increase in our provision for loan losses as a result of increased growth and expansion. Despite these challenges, 2004 proved to be a year in which we laid a solid strategic groundwork for significant progress in the years to come. In short, the past year provided many highlights for SCBT. Here are a few:

Organic Growth of More Than 20%: Traditionally, our company’s focus has been on organic growth. 2004 was no different. During the past year, our outstanding loans increased 22.8%. Deposits increased 23.6%, and growth in noninterest checking increased 32.9%. In addition, we opened new offices in Greenville, Hilton Head, Fort Mill and Summerville. One of the more dynamic growth statistics (and one I am most proud of) concerns new account activity. Last year, we opened 10,771 new personal checking accounts and 2,512 new business checking accounts, a 42% increase from 2003. This is a strong vote of confidence from the people of South Carolina.

Additional Focus on Noninterest Income: One of our goals during 2004 was to bolster our efforts to increase noninterest income. As a result, John C. Pollok, our COO, opened The Mortgage Banc, a wholesale banking subsidiary designed to increase our noninterest income opportunities. Additionally,

we expanded our Wealth Management unit and named Todd Harward as our head of that division. With 18 years of experience at Bank of America, Todd’s leadership will enable us to capitalize on additional noninterest revenue through a variety of Wealth Management services.

70 Years of Service: In 2004, we marked our 70th year of operations, seven decades of service to the people of South Carolina. We are proud, and frankly humbled, that for seventy years men and women have walked through our doors and trusted us with their financial futures. We have never taken this trust or our responsibilities for granted. We believe in the relationships we have created and we work hard to expand and deepen them. In the course of seventy years, through the loyalty and trust of our customers and shareholders, we have evolved from a small bank to the 3rd largest S.C. based commercial bank.

Acquisition in Fast Growing Upstate: The Upstate of South Carolina is the largest banking market in the state, an area we felt would welcome our style of customer service and relationship banking. We opened two offices in that market in 2003 – 2004, and have assembled a dynamic team of great bankers. To enhance our market presence, in December of 2004 we announced a definitive agreement to acquire New Commerce BanCorp. Upon completion of this acquisition, we will double our presence in South Carolina’s Upstate, with four offices and approximately \$250 million in assets.

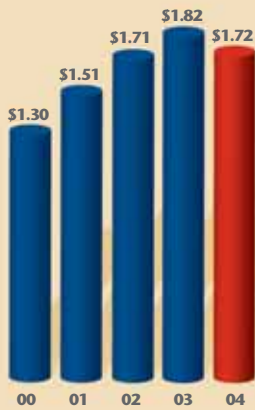
A Great Team: The primary reason for our success in 2004 is the quality of the people who are on the SCBT team. Throughout the years, we have created a team of experienced, professional bankers, men and women dedicated to relationships, performance, and results. Accordingly, we allow our bankers to perform in a unique, entrepreneurial environment. As our people cultivate relationships, we empower them to make decisions about their customers, and we give them the products and services to meet those customers’ financial needs.



Loans
(at year end, excluding loans held for sale, in millions)



Deposits
(at year end, in millions)



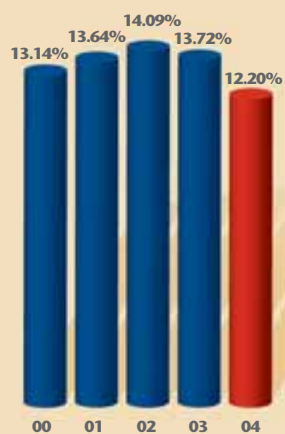
Earnings Per Share (diluted)



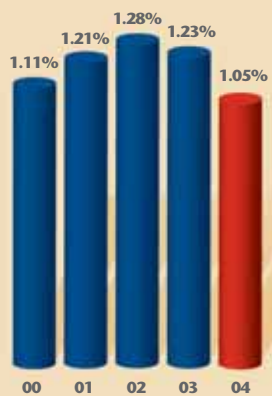
Dividends Per Share



Shareholders' Equity
(at year end, in millions)



Return on average equity



Return on average assets

With the team we have in place, we will make great strides toward our goal of becoming South Carolina's premier community bank. We have spent seventy years gaining the trust and respect of the people we know best – the people of South Carolina, and we look forward to expanding and rounding out existing markets and entering new markets.

As we head into the future, we will continue to emphasize consistent high performance, especially as it relates to soundness, profitability, and growth. Our track record in these areas is very solid. We will continue to invest wisely for the future.

