

2010 ANNUAL REPORT

SCBT FINANCIAL CORPORATION

2010 HIGHLIGHTS

- Record Earnings Year
- Entered Georgia Market with FDIC-Assisted Deal for Community Bank & Trust, a 110-year-old Bank with a Loyal Customer and Employee Base
- Opened Full-Service Office in Spartanburg, SC
- Opened New Forest Drive Office in Columbia, SC
- Named in Forbes as One of the Most Trustworthy Companies in America for Over 5 Years
- Credit Headwinds Begin to Stabilize
- Strong Organic Loan and Deposit Growth
- Continued to Add Talented Bankers Across Franchise
- \$3.08 Increase in Tangible Book Value Per Share

2010 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	2010	2009	%Change
(Dollars in thousands except per share)			
Loans covered under FDIC loss share agreements	\$ 321,038	\$ —	—
Loans not covered under FDIC loss share agreements	2,296,200	2,203,238	4.2%
Total loans, net of unearned income	2,617,238	2,203,238	18.8%
Total assets	3,594,791	2,702,188	33.0%
Total deposits	3,004,148	2,104,639	42.7%
Shareholders' equity	329,957	282,819	16.7%
Net income	51,882	13,595	281.6%
Net income available to common shareholders	51,882	8,921	481.6%
Diluted EPS	4.08	0.74	451.4%
Return on average assets	1.43%	0.48%	197.9%
Return on average equity	15.45%	4.66%	231.5%



Robert R. Hill, Jr.
President and CEO

Robert R. Horger
Chairman of the Board

Dear Shareholders, Customers & Friends,

We are pleased to report a record year for earnings and growth at SCBT in 2010. This was truly a year of change for our company. While we continued to experience challenges due to the economy, we also experienced unprecedented growth associated with our acquisition in Georgia and strong organic growth in the Carolinas. The success this year can be attributed to continued focus on our core principles that have been a part of our culture for more than 76 years: Soundness, Profitability, Growth, Culture, Leadership, and Values.

A Transformational Year

The year began with the FDIC-assisted acquisition of Community Bank & Trust (CBT), a 110-year-old bank in Northeast Georgia with deep customer and employee loyalty. The transaction resulted in a \$62.5 million after-tax gain and put us on pace for our most profitable year ever. While this acquisition is important to this year's earnings, our rationale for pursuing this transaction was the strong customer base that will help support our growth for many years to come. The continued banking turbulence in the Carolinas also presented us with unique opportunities to add new bankers to our already strong team. Their success, along with our existing team's success, provided an opportunity to move banking relationships from our competitors to an extent that we've never seen before. With the sale of The South Financial Group to TD Bank Financial Group, SCBT became the largest publicly traded bank headquartered in South Carolina.

SOUNDNESS

Strong Balance Sheet

Our strong growth and earnings also enabled our company to fortify an already strong balance sheet and positioned us for future growth. We paid off all of our approximately \$160 million of Federal Home Loan Bank borrowings and all \$15 million of our subordinated debt. We continued to aggressively manage through the credit cycle as we funded higher charge offs, reduced our classified assets, and increased our allowance for loan losses-to-loans ratio by 22%. We further strengthened our balance sheet by employing much of our liquidity to reduce overall leverage in the company, dispose of the majority of our investments in pooled trust preferred securities, and eliminate all wholesale deposits. These balance sheet moves should make a strong company stronger, enhance our earnings stream, and position us well for future opportunities.

\$3.08 Increase in Tangible Book Value per Share

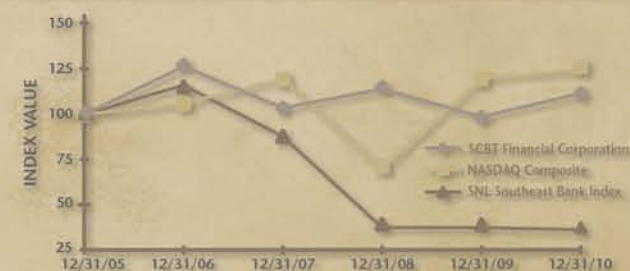
During the turbulent economic times of the past few years, SCBT has been fortunate to have a stock price that has rewarded our company for profitability and strength. In 2010, shareholders' equity increased by \$47 million and the tangible book value per share increased \$3.08. While many banks have greatly impaired their shareholders' book value per share, we are pleased that we have been able to increase ours and also not reduce our dividend. The market rewarded our shareholders with an 18% increase in our stock price in 2010.

