

LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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FORM 10-K

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 or 15(d) of the

Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007

Commission file number 0-11487

LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORPORATION

Indiana

(State of incorporation)

35-1559596

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

202 East Center Street, P.O. Box 1387, Warsaw, Indiana 46581-1387

(Address of principal executive offices)

Telephone (574) 267-6144

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Common Stock, no par value

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(Title of class)

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes ___ No

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act. Yes ___ No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding twelve months (or for such other period that the Registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No ___

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein and will not be contained, to the best of the registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer. See definition of "accelerated filer and large accelerated filer" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer []

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer []

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act) Yes ___ No

The aggregate market value of the voting and non-voting common equity held by non-affiliates of the registrant, based on the last sales price quoted on the Nasdaq Global Select Market on June 30, 2007, the last business day of the registrant's most recently completed second fiscal quarter, was approximately \$240,204,492.

Number of shares of common stock outstanding at February 20, 2008: 12,215,223

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Part III - Portions of the Proxy Statement for the Annual Meeting of Shareholders dated as of March 3, 2008 are incorporated by reference into Part III hereof.

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PART I

ITEM 1. BUSINESS

The Company was incorporated under the laws of the State of Indiana on February 8, 1983. As used herein, the term “Company” refers to Lakeland Financial Corporation, or if the context dictates, Lakeland Financial Corporation and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Lake City Bank (the “Bank”), an Indiana state bank headquartered in Warsaw, Indiana. Also included in the consolidated financial statements prior to December 27, 2006 is LCB Investments, Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Lake City Bank, which is a Bermuda corporation that managed a portion of the Bank’s investment portfolio. On December 27, 2006, all securities were transferred to Lake City Bank from LCB Investments, Limited. On December 18, 2006, LCB Investments II, Inc. was formed as a wholly-owned subsidiary of Lake City Bank incorporated in Nevada and it began managing a portion of the Bank’s investment portfolio in January 2007. On December 21, 2006, LCB Funding, Inc., a real estate investment trust, incorporated in Maryland was formed as a wholly-owned subsidiary of LCB Investments II. All intercompany transactions and balances are eliminated in consolidation.

General

Company’s Business. The Company is a bank holding company as defined in the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, as amended. The Company owns all of the outstanding stock of Lake City Bank, Warsaw, Indiana, a full-service commercial bank organized under Indiana law. The Bank recognizes a wholly-owned subsidiary, LCB Investments II, which manages a portion of the Bank’s investment portfolio. The Company conducts no business except that incident to its ownership of the outstanding stock of the Bank and the operation of the Bank.

The Bank’s deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. The Bank’s activities cover all phases of commercial banking, including checking accounts, savings accounts, time deposits, the sale of securities under agreements to repurchase, commercial and agricultural lending, direct and indirect consumer lending, commercial and residential real estate mortgage lending, retail and merchant credit card services, corporate cash management services, retirement services, bond administration, safe deposit box service and trust and brokerage services.

The Bank’s main banking office is located at 202 East Center Street, Warsaw, Indiana. As of December 31, 2007, the Bank had 43 offices in twelve counties throughout northern Indiana.

Bank’s Business. The Bank was originally organized in 1872 and has continuously operated under the laws of the State of Indiana since its organization. The Bank’s activities cover all phases of commercial banking, including checking accounts, savings accounts, time deposits, the sale of securities under agreements to repurchase, commercial and agricultural lending, direct and indirect consumer lending, commercial and residential real estate mortgage lending, retail and merchant credit card services, corporate cash management services, retirement services, bond administration, safe deposit box services and trust and brokerage services. The interest rates for both deposits and loans, as well as the range of services provided, are consistent with those of all banks competing within the Bank’s service area.

The Bank competes for loans principally through a high degree of customer contact, timely loan review and approval, market-driven competitive loan pricing and the Bank’s reputation throughout the region. The Bank believes that its convenience, quality service and high touch, responsive

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approach to banking enhances its ability to compete favorably in attracting and retaining individual and business customers. The Bank actively solicits deposit-related customers and competes for customers by offering personal attention, professional service and competitive interest rates.

Market Overview. While the Company operates in twelve counties, it currently defines operations by four primary geographical markets. They are the South Region, which includes Kosciusko and portions of contiguous counties; the North Region, which includes portions of Elkhart and St. Joseph Counties, the Central Region, which includes portions of Elkhart County and contiguous counties; and the East Region, which includes Allen and contiguous counties. The South Region includes the city of Warsaw, which is the location of the Company's headquarters. The Company has had a presence in this region since 1872. It has been in the North and Central Regions, which includes the cities of Elkhart, South Bend and Goshen, since 1990. The Company opened its first office in the East Region, which includes the cities of Fort Wayne and Auburn, in 1999. The Company also operates a loan production office in Indianapolis, which is staffed by a commercial loan officer and was opened in 2006.