Finally, I would like to thank our shareholders, customers, and friends for their trust in and loyal support of SCBT Financial Corporation. Your support is the reason for our success. We have a great opportunity to become South Carolina's bank, and we are well on our way.

Sincerely,

Robert R. Hill, Jr.

President and

Chief Executive Officer



70 YEARS OF EARNING SOUTH CAROLINA'S TRUST

With the original issuance of First National Bank in Orangeburg stock in 1934, the typical investor purchased 10 shares. In the last 70 years, the Bank has declared five stock splits and twenty stock dividends. The equivalent of those 10 shares today would be 1,221 shares of SCBT Financial Corporation stock.



“In the middle of the great depression in 1933, all the banks in Orangeburg were closing. The

banks reopened about a year later – I think it was during the Roosevelt administration. When they reopened, Mr. Bill Glover approached my dad and gave him the option to take stock in this new bank they were starting instead of withdrawing the money from his business account. My dad

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from the beginning

trusted Mr. Glover and took the stock. It was a good thing for him then... and I still have that original stock in my family today. So see, we’ve owned South Carolina Bank and Trust stock from the very beginning. And I’ve never once considered getting rid of it. Those were good folks back in ‘34, people you could trust. And you can still trust them today, seventy years later.”

SOL SILVER

Retired Clothing Store Owner
and Original Stockholder



"SCBT made it a point to find out who we are and what we needed."

"Let me ask you something. Does your banker help you find vendors for your business? Does your banker recommend a real estate agent to help you relocate your offices? Well, South Carolina Bank and Trust's Jimmy Lindsey did all of that for us when we moved the BMW Car Club from Boston to Greenville a few years ago. He helped make the transition a smooth one, not just with our finances, but with so many of the details of a

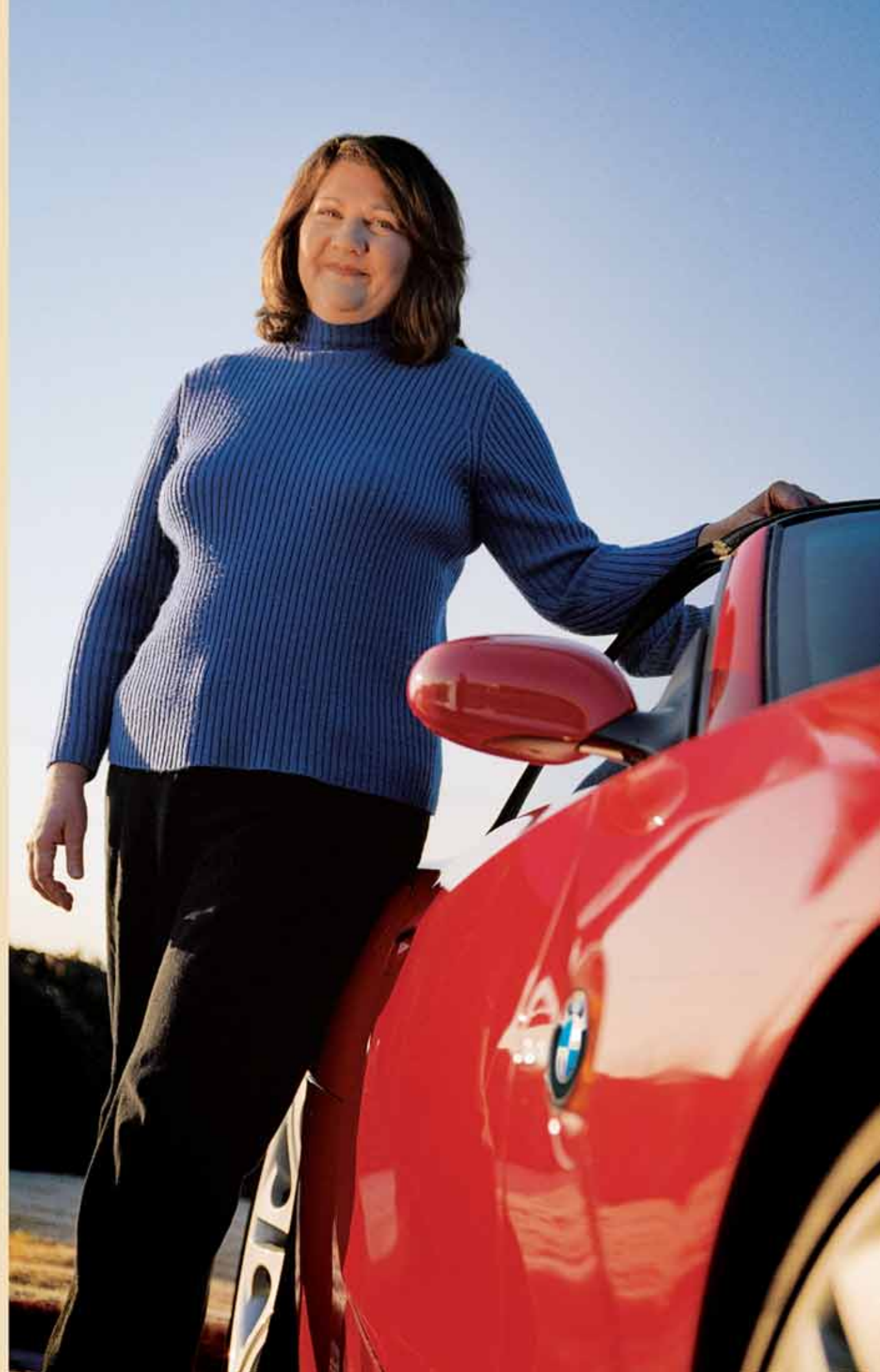
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total relocation. SCBT made it a point to find out who we are and what we needed. And we got to know them. So, we've developed this trust that's more family-like than business-like. When we call them up, we never hear 'no' for an answer. Listen, the BMW Car Club has 76,000 members around the world. Our job is to take care of every one of them, and SCBT helps us do our job better than we ever imagined."