2010 PERFORMANCE

	SCBT 12/31/10	KRX Median 12/31/10
NPAs/Assets*	2.41 %	2.95 %
ALL/Total Loans*	2.07 %	1.93 %
NCO/Average Loans*	1.99 %	1.23 %
Return on Average Assets	1.43 %	0.66 %
Return on Average Equity	15.45 %	5.52 %

* Excludes assets covered under FDIC loss share agreements.
KRX is a composition of 50 regionally diversified mid & small-cap banking institutions in the U.S. The index is calculated using an equal-weighted method and components comply with GICS and ICS classification standards.
Source: Keefe, Bruyette & Woods, Richmond, VA © 2011

TOTAL RETURN PERFORMANCE



The performance graph above compares SCBT's cumulative total return over the most recent five-year period with the NASDAQ Composite and the SNL Southeast Bank Index, a banking industry performance index for the Southeastern United States. Returns are shown on a total return basis, assuming the reinvestment of dividends and a beginning stock index value of 100 per share. The value of SCBT's stock as shown in the graph is based on published prices for transactions in SCBT's stock.
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PROFITABILITY

Profitable Every Quarter of This Economic Downturn

We are very pleased to report to you that SCBT has continued to be profitable every quarter of this downturn, enabling us to retain our dividend. In 2008, our goal was to earn our way through the credit crisis, and so far SCBT's capital has grown and the company has come out of this downturn much stronger than when it began. We also saw continued improvement in our pre-tax pre-provision cash flows as we have been able to grow revenue faster than expenses.¹ This will be beneficial as we work to restore our operating earnings to historical measures.

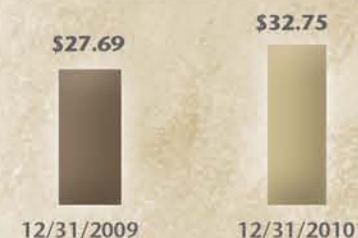
Responding to Credit Headwinds

The year was not without its challenges as credit quality issues continued to negatively impact our performance. Our nonperforming assets and charge off levels increased for the year. Both of these are above levels we consider acceptable, and we are working diligently to reduce our nonperforming assets and credit losses. Some bright spots exist as we saw year-end past due loans at the lowest they have been in two years. Additionally, classified assets declined and nonperforming assets leveled off for the year. To mitigate the credit problems, we increased the allowance for loan losses-to-loans from 1.70% to 2.07% in 2010. We are beginning to see evidence of credit quality improvement and are hopeful the improvement trend will continue.

TANGIBLE BOOK VALUE PER COMMON SHARE



STOCK PRICE YEAR-OVER-YEAR



PRE-TAX, PRE-PROVISION OPERATING EARNINGS



^{*}Represents after-tax gain from CBT acquisition.

¹Please refer to the reconciliation of GAAP to Non-GAAP on the last page of this annual report.

GROWTH

The growth of our company in 2010 was a true highlight. We are very proud of how our team managed this growth, while continuing to offer the high level of service our customers expect from us. Throughout this economic downturn, our bankers have continued to maintain their focus on diligently serving our existing customers, while continuing to attract and expand new relationships. In total, our core deposits and loans increased by \$632 million and \$414 million, respectively.

24.2% Increase in Core Deposits

The balance sheet was also impacted favorably by overall organic growth in core deposits of \$299.9 million or 24.2%, excluding CDs and deposits gained through the CBT acquisition. This growth includes a 9% increase in the total number of checking accounts year-over-year. We were also able to incorporate CBT's loyal customer base with minimal attrition adding approximately 92,000 new customers.

18.8% Increase in Loans

We have experienced three straight quarters of organic loan growth resulting in an increase of \$93 million for the year. SCBT's total loan portfolio increased 18.8% since the fourth quarter of 2009, fueled mainly by the FDIC-assisted acquisition during the first quarter 2010 and by our ability to expand existing relationships and acquire many new ones. Most of the increase was in commercial loans, which experienced a gain of \$96.1 million or 20.5% in owner occupied commercial loans. Our mortgage activity was also very strong with balances up by 13.4% in consumer owner occupied loans and by 6.2% in home equity loans. While we experienced an increase in overall loan outstandings, our markets continue to struggle in the turbulent economy with construction, land development, and income-producing property loans experiencing a decrease. We also continue to see some coastal markets exhibit signs of economic stress, which has slowed loan growth.