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The Company believes that these are well-established and fairly diverse economic regions. The Company's markets include a mix of industrial and service companies with no business or industry concentrations. Furthermore, no single industry or employer dominates any of the markets. Fort Wayne represents the largest population center served by the Company's full-service branch system with a population of 206,000, according to 2000 U.S. Census Bureau data. South Bend, with a 2000 population of 108,000, is the second largest city served by the Company. Elkhart, with a 2000 population of 52,000, is the third largest city that the Company currently serves. As a result of the presence of offices in twelve counties that are widely dispersed, no single city or industry represents an undue concentration. In addition, the Indianapolis market represents a substantial future opportunity given its position as the largest metropolitan market in the state.

Expansion Strategy. The Company's expansion strategy is driven primarily by the potential for increased penetration in existing markets where opportunities for market share growth exists. Additionally, management considers growth in new markets with a close geographic proximity to its current operations. These markets are considered when the Company believes they would be receptive to its strategic plan to deliver broad based financial services with a commitment to local communities. Since the early 1990's, the Company has focused on growth through de novo branching in locations that management believes have potential for creating new market opportunities or for further penetrating existing markets. The Company also acquired the Fort Wayne, Indiana office of Indiana Capital Management Bank & Trust in late 2003 to augment the existing wealth advisory and investment management business and further penetrate the Fort Wayne market. In late 2005, the Company added significant capabilities to the wealth advisory and investment management business in Fort Wayne with the addition of three seasoned trust professionals. The Company opened a new branch facility in Fort Wayne, Indiana in late 2007 to house the Company's Fort Wayne based Wealth Advisory Services and to serve the south western market of Fort Wayne. The new location is a full-service branch facility. As noted earlier, the Company entered the Indianapolis market in 2006 and anticipates that it will expand in the future with full-service banking locations. In new markets, the Company believes it is critical to attract experienced local management with a similar philosophy in order to provide a basis for success.

The Company also considers opportunities beyond current markets when the Company's Board of Directors and management believes that the opportunity will provide a desirable strategic fit without posing undue risk. The Company does not currently have any definitive understandings or agreements for any acquisitions or de novo expansion, other than the Indianapolis market.

Products and Services. The Company is a full-service commercial bank and provides commercial, retail, wealth advisory and investment management services to its customers. Commercial products include commercial loans and technology-driven solutions to commercial

customers' cash management needs such as internet business banking and on-line cash management services in addition to retirement services, bond administration and health savings account services. Retail banking clients are provided a wide array of traditional retail banking services, including lending, deposit and investment services. Retail lending programs are focused on mortgage loans, home equity lines of credit and traditional retail installment loans, including indirect automotive financing. The Company provides credit card services to retail and commercial customers through an outsourced retail card program and merchant processing activity. The Company also has an Honors Private Banking program that is positioned to serve the more financially sophisticated customer with a menu including investment management and trust services, executive mortgage programs and access to financial planning seminars and programs. The Bank's Prospero Program is dedicated to serving the expanding financial needs of the Latino community. The Company provides wealth advisory clients with traditional personal and corporate trust and investment services. The Company also provides retail brokerage services, including an array of financial and investment products such as annuities and life insurance.

Forward-looking Statements

This document (including information incorporated by reference) contains, and future oral and written statements of the Company and its management may contain, forward-looking statements, within the meaning of such term in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, with respect to the financial condition, results of operations, plans, objectives, future performance and business of the Company.

Forward-looking statements, which may be based upon beliefs, expectations and assumptions of the Company's management and on information currently available to management, are generally identifiable by the use of words such as "believe," "expect," "anticipate," "plan," "intend," "estimate," "will," "would," "could," "should" or other similar expressions. Additionally, all statements in this document, including forward-looking statements, speak only as of the date they are made, and the Company undertakes no obligation to update any statement in light of new information or future events.

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The Company's ability to predict results or the actual effect of future plans or strategies is inherently uncertain. The factors, which could have a material adverse effect on the operations and future prospects of the Company and its subsidiaries are detailed in the "Risk Factors" section included under Item 1a. of Part I of this Form 10-K. In addition to the risk factors described in that section, there are other factors that may impact any public company, including ours, which could have a material adverse effect on the operations and future prospects of the Company and its subsidiaries. These additional factors include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Changes in accounting policies and practices, as may be adopted by state and federal regulatory agencies, the Financial Accounting Standards Board and the Securities and Exchange Commission.
- Changes in state or federal tax laws.
- The costs, effects and outcomes of existing or future litigation.
- The economic impact of past and any future terrorist attacks, acts of war or threats thereof and the response of the United States to any such threats and attacks.
- The ability of the Company to manage the risks associated with the foregoing as well as anticipated.

These risks and uncertainties should be considered in evaluating forward-looking statements and undue reliance should not be placed on such statements. Additional information regarding these and other risks, uncertainties and other factors, please review the disclosure in this annual report under "Risk Factors".