WYNNE SMITH

Executive Director
BMW Car Club of America



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"I had decided to start my own business, which is a pretty huge undertaking. Of course, one of the first steps was to get the capital to begin. I already had relationships with several large banks, but a friend mentioned the level of service at South Carolina Bank and Trust, and I thought, 'That's something I want to experience myself.' So I made an appointment. I didn't realize that I would be sitting down with the president of the bank.

That sort of thing doesn't happen at the mega banks. He listened to my story, heard what I wanted to do with my career, and I guess he saw something in me that he trusted. When I walked out of his office, I had the financing to start my own business. But I had more than that. I had a bank that believed in me, a bank I could count on. It's a relationship that's only getting better."

DEEPAL ELIATAMBY

President
Alliance Consulting Engineers, Inc.



**"I'm still an SCBT
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"Sixty-eight years ago, my dad opened a savings account for me at South Carolina Bank and Trust. He put one dollar in that account. I still have that first account book at the house. I'm still an SCBT customer – I have never changed banks in almost seventy years. In fact, I've never had a checking or savings account with any other bank. The folks at SCBT look after me. I guess that's why I've been a customer my whole life.

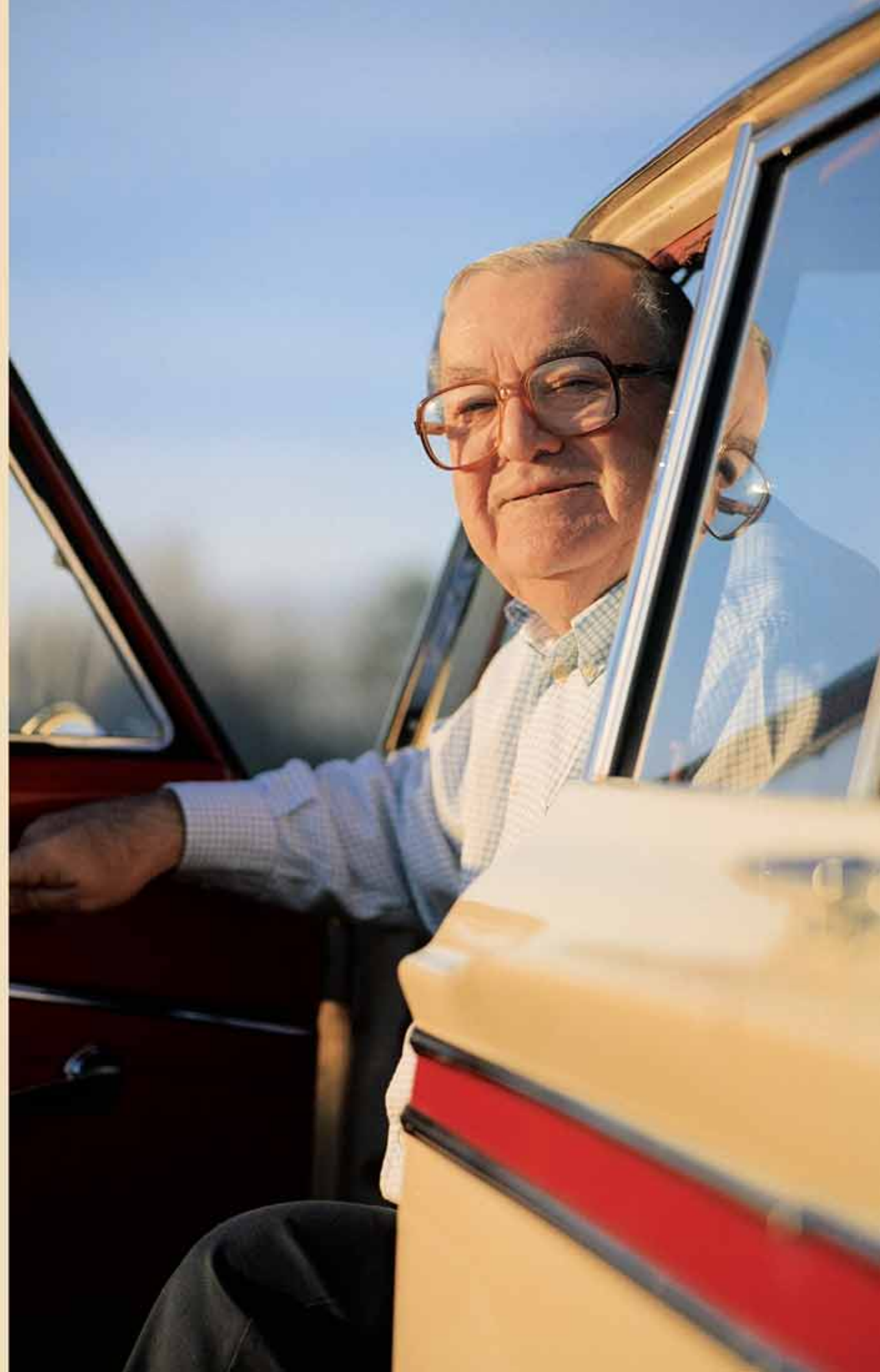
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They've earned my trust, and I would like to think I've earned theirs. So now, when I need something, I can ask my friends for help. It just so happens these friends are my bankers. And around here, friends take care of one another."

COURTLAND RIZER, JR.

Third Generation Ford Dealer
Walterboro Motor Sales Co.

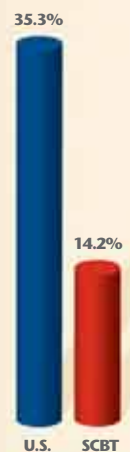


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"What have I learned in three and a half years at South Carolina Bank and Trust? I've learned that we have a certain way of doing things here. I've learned that we do whatever it takes to get to know every one of our customers. I've learned how important it is to develop a mutual trust with customers, because really, we have to be able to rely on each other. Sure, other banks say exactly the same things, but can they prove it?

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Turnover among non-exempt employees, the largest component of our workforce, was 14.2% as compared to 35.3% nationally.

Source: Financial Institutions
Compensation Report, 2004/2005.
Watson Wyatt Data Services.

We can, because I see the proof every day. I watch the way we treat the customers who've entrusted us with their financial lives. I've traveled to every branch in this state, and no matter where I am – big city or small town – I always see the same thing, the same way... the SCBT way. I'm proud to be a part of it."