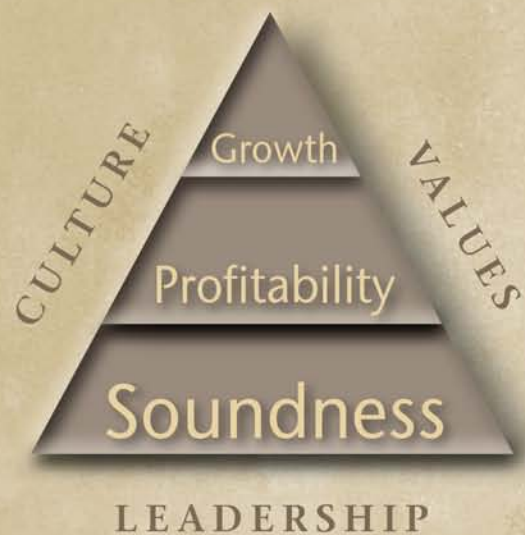
CORE DEPOSIT ACCOUNT GROWTH

Number of Accounts



In Dollars





Foundation in Place for Continued Growth

We continued to add talented teammates to our company, including the addition of experienced teams of bankers in commercial banking, mortgage banking, wealth management, and our support areas. We also expanded our Board of Directors with the addition of a new Director, Kevin Walker, who is a founding partner of Greer & Walker, LLP, the largest Charlotte-based public accounting firm. As our company grows and we face continued changes and enhanced corporate governance requirements, we are fortunate to have a board that is dedicated to ensuring that it is well equipped to face the challenges and opportunities ahead.

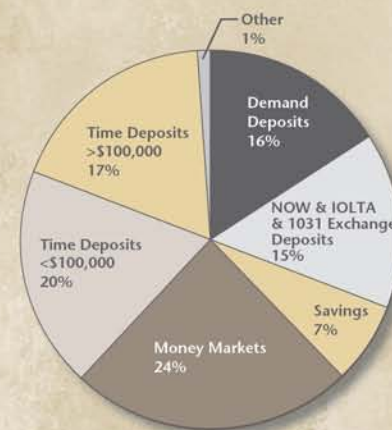
Looking Ahead

Thank you for your continued trust and confidence in our company. As the economy begins to recover, we are pleased that we have not only been able to manage through this cycle without negatively impacting our shareholders, but also to emerge stronger than before. We believe our strength has us uniquely positioned to benefit from many opportunities and to continue creating value for shareholders, customers, and employees.

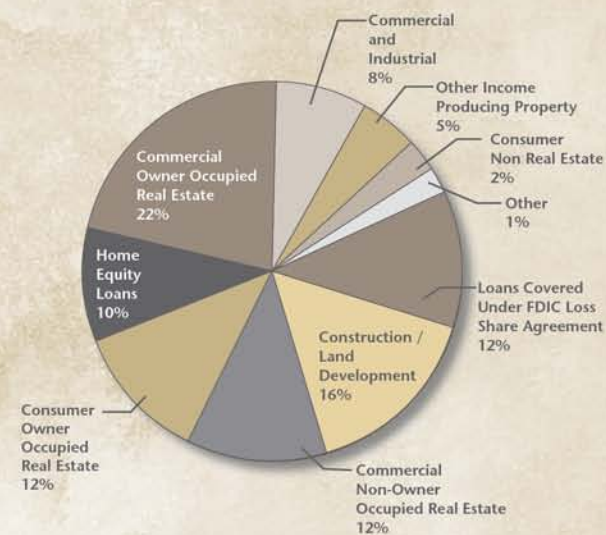
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DEPOSIT MIX



LOAN MIX



"The bank adds value and comes up with ways to structure our debt to further use our financial resources for growth. They understand our business and share our belief of providing clients with great customer service." —Wylie Fox



Wylie Fox
Managing Partner
Sonitrol Security Services, Inc.
Charlotte, NC and Greenville, SC

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Operations Manager
Sonitrol Security Services, Inc.
Charlotte, NC and Greenville, SC