Competition

The Bank's primary service area is northern Indiana. In addition to the banks located within its service area, the Bank also competes with savings and loan associations, credit unions, farm credit services, finance companies, personal loan companies, insurance companies, money market funds, and other non-depository financial intermediaries. Also, financial intermediaries such as money market mutual funds and large retailers are not subject to the same regulations and laws that govern the operation of traditional depository institutions and accordingly may have an advantage in competing for funds.

The Bank competes with other local and regional banks, in addition to major banks for large commercial deposit and loan accounts. The Bank is presently subject to an aggregate maximum loan limit to any single account pursuant to Indiana law of \$27.9 million. The Bank currently enforces an internal limit of \$20.0 million, which is less than the amount permitted by law. This maximum might occasionally limit the Bank from providing loans to those businesses or personal accounts whose borrowings periodically exceed this amount. In the event this were to occur, the Bank maintains correspondent relationships with other financial institutions. The Bank may participate with other banks in the placement of large borrowings in excess of its lending limit, although the Bank typically does not participate in such arrangements. The Bank is also a member of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis in order to broaden its mortgage lending and investment activities and to provide additional funding, if necessary, to support these activities.

Foreign Operations

The Company has no investments with any foreign entity other than one nominal demand deposit accounts, which is maintained with a Canadian bank in order to facilitate the clearing of checks drawn on banks located in other countries. There are no foreign loans.

Employees

At December 31, 2007, the Company, including its subsidiaries, had 447 full-time equivalent employees. Benefit programs include a 401(k) plan, group medical insurance, group life insurance and paid vacations. The Company also maintained a defined benefit pension plan which, effective April 1, 2000, was frozen and employees can no longer accrue new benefits under that plan. The Company also has a stock option plan under which stock options may be granted to employees and directors. The Company also has an employee deferred compensation plan available to certain employees. The Bank is not a party to any collective bargaining agreement, and employee relations are considered good.

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Internet Website

The Company maintains an internet site at www.lakecitybank.com. The Company makes available free of charge on this site its annual report on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K and other reports filed or furnished pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act as soon as reasonably practicable after it electronically files such material with, or furnishes it to, the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Company's Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, Code of Conduct and the charters of its various committees of the Board of Directors are also available on the website.

SUPERVISION AND REGULATION

General

Financial institutions, their holding companies and their affiliates are extensively regulated under federal and state law. As a result, the growth and earnings performance of the Company may be affected not only by management decisions and general economic conditions, but also by the requirements of federal and state statutes and by the regulations and policies of various bank regulatory authorities, including the Indiana Department of Financial Institutions (the "DFI"), the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (the "Federal Reserve") and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (the "FDIC"). Furthermore, taxation laws administered by the Internal Revenue Service and state taxing authorities and securities laws administered by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") and state securities authorities have an impact on the business of the Company. The effect of these statutes, regulations and regulatory policies may be significant, and cannot be predicted with a high degree of certainty.

Federal and state laws and regulations generally applicable to financial institutions regulate, among other things, the scope of business, the kinds and amounts of investments, reserve requirements, capital levels relative to operations, the nature and amount of collateral for loans, the establishment of branches, mergers and consolidations and the payment of dividends. This system of supervision and regulation establishes a comprehensive framework for the respective operations of the Company and its subsidiaries and is intended primarily for the protection of the FDIC-insured deposits and depositors of the Bank, rather than shareholders.

The following is a summary of the material elements of the regulatory framework that applies to the Company and its subsidiaries. It does not describe all of the statutes, regulations and regulatory policies that apply, nor does it restate all of the requirements of those that are described. As such, the following is qualified in its entirety by reference to applicable law. Any change in statutes, regulations or regulatory policies may have a material effect on the business of the Company and its subsidiaries.

The Company

General. The Company, as the sole shareholder of the Bank, is a bank holding company. As a bank holding company, the Company is registered with, and is subject to regulation by, the Federal Reserve under the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, as amended (the "BHCA"). In accordance with Federal Reserve policy, the Company is expected to act as a source of financial strength to the Bank and to commit resources to support the Bank in circumstances where the Company might not otherwise do so. Under the BHCA, the Company is subject to periodic examination by the Federal Reserve. The Company is required to file with the Federal Reserve periodic reports of the Company's operations and

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such additional information regarding the Company and its subsidiaries as the Federal Reserve may require. The Company is also subject to regulation by the DFI under Indiana law.

Acquisitions, Activities and Change in Control The primary purpose of a bank holding company is to control and manage banks. The BHCA generally requires the prior approval of the Federal Reserve for any merger involving a bank holding company or any acquisition by a bank holding company of another bank or bank holding company. Subject to certain conditions (including deposit concentration limits established by the BHCA), the Federal Reserve may allow a bank holding company to acquire banks located in any state of the United States. In approving interstate acquisitions, the Federal Reserve is required to give effect to applicable state law limitations on the aggregate amount of deposits that may be held by the acquiring bank holding company and its insured depository institution affiliates in the state in which the target bank is located (provided that those limits do not discriminate against out-of-state depository institutions or their holding companies) and state laws that require that the target bank have been in existence for a minimum period of time (not to exceed five years) before being acquired by an out-of-state bank holding company.