MANDY HARPER

Assistant Vice President,
Account Executive
The Mortgage Banc



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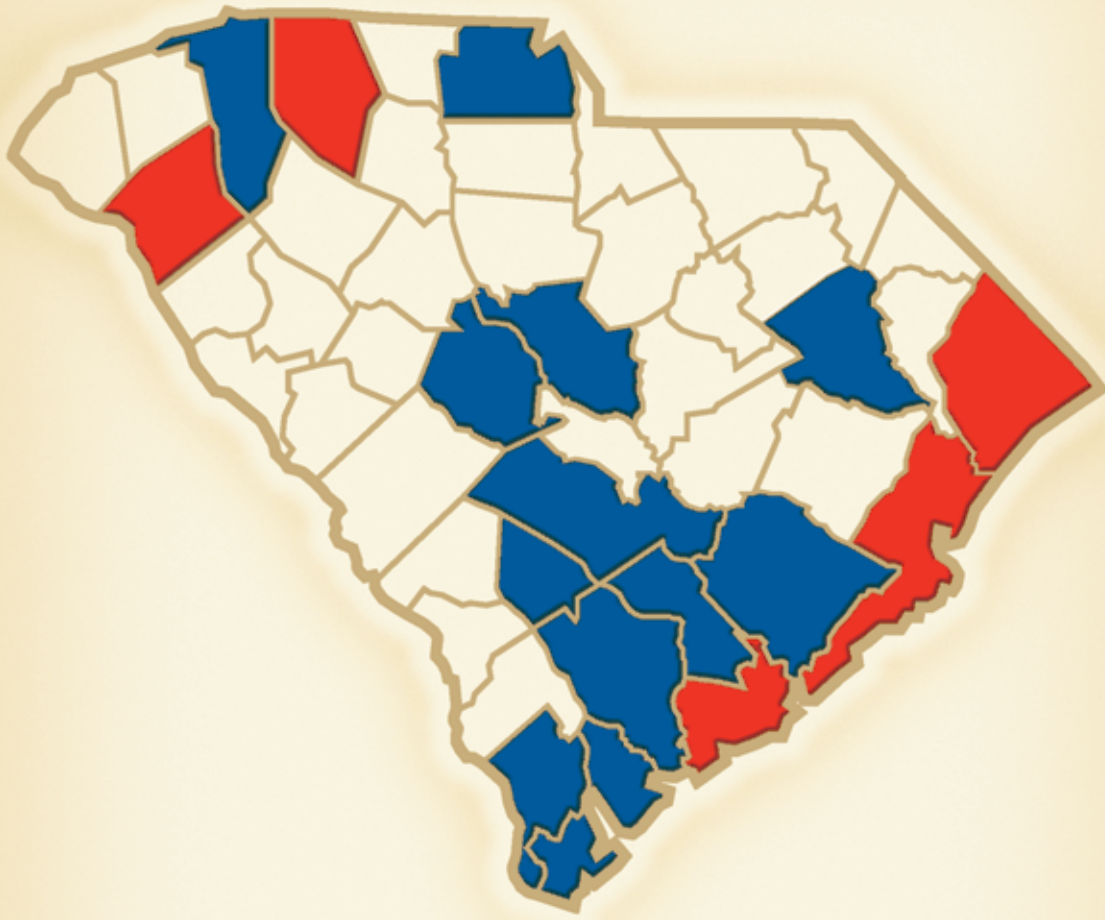
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EXISTING MARKETS BY COUNTY

- Bamberg
- Beaufort
- Berkeley
- Colleton
- Dorchester
- Florence
- Greenville
- Jasper
- Lexington
- Orangeburg
- Richland
- York

TARGETED EXPANSION MARKETS BY COUNTY

- Anderson
- Charleston
- Georgetown
- Horry
- Spartanburg



SCBT was one of only 10 companies to be recognized on the state and national level as a 2004 Best Practices Honoree for the American Psychological Association's Psychologically Healthy Workplace Award.

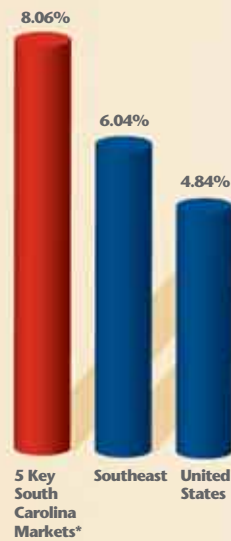
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TRUST... FOR GROWTH

Growth indicates a strengthening economy, and South Carolina knows a little something about growth. By the year 2015, South Carolina will have a population of more than 4.5 million, and the state's income growth projections for the next five years outstrip both the regional and national rates. In 2004, capital investment in South Carolina was more than twice that of the previous year. In addition, job creation increased 55% during the same period. In the years to come, South Carolina will continue to be fertile ground for its citizens and businesses alike. And we want to be the bank South Carolinians trust, both for their commercial needs and their individual financial futures.

Sources: South Carolina Department of Commerce (including their 2004 Capital Investment Report)

South Carolina is the tenth fastest-growing state in the nation, the fifth fastest in the South.



POPULATION GROWTH
Projected 2004-2009

*MSA's:
Columbia, Charleston-North Charleston, Greenville-Spartanburg-Anderson, Charlotte-Gastonia-Rock Hill, Myrtle Beach

Source:
Bureau of Labor Statistics, SNL DataSource and Claritus

In 2004, South Carolina saw a 55% increase in job creation.