STOCK PERFORMANCE AND STATISTICS

	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
STOCK PERFORMANCE					
Dividends per share	\$ 0.68	\$ 0.68	\$ 0.68	\$ 0.68	\$ 0.68
Dividend payout ratio	16.43%	74.66 %	40.93 %	29.17%	30.88%
Dividend yield (based on the average of the high and low for the year)	1.98%	2.67 %	1.90 %	1.94%	1.81 %
Price/earnings ratio (based on the year-end price and diluted earnings per share)	8.03 x	37.42 x	22.70 x	13.65 x	19.39 x
Price/book ratio (end of year)	1.27 x	1.25 x	1.58 x	1.50 x	2.25 x
COMMON STOCK STATISTICS					
Stock price ranges:					
High	\$ 41.03	\$ 34.37	\$ 45.24	\$ 40.84	\$ 42.93
Low	27.59	16.53	26.25	28.29	32.38
Close	32.75	27.69	34.50	31.67	41.73
Volume traded on exchanges	9,948,300	11,219,700	8,098,600	4,359,700	2,510,900
As a percentage of average shares outstanding	77.91%	92.07 %	75.65 %	42.91%	28.89%
Earnings per share, basic*	\$ 4.11	\$ 0.74	\$ 1.53	\$ 2.33	\$ 2.17
Earnings per share, diluted*	4.08	0.74	1.52	2.32	2.15
Book value per share	25.79	22.20	21.77	21.17	18.57

* Per share data for 2006 have been retroactively adjusted to give effect to a 5% common stock dividend paid to shareholders of record on March 9, 2007.

QUARTERLY COMMON STOCK PRICE RANGES & DIVIDENDS

Quarter	High	2010 Low	Dividend	High	2009 Low	Dividend	High	2008 Low	Dividend
1st	\$38.78	\$27.59	\$0.17	\$34.37	\$16.53	\$0.17	\$34.83	\$26.96	\$0.17
2nd	\$41.03	\$32.78	\$0.17	\$26.76	\$19.68	\$0.17	\$36.39	\$28.40	\$0.17
3rd	\$35.36	\$28.28	\$0.17	\$28.83	\$20.58	\$0.17	\$45.24	\$26.25	\$0.17
4th	\$32.86	\$29.84	\$0.17	\$28.36	\$25.14	\$0.17	\$38.00	\$29.45	\$0.17

The financial information should be read in conjunction with Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations 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 2010 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

“When my daughter was in college in South Carolina, she had an emergency and the bank transferred the money to her account. They are unbelievably responsive. You’d never get that at a big bank.” —Dr. Jane White



Jane White, DVM
Veterinarian
Murrayville Veterinary Clinic
Hall County – Murrayville, Georgia

SELECTED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL & QUANTITATIVE DATA

	December 31,				
(Dollars in thousands, except per share)	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
BALANCE SHEET DATA PERIOD END					
Assets	\$ 3,594,791	\$ 2,702,188	\$ 2,766,710	\$ 2,597,183	\$ 2,178,413
Loans covered under loss share agreement	321,038	—	—	—	—
Loans not covered under loss share agreements	2,296,200	\$ 2,203,238	\$ 2,316,076	\$ 2,083,047	\$ 1,760,830
Loans, net of unearned income*	2,617,238	\$ 2,203,238	2,316,076	2,083,047	1,760,830
Investment securities	237,912	211,112	222,227	258,309	210,391
Goodwill and other intangible assets	72,605	65,696	66,221	65,618	35,679
Deposits	3,004,148	2,104,639	2,153,274	1,927,889	1,706,715
Non deposit borrowings	237,995	306,139	349,870	440,046	293,521
Shareholders' equity	329,957	282,819	244,928	215,065	161,888
Number of common shares outstanding	12,793,823	12,739,533	11,250,603	10,160,432	8,719,146
ANNUALIZED PERFORMANCE RATIOS					
Return on average assets	1.43 %	0.48 %	0.58%	0.95%	0.97%
Return on average equity	15.45	4.66	7.00	12.42	12.72
Return on average tangible equity***	20.12	6.18	10.26	16.28	16.83
Net interest margin (taxable equivalent)	4.00	4.05	3.83	3.85	3.91
Efficiency ratio	46.68	61.17	63.17	65.31	63.80
ASSET QUALITY RATIOS					
Allowance for loan losses to period end loans**	2.07 %	1.70 %	1.36%	1.28%	1.29%
Allowance for loan losses to period end nonperforming loans**	68.71	75.38	211.34	419.22	492.14
Nonperforming assets to period end loans and repossessed assets**	3.74	2.40	0.91	0.33	0.30
Nonperforming assets to period end total assets**	2.41	1.96	0.76	0.27	0.24
Net charge-offs to average loans**	1.99	0.92	0.26	0.13	0.16
CAPITAL RATIOS					
Equity to assets	9.18 %	10.47 %	8.85%	8.28%	7.43%
Tangible equity to tangible assets***	7.31	8.24	6.62	5.90	5.89
Tier 1 leverage	8.48	9.89	8.54	8.42	8.11
Tier 1 risk-based capital	13.34	12.47	10.42	9.64	10.11
Total risk-based capital	14.60	14.42	12.34	10.89	11.36
OTHER DATA					
Number of financial centers	76	48	50	50	45
Number of employees (full-time equivalent)	1,015	700	692	701	634