The BHCA generally prohibits the Company from acquiring direct or indirect ownership or control of more than 5% of the voting shares of any company that is not a bank and from engaging in any business other than that of

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banking, managing and controlling banks or furnishing services to banks and their subsidiaries. This general prohibition is subject to a number of exceptions. The principal exception allows bank holding companies to engage in, and to own shares of companies engaged in, certain businesses found by the Federal Reserve to be “so closely related to banking ... as to be a proper incident thereto”. This authority would permit the Company to engage in a variety of banking-related businesses, including the operation of a thrift, consumer finance, equipment leasing, the operation of a computer service bureau (including software development), and mortgage banking and brokerage. The BHCA generally does not place territorial restrictions on the domestic activities of non-bank subsidiaries of bank holding companies.

Additionally, bank holding companies that meet certain eligibility requirements prescribed by the BHCA and elect to operate as financial holding companies may engage in, or own shares in companies engaged in, a wider range of nonbanking activities, including securities and insurance underwriting and sales, merchant banking and any other activity that the Federal Reserve, in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury, determines by regulation or order is financial in nature, incidental to any such financial activity or complementary to any such financial activity and does not pose a substantial risk to the safety or soundness of depository institutions or the financial system generally. As of the date of this filing, the Company has not applied for approval to operate as a financial holding company.

Federal law also prohibits any person or company from acquiring “control” of an FDIC-insured depository institution or its holding company without prior notice to the appropriate federal bank regulator. “Control” is conclusively presumed to exist upon the acquisition of 25% or more of the outstanding voting securities of a bank or bank holding company, but may arise under certain circumstances at 10% ownership.

Capital Requirements. Bank holding companies are required to maintain minimum levels of capital in accordance with Federal Reserve capital adequacy guidelines. If capital levels fall below the minimum required levels, a bank holding company, among other things, may be denied approval to acquire or establish additional banks or non-bank businesses.

The Federal Reserve’s capital guidelines establish the following minimum regulatory capital requirements for bank holding companies: (i) a risk-based requirement expressed as a percentage of total assets weighted according to risk; and (ii) a leverage requirement expressed as a percentage of total assets. The risk-based requirement consists of a minimum ratio of total capital to total risk-weighted assets of 8% and a minimum ratio of Tier 1 capital to total risk-weighted assets of 4%. The leverage requirement consists of a minimum ratio of Tier 1 capital to total assets of 3% for the most highly rated companies, with a minimum requirement of 4% for all others. For purposes of these capital standards, Tier 1 capital consists primarily of permanent stockholders’ equity less intangible assets (other than certain loan servicing rights and purchased credit card relationships). Total capital consists primarily of Tier 1 capital plus certain other debt and equity instruments that do not qualify as Tier 1 capital and a portion of the company’s allowance for loan and lease losses.

The risk-based and leverage standards described above are minimum requirements. Higher capital levels will be required if warranted by the particular circumstances or risk profiles of individual banking organizations. For example, the Federal Reserve’s capital guidelines contemplate that additional capital may be required to take adequate account of, among other things, interest rate risk, or the risks posed by concentrations of credit, nontraditional activities or securities trading activities. Further, any banking organization experiencing or anticipating significant growth would be expected to maintain capital ratios, including tangible capital positions (*i.e.*, Tier 1 capital less all intangible assets), well above the minimum levels. As of December 31, 2007, the Company had regulatory capital in excess of the Federal Reserve’s minimum requirements.

Dividend Payments. The Company’s ability to pay dividends to its shareholders may be affected by both general corporate law considerations and policies of the Federal Reserve applicable to bank holding companies. As an Indiana corporation, the Company is subject to the limitations of the Indiana General Business Corporation Law, which prohibit the Company from paying dividends if the Company is, or by payment of the

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dividend would become, insolvent, or if the payment of dividends would render the Company unable to pay its debts as they become due in the usual course of business. Additionally, policies of the Federal Reserve caution that a bank holding company should not pay cash dividends unless its net income available to common shareholders over the past year has been sufficient to fully fund the dividends and the prospective rate of earnings retention appears consistent with its capital needs, asset quality, and overall financial condition. The Federal Reserve also possesses enforcement powers over bank holding companies and their non-bank subsidiaries to prevent or remedy actions that represent unsafe or unsound practices or violations of applicable statutes and regulations. Among these powers is the ability to proscribe the payment of dividends by banks and bank holding companies.

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Federal Securities Regulation. The Company's common stock is registered with the SEC under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"). Consequently, the Company is subject to the information, proxy solicitation, insider trading and other restrictions and requirements of the SEC under the Exchange Act.