INCOME GROWTH
Projected 2004-2009

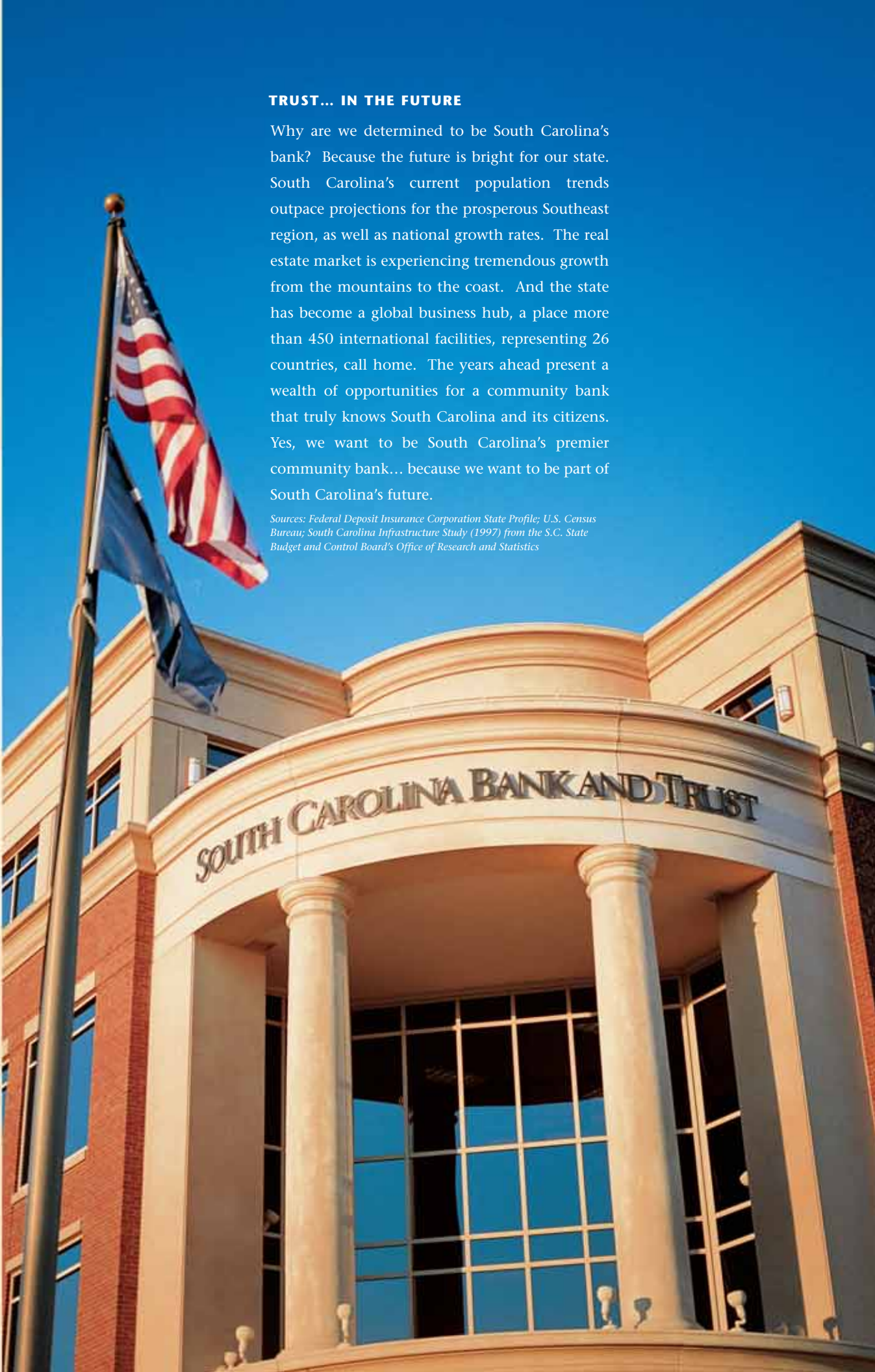
*MSA's:
Columbia, Charleston-North Charleston, Greenville-Spartanburg-Anderson, Charlotte-Gastonia-Rock Hill, Myrtle Beach

Source:
Bureau of Labor Statistics, SNL DataSource and Claritus

TRUST... IN THE FUTURE

Why are we determined to be South Carolina's bank? Because the future is bright for our state. South Carolina's current population trends outpace projections for the prosperous Southeast region, as well as national growth rates. The real estate market is experiencing tremendous growth from the mountains to the coast. And the state has become a global business hub, a place more than 450 international facilities, representing 26 countries, call home. The years ahead present a wealth of opportunities for a community bank that truly knows South Carolina and its citizens. Yes, we want to be South Carolina's premier community bank... because we want to be part of South Carolina's future.