* Excludes loans held for sale.

** Excludes assets covered under FDIC loss share agreements.

***The non-GAAP tangible measures should be read along with the reconciliation of non-GAAP measures to GAAP in Item 6, Selected Financial Data in the 2010 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

“Even though they have gotten bigger over the years, I still get the same great customer service and I feel like we have a partnership. We both care about our community and work together in ways to improve it for future generations.” —Dr. Michael M. Townsend, Sr.



Al Matheny
Vice President
South Carolina Bank and Trust
Denmark, SC

Michael M. Townsend, Sr., Ed.D.
President
Denmark Technical College
Denmark, SC



Locations as of February 28, 2011



NORTH CAROLINA
CHARLOTTE



GEORGIA
ATHENS
BALDWIN
CANTON
CLARKESVILLE
CLAYTON
CLEVELAND
COMMERCE
CORNELIA
DEMOREST
FLOWERY BRANCH
GAINESVILLE
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HARLEYVILLE
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IRMO
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LADY'S ISLAND
LAKE CITY
LEXINGTON
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MOUNT PLEASANT
MURRELLS INLET
MYRTLE BEACH
ORANGEBURG
RIDGELAND
ROCK HILL
SANTEE
SIMPSONVILLE
SPARTANBURG
ST. GEORGE
SUMMERVILLE
WALTERBORO
YORK

On February 18, 2011, SCBT purchased and assumed certain assets and liabilities from the FDIC as receiver for Habersham Bank, a 107-year-old bank headquartered in Clarkesville, Georgia. The combination of Habersham Bank with our existing Community Bank & Trust locations makes us the most convenient bank in Northeast Georgia.

SOME FACTS ABOUT OUR FRANCHISE

- SCBT, N.A. is the Largest Publicly Traded Bank Headquartered in South Carolina
- North Carolina Bank and Trust ranks 8th in Deposit Market Share for the Charlotte MSA with 3 locations in Mecklenburg County
- Community Bank & Trust and Habersham Bank rank in the Top 5 in Market Share in Northeast Georgia with 34 locations in 12 counties



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Taken in SCBT's Teller Training Center

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STOCK INFORMATION

The Company's Common
Stock is listed on the NASDAQ
Global Select MarketSM
under the trading symbol SCBT.

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Please read the following disclosure along with the annual shareholder letter.

Reconciliation of GAAP to Non-GAAP

Pre-tax pre-provision operating income is a non-generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") measure and excludes the effect of the provision for loan losses, provision for income taxes, other-than-temporary impairment charges, securities (gains) losses, prepayment fee on FHLB advances, termination fee on group insurance, and merger expenses. Management believes that this non-GAAP measure provides additional useful information, particularly since this measure has become widely accepted as a meaningful measure during the current economic crisis impacting financial institutions. Non-GAAP measures should not be considered as an alternative to any measure of performance or financial condition as promulgated under GAAP, and investors should consider the company's performance and financial condition as reported under GAAP and all other relevant information when assessing the performance or financial condition of the company. Non-GAAP measures have limitations as analytical tools, and investors should not consider them in isolation or as a substitute for analysis of the company's results or financial condition as reported under GAAP. Such information should be read in conjunction with the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Forward Looking Statement

This Report contains certain forward-looking statements as defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements may address issues that involve significant risks and uncertainties. Although we believe that the expectations reflected in this discussion are reasonable, actual results may be materially different. Please refer to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year-ended December 31, 2010, for a more thorough description of the types of risks and uncertainties that may affect management's forward looking statements.



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