The Bank

General. The Bank is an Indiana-chartered bank, the deposit accounts of which are insured by the FDIC's Deposit Insurance Fund ("DIF") to the maximum extent provided under federal law and FDIC regulations. The Bank is also a member of the Federal Reserve System ("member bank"). As an Indiana-chartered, FDIC-insured member bank, the Bank is presently subject to the examination, supervision, reporting and enforcement requirements of the DFI, the chartering authority for Indiana banks, the Federal Reserve, as the primary federal regulator of member banks, and the FDIC, as administrator of the DIF.

Deposit Insurance. As an FDIC-insured institution, the Bank is required to pay deposit insurance premium assessments to the FDIC. The FDIC has adopted a risk-based assessment system whereby FDIC-insured depository institutions pay insurance premiums at rates based on their risk classification. An institution's risk classification is assigned based on its capital levels and the level of supervisory concern the institution poses to the regulators. Under the regulations of the FDIC, as presently in effect, insurance assessments range from 0.05% to 0.43% of total deposits (subject to adjustment by the FDIC and the application of assessment credits, if any, issued by the FDIC in 2007).

FICO Assessments. The Financing Corporation ("FICO") is a mixed-ownership governmental corporation chartered by the former Federal Home Loan Bank Board pursuant to the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation Recapitalization Act of 1987 to function as a financing vehicle for the recapitalization of the former Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation. FICO issued 30-year non-callable bonds of approximately \$8.2 billion that mature by 2019. Since 1996, federal legislation has required that all FDIC-insured depository institutions pay assessments to cover interest payments on FICO's outstanding obligations. These FICO assessments are in addition to amounts assessed by the FDIC for deposit insurance. During the year ended December 31, 2007, the FICO assessment rate was approximately 0.01% of deposits.

Supervisory Assessments. All Indiana banks are required to pay supervisory assessments to the DFI to fund the operations of the DFI. The amount of the assessment is calculated on the basis of the bank's total assets. During the year ended December 31, 2007, the Bank paid supervisory assessments to the DFI totaling \$162,000.

Capital Requirements. Banks are generally required to maintain capital levels in excess of other businesses. Under federal regulations, the Bank is subject to the following minimum capital standards: (i) a leverage requirement consisting of a minimum ratio of Tier 1 capital to total assets of 3% for the most highly-rated banks with a minimum requirement of at least 4% for all others; and (ii) a risk-based capital requirement consisting of a minimum ratio of total capital to total risk-weighted assets of 8% and a minimum ratio of Tier 1 capital to total risk-weighted assets of 4%. In general, the components of Tier 1 capital and total capital are the same as those for bank holding companies discussed above.

The capital requirements described above are minimum requirements. Higher capital levels will be required if warranted by the particular circumstances or risk profiles of individual institutions. For example, federal regulations provide that additional capital may be required to take adequate account of, among other things, interest rate risk or the risks posed by concentrations of credit, nontraditional activities or securities

trading activities.

Further, federal law and regulations provide various incentives for financial institutions to maintain regulatory capital at levels in excess of minimum regulatory requirements. For example, a financial institution that is “well-capitalized” may qualify for exemptions from prior notice or application requirements otherwise applicable to certain types of activities and may qualify for expedited processing of other required notices or applications. Additionally, one of the criteria that determines a bank holding company’s eligibility to operate as a financial holding company is a requirement that all of its financial institution subsidiaries be “well-capitalized.” Under the regulations of the Federal Reserve, in order to be “well-capitalized” a financial institution must maintain a ratio of total capital to total risk-weighted assets of 10% or greater, a ratio of Tier 1 capital to total risk-weighted assets of 6% or greater and a ratio of Tier 1 capital to total assets of 5% or greater.

Federal law also provides the federal banking regulators with broad power to take prompt corrective action to resolve the problems of undercapitalized institutions. The extent of the regulators’ powers depends on whether the institution in question is “adequately capitalized,” “undercapitalized,” “significantly undercapitalized” or “critically undercapitalized,” in each case as defined by regulation. Depending upon the capital category to which

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an institution is assigned, the regulators' corrective powers include: (i) requiring the institution to submit a capital restoration plan; (ii) limiting the institution's asset growth and restricting its activities; (iii) requiring the institution to issue additional capital stock (including additional voting stock) or to be acquired; (iv) restricting transactions between the institution and its affiliates; (v) restricting the interest rate the institution may pay on deposits; (vi) ordering a new election of directors of the institution; (vii) requiring that senior executive officers or directors be dismissed; (viii) prohibiting the institution from accepting deposits from correspondent banks; (ix) requiring the institution to divest certain subsidiaries; (x) prohibiting the payment of principal or interest on subordinated debt; and (xi) ultimately, appointing a receiver for the institution.

As of December 31, 2007: (i) the Bank was not subject to a directive from the Federal Reserve to increase its capital to an amount in excess of the minimum regulatory capital requirements; (ii) the Bank exceeded its minimum regulatory capital requirements under Federal Reserve capital adequacy guidelines; and (iii) the Bank was "well-capitalized," as defined by Federal Reserve regulations.