Sources: Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation State Profile; U.S. Census Bureau; South Carolina Infrastructure Study (1997) from the S.C. State Budget and Control Board's Office of Research and Statistics



The financial information on pages 24 through 27 should be read in conjunction with Management's Discussion and Analysis of Operations and Financial Condition and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the more detailed financial statements and the notes thereto, all of which are contained in SCBT Financial Corporation's 2004 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000
STOCK PERFORMANCE					
Dividends per share	\$ 0.65	\$ 0.63	\$ 0.54	\$ 0.50	\$ 0.47
Dividend payout ratio	36.66%	33.98%	33.71%	32.63%	36.09%
Dividend yield (based on the average of the high and low for the year)	2.06%	2.47%	2.42%	3.32%	3.12%
Price/earnings ratio (end of year) (based on year-end stock price and diluted earnings per share)	19.52x	15.70x	13.45x	11.07x	8.74x
Price/book ratio (end of year)	2.27x	2.05x	1.78x	1.44x	1.09x
COMMON STOCK STATISTICS					
Stock price ranges:					
High	\$ 37.61	\$ 30.71	\$ 27.96	\$ 18.83	\$ 19.70
Low	25.57	20.38	16.73	11.26	10.45
Close	33.57	28.58	22.86	16.71	11.36
Volume traded on exchanges	1,729,980	1,469,475	1,845,785	769,230	648,795
As a percentage of average shares outstanding	21.46%	18.22%	22.94%	10.45%	8.78%
Earnings per share, basic	\$ 1.74	\$ 1.83	\$ 1.72	\$ 1.51	\$ 1.30
Earnings per share, diluted	1.72	1.82	1.71	1.51	1.30
Book value per share	14.77	13.91	12.85	11.57	10.45

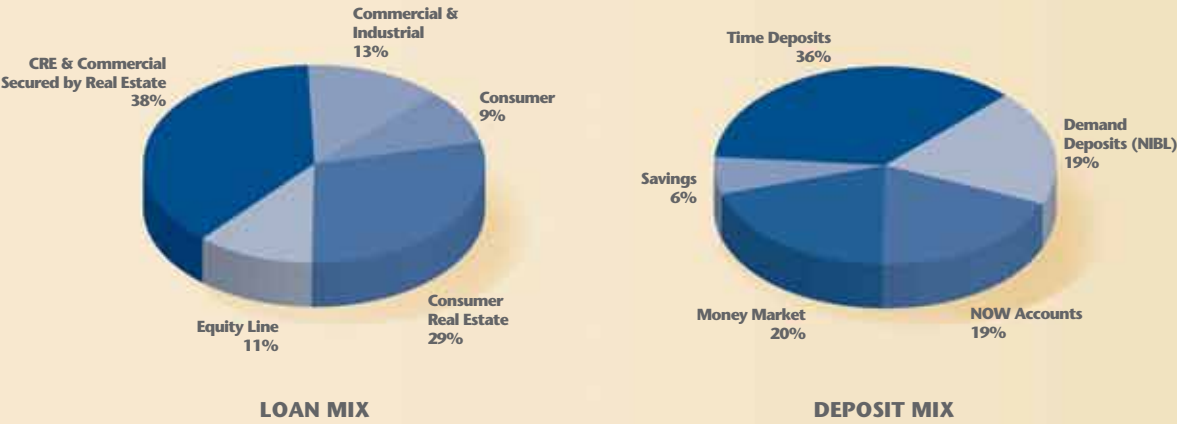
QUARTERLY COMMON STOCK PRICE RANGES & DIVIDENDS

Quarter	High	2004 Low	Dividend	High	2003 Low	Dividend	High	2002 Low	Dividend
1st	\$31.733	\$28.619	\$0.162	\$26.667	\$20.381	\$0.152	\$21.943	\$16.733	\$0.130
2nd	\$31.895	\$25.571	\$0.162	\$26.752	\$22.524	\$0.152	\$26.457	\$21.429	\$0.138
3rd	\$31.038	\$25.714	\$0.162	\$27.941	\$23.429	\$0.162	\$27.962	\$20.324	\$0.138
4th	\$37.610	\$27.267	\$0.162	\$30.714	\$25.257	\$0.162	\$26.895	\$19.924	\$0.138

Per share data have been retroactively adjusted to give effect to a 10% common stock dividend paid to shareholders of record as of November 22, 2002 and a 5% common stock dividend paid to shareholders of record as of December 20, 2004.