Dividend Payments. The primary source of funds for the Company is dividends from the Bank. Indiana law prohibits the Bank from paying dividends in an amount greater than its undivided profits. The Bank is required to obtain the approval of the DFI for the payment of any dividend if the total of all dividends declared by the Bank during the calendar year, including the proposed dividend, would exceed the sum of the Bank's retained net income for the year to date combined with its retained net income for the previous two years. Indiana law defines "retained net income" to mean the net income of a specified period, calculated under the consolidated report of income instructions, less the total amount of all dividends declared for the specified period. The Federal Reserve Act also imposes limitations on the amount of dividends that may be paid by state member banks, such as the Bank. Without Federal Reserve approval, a state member bank may not pay dividends in any calendar year that, in the aggregate, exceed the bank's calendar year-to-date net income plus the bank's retained net income for the two preceding calendar years.

The payment of dividends by any financial institution is affected by the requirement to maintain adequate capital pursuant to applicable capital adequacy guidelines and regulations, and a financial institution generally is prohibited from paying any dividends if, following payment thereof, the institution would be undercapitalized. As described above, the Bank exceeded its minimum capital requirements under applicable guidelines as of December 31, 2007. As of December 31, 2007, approximately \$28.7 million was available to be paid as dividends by the Bank. Notwithstanding the availability of funds for dividends, however, the Federal Reserve may prohibit the payment of any dividends by the Bank if the Federal Reserve determines such payment would constitute an unsafe or unsound practice.

Insider Transactions. The Bank is subject to certain restrictions imposed by federal law on extensions of credit to the Company, on investments in the stock or other securities of the Company and the acceptance of the stock or other securities of the Company as collateral for loans made by the Bank. Certain limitations and reporting requirements are also placed on extensions of credit by the Bank to its directors and officers, to directors and officers of the Company, to principal shareholders of the Company and to "related interests" of such directors, officers and principal shareholders. In addition, federal law and regulations may affect the terms upon which any person who is a director or officer of the Company or the Bank or a principal shareholder of the Company may obtain credit from banks with which the Bank maintains a correspondent relationship.

Safety and Soundness Standards. The federal banking agencies have adopted guidelines that establish operational and managerial standards to promote the safety and soundness of federally insured depository institutions. The guidelines set forth standards for internal controls, information systems, internal audit systems, loan documentation, credit underwriting, interest rate exposure, asset growth, compensation, fees and benefits, asset quality and earnings.

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In general, the safety and soundness guidelines prescribe the goals to be achieved in each area, and each institution is responsible for establishing its own procedures to achieve those goals. If an institution fails to comply with any of the standards set forth in the guidelines, the institution's primary federal regulator may require the institution to submit a plan for achieving and maintaining compliance. If an institution fails to submit an acceptable compliance plan, or fails in any material respect to implement a compliance plan that has been accepted by its primary federal regulator, the regulator is required to issue an order directing the institution to cure the deficiency. Until the deficiency cited in the regulator's order is cured, the regulator may restrict the institution's rate of growth, require the institution to increase its capital, restrict the rates the institution pays on deposits or require the institution to take any action the regulator deems appropriate under the circumstances. Noncompliance with the standards established by the safety and soundness guidelines may also constitute grounds for other enforcement action by the federal banking regulators, including cease and desist orders and civil money penalty assessments.

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Branching Authority. Indiana banks, such as the Bank, have the authority under Indiana law to establish branches anywhere in the State of Indiana, subject to receipt of all required regulatory approvals.

Federal law permits state and national banks to merge with banks in other states subject to: (i) regulatory approval; (ii) federal and state deposit concentration limits; and (iii) state law limitations requiring the merging bank to have been in existence for a minimum period of time (not to exceed five years) prior to the merger. The establishment of new interstate branches or the acquisition of individual branches of a bank in another state (rather than the acquisition of an out-of-state bank in its entirety) is permitted only in those states the laws of which expressly authorize such expansion.

State Bank Investments and Activities. The Bank generally is permitted to make investments and engage in activities directly or through subsidiaries as authorized by Indiana law. However, under federal law and FDIC regulations, FDIC-insured state banks are prohibited, subject to certain exceptions, from making or retaining equity investments of a type, or in an amount, that are not permissible for a national bank. Federal law and FDIC regulations also prohibit FDIC-insured state banks and their subsidiaries, subject to certain exceptions, from engaging as principal in any activity that is not permitted for a national bank unless the bank meets, and continues to meet, its minimum regulatory capital requirements and the FDIC determines the activity would not pose a significant risk to the deposit insurance fund of which the bank is a member. These restrictions have not had, and are not currently expected to have, a material impact on the operations of the Bank.

Federal Reserve System. Federal Reserve regulations, as presently in effect, require depository institutions to maintain non-interest earning reserves against their transaction accounts (primarily NOW and regular checking accounts), as follows: for transaction accounts aggregating \$43.9 million or less, the reserve requirement is 3% of total transaction accounts; and for transaction accounts aggregating in excess of \$43.9 million, the reserve requirement is \$1.038 million plus 10% of the aggregate amount of total transaction accounts in excess of \$43.9 million. The first \$9.3 million of otherwise reservable balances are exempted from the reserve requirements. These reserve requirements are subject to annual adjustment by the Federal Reserve. The Bank is in compliance with the foregoing requirements.

INDUSTRY SEGMENTS

The Company's chief decision-makers monitor and evaluate financial performance on a Company-wide basis. All of the Company's financial service operations are similar and considered by management to be aggregated into one reportable operating segment. While the Company has assigned certain management responsibilities by region, the Company's chief decision-makers monitor and evaluate financial performance on a Company-wide basis. The majority of the Company's revenue is from the business of banking and the Company's assigned regions have similar economic characteristics, products, services and customers. Accordingly, all of the Company's operations are considered by management to be aggregated in one reportable operating segment.

GUIDE 3 INFORMATION

On the pages that follow are tables that set forth selected statistical information relative to the business of the Company. This data should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements, related notes and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" as set forth in Items 7 & 8, below, herein incorporated by reference.

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DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY;

INTEREST RATES AND INTEREST DIFFERENTIAL

(in thousands of dollars)

	Average Balance	2007 Interest Income	Yield (1)		Average Balance	2006 Interest Income	Yield (1)	
ASSETS								
Earning assets:								
Loans:								
Taxable (2)(3)	\$ 1,401,480	\$ 102,840	7.34	%	\$ 1,264,490	\$ 91,946	7.27	%
Tax exempt (1)	2,588	166	6.41		5,995	328	5.47	
Investments: (1)								
Available for sale	306,293	15,140	4.94		293,931	13,609	4.63	
Short—term investments	17,412	863	4.96		12,896	647	5.02	
Interest bearing deposits	1,486	68	4.58		3,269	151	4.62	
Total earning assets	1,729,259	119,077	6.89	%	1,580,581	106,681	6.75	%
Nonearning assets:								
Cash and due from banks	44,565	0			56,235	0		
Premises and equipment	26,042	0			24,750	0		
Other nonearning assets	54,220	0			50,597	0		
Less allowance for loan losses	(15,045)	0			(13,692)	0		
Total assets	\$ 1,839,041	\$ 119,077			\$ 1,698,471	\$ 106,681		

(1) Tax exempt income was converted to a fully taxable equivalent basis at a 35 percent tax rate for 2007 and 2006. The tax equivalent rate for tax exempt

(2) Loan fees, which are immaterial in relation to total taxable loan interest income for the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006, are included as taxable

(3) Nonaccrual loans are included in the average balance of taxable loans.

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DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY;

INTEREST RATES AND INTEREST DIFFERENTIAL (Cont.)

(in thousands of dollars)

	Average Balance	2006 Interest Income	Yield (1)		Average Balance	2005 Interest Income	Yield (1)	
ASSETS								
Earning assets:								
Loans:								
Taxable (2)(3)	\$ 1,264,490	\$ 91,946	7.27	%	\$ 1,084,353	\$ 68,417	6.31	%
Tax exempt (1)	5,995	328	5.47		4,435	235	5.30	
Investments: (1)								
Available for sale	293,931	13,609	4.63		286,864	12,806	4.46	
Short—term investments	12,896	647	5.02		6,252	206	3.29	
Interest bearing deposits	3,269	151	4.62		4,027	127	3.15	
Total earning assets	1,580,581	106,681	6.75	%	1,385,931	81,791	5.90	%
Nonearning assets:								
Cash and due from banks	56,235	0			55,234	0		
Premises and equipment	24,750	0			24,977	0		
Other nonearning assets	50,597	0			44,681	0		
Less allowance for loan losses	(13,692)	0			(11,668)	0		
Total assets	\$ 1,698,471	\$ 106,681			\$ 1,499,155	\$ 81,791		

(1) Tax exempt income was converted to a fully taxable equivalent basis at a 35 percent tax rate for 2006 and 2005. The tax equivalent rate for tax exempt

(2) Loan fees, which are immaterial in relation to total taxable loan interest income for the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2005, are included as taxable

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DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY;

INTEREST RATES AND INTEREST DIFFERENTIAL (Cont.)

(in thousands of dollars)

	Average Balance	2007 Interest Expense	Yield		Average Balance	2006 Interest Expense	Yield
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY							
Interest bearing liabilities:							
Savings deposits	\$ 67,104	\$ 133	0.20	%	\$ 67,818	\$ 143	0.21 %
Interest bearing checking accounts	425,753	14,854	3.49		405,209	12,789	3.16
Time deposits:							
In denominations under \$100,000	295,328	14,289	4.84		264,087	10,787	4.08
In denominations over \$100,000	462,056	24,338	5.27		430,378	21,382	4.97
Miscellaneous short—term borrowings	177,343	7,239	4.08		144,637	5,594	3.87
Long—term borrowings and subordinated debentures (1)	30,972	2,628	8.49		30,973	2,529	8.17
Total interest bearing liabilities	1,458,556	63,481	4.35	%	1,343,102	53,224	3.96 %
Noninterest bearing liabilities and stockholders' equity:							
Demand deposits	226,484	0			219,997	0	
Other liabilities	16,234	0			13,418	0	
Stockholders' equity	137,767	0			121,954	0	
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 1,839,041	\$ 63,481			\$ 1,698,471	\$ 53,224	
Net interest differential — yield on average daily earning assets		\$ 55,596	3.22	%		\$ 53,457	3.38 %

(1) Long-term borrowings and subordinated debentures interest expense was reduced by interest capitalized on construction in process for 2007.