At December 31					
(Dollars in thousands, except per share)	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000
Assets	\$ 1,436,977	\$ 1,197,692	\$ 1,144,948	\$ 1,025,682	\$ 969,848
Loans, net of unearned income*	1,153,230	938,760	863,422	748,080	727,690
Investment securities	165,446	152,009	164,951	189,933	183,198
Deposits	1,171,313	947,399	898,163	811,523	757,576
Nondeposit borrowings	141,136	133,017	138,116	116,117	122,998
Shareholders' equity	118,798	112,349	103,495	93,065	84,936
Number of locations	34	32	32	30	30
Full-time equivalent employees	513	514	480	442	402
SELECTED RATIOS					
Return on average equity	12.20%	13.72%	14.09%	13.64%	13.14%
Return on average assets	1.05	1.23	1.28	1.21	1.11
Average equity as a percentage of average assets	8.65	9.00	9.05	8.91	8.39
ASSET QUALITY RATIOS					
Allowance for loan losses to period end loans	1.25%	1.25%	1.28%	1.28%	1.22%
Allowance for loan losses to period end nonperforming loans	442.64	173.30	233.47	203.74	273.14
Nonperforming assets to period end loans and OREO	0.43	0.87	0.67	0.74	0.20
Nonperforming assets to period end total assets	0.35	0.88	0.51	0.47	0.15
Net charge-offs to average loans	0.15	0.19	0.25	0.19	0.12

*Excludes loans held for sale.



	Year Ended December 31,	
(Dollars in thousands, except par value)	2004	2003
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents:		
Cash and due from banks	\$ 39,261	\$ 38,541
Interest-bearing deposits with banks	14,876	6,637
Federal funds sold	3,000	4,500
Total cash and cash equivalents	57,137	49,678
Investment securities:		
Securities held-to-maturity (fair value of \$25,046 in 2004 and \$30,952 in 2003)	24,604	29,487
Securities available-for-sale, at fair value	135,058	117,247
Other investments	5,784	5,275
Total investment securities	165,446	152,009
Loans held for sale	13,837	12,346
Loans	1,153,407	939,538
Less unearned income	(177)	(778)
Less allowance for loan losses	(14,470)	(11,700)
Loans, net	1,138,760	927,060
Premises and equipment, net	33,667	32,647
Other assets	28,130	23,952
Total assets	\$ 1,436,977	\$ 1,197,692
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Deposits:		
Noninterest-bearing	\$ 224,027	\$ 170,313
Interest-bearing	947,286	777,086
Total deposits	1,171,313	947,399
Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase	89,208	80,967
FHLB advances	51,928	52,050
Other liabilities	5,730	4,927
Total liabilities	1,318,179	1,085,343
Shareholders' equity:		
Common stock - \$2.50 par value; authorized 40,000,000 shares; issued and outstanding 7,657,094 and 7,690,186 shares	19,143	19,225
Stock dividend distributable	955	-
Surplus	72,079	62,722
Retained earnings	26,486	29,787
Accumulated other comprehensive income	135	615
Total shareholders' equity	118,798	112,349
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 1,436,977	\$ 1,197,692

	Year Ended December 31,		
(Dollars in thousands, except per share)	2004	2003	2002
Interest income:			
Loans, including fees	\$ 61,267	\$ 58,283	\$ 57,956
Investment securities:			
Taxable	4,856	4,682	7,006
Tax-exempt	1,461	1,679	1,802
Money market funds	11	67	404
Federal funds sold	138	82	107
Deposits with banks	175	61	49
Total interest income	67,908	64,854	67,324
Interest expense:			
Deposits	11,243	11,555	15,382
Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase	687	545	878
FHLB advances	2,713	2,522	2,492
Total interest expense	14,643	14,622	18,752
Net interest income:			
Net interest income	53,265	50,232	48,572
Provision for loan losses	4,332	2,345	3,227
Net interest income after provision for loan losses	48,933	47,887	45,345
Noninterest income:			
Service charges on deposit accounts	11,854	11,537	10,899
Other service charges and fees	9,030	11,378	6,949
Gain on sale of assets	1,766	-	-
Realized gains on securities available-for-sale	1	-	-
Total noninterest income	22,651	22,915	17,848
Noninterest expense:			
Salaries and employee benefits	27,762	28,670	24,136
Net occupancy expense	3,309	2,887	2,319
Furniture and equipment expense	4,447	4,397	3,858
Other expense	15,613	12,761	12,254
Total noninterest expense	51,131	48,715	42,567
Earnings:			
Income before provision for income taxes	20,453	22,087	20,626
Provision for income taxes	6,437	7,301	6,792
Net income	\$ 14,016	\$ 14,786	\$ 13,834
Earnings per share:			
Basic	\$ 1.74	\$ 1.83	\$ 1.72
Diluted	\$ 1.72	\$ 1.82	\$ 1.71



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