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DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY;

INTEREST RATES AND INTEREST DIFFERENTIAL (Cont.)

(in thousands of dollars)

	Average Balance	2006 Interest Expense	Yield		Average Balance	2005 Interest Expense	Yield
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY							
Interest bearing liabilities:							
Savings deposits	\$ 67,818	\$ 143	0.21	%	\$ 70,875	\$ 95	0.13 %
Interest bearing checking accounts	405,209	12,789	3.16		342,438	5,622	1.64
Time deposits:							
In denominations under \$100,000	264,087	10,787	4.08		228,689	7,236	3.16
In denominations over \$100,000	430,378	21,382	4.97		319,697	11,378	3.56
Miscellaneous short—term borrowings	144,637	5,594	3.87		154,949	3,790	2.45
Long—term borrowings and subordinated debentures	30,973	2,529	8.17		40,891	2,232	5.46
Total interest bearing liabilities	1,343,102	53,224	3.96	%	1,157,539	30,353	2.62 %
Noninterest bearing liabilities and stockholders' equity:							
Demand deposits	219,997	0			222,971	0	
Other liabilities	13,418	0			10,427	0	
Stockholders' equity	121,954	0			108,218	0	
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 1,698,471	\$ 53,224			\$ 1,499,155	\$ 30,353	
Net interest differential — yield on average daily earning assets		\$ 53,457	3.38	%		\$ 51,438	3.71 %

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ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN INTEREST DIFFERENTIALS

(fully taxable equivalent basis)

(in thousands of dollars)

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,

	2007 Over (Under) 2006 (1)			2006 Over (Under) 2005 (1)		
	Volume	Rate	Total	Volume	Rate	Total
INTEREST AND LOAN FEE INCOME (2)						
Loans:						
Taxable	\$ 10,045	\$ 849	\$ 10,894	\$ 12,269	\$ 11,260	\$ 23,529
Tax exempt	(211)	49	(162)	85	8	93
Investments:						
Available for sale	587	944	1,531	320	483	803
Short—term investments	224	(8)	216	296	145	441
Interest bearing deposits	(82)	(1)	(83)	(27)	51	24
Total interest income	10,563	1,833	12,396	12,943	11,947	24,890
INTEREST EXPENSE						
Savings deposits	(1)	(9)	(10)	(4)	52	48
Interest bearing checking accounts	671	1,394	2,065	1,188	5,979	7,167
Time deposits:						
In denominations under \$100,000	1,368	2,134	3,502	1,233	2,318	3,551
In denominations over \$100,000	1,626	1,330	2,956	4,667	5,337	10,004
Miscellaneous short—term borrowings	1,321	324	1,645	(267)	2,071	1,804
Long—term borrowings and subordinated debentures	0	99	99	(630)	927	297
Total interest expense	4,985	5,272	10,257	6,187	16,684	22,871
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN INTEREST DIFFERENTIALS	\$ 5,578	\$ (3,439)	\$ 2,139	\$ 6,756	\$ (4,737)	\$ 2,019

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- (1) The earning assets and interest bearing liabilities used to calculate interest differentials are based on average daily balances for 2007, 2006 and 2005. The changes in volume represent "changes in volume times the old rate". The changes in rate represent "changes in rate times old volume". The changes in rate/volume were also calculated by "change in rate times change in volume" and allocated consistently based upon the relative absolute values of the changes in volume and changes in rate.
- (2) Tax exempt income was converted to a fully taxable equivalent basis at a 35 percent tax rate for 2007, 2006 and 2005. The tax equivalent rate for tax exempt loans and tax exempt securities acquired after January 1, 1983 included the TEFRA adjustment applicable to nondeductible interest expense.

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ANALYSIS OF SECURITIES

(in thousands of dollars)

The amortized cost and the fair value of securities as of December 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005 were as follows:

	2007		2006		2005	
	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Amortized Cost	Fair Value
Securities available for sale:						
U.S. Treasury securities	\$ 1,201	\$ 1,206	\$ 1,002	\$ 965	\$ 1,002	\$ 966
U.S. Government agencies	18,539	18,555	31,249	30,525	31,285	30,484
Mortgage—backed securities	251,158	250,495	213,053	210,000	211,040	206,596
State and municipal securities	56,613	57,501	53,824	54,701	51,801	52,889
Total debt securities available for sale	\$ 327,511	\$ 327,757	\$ 299,128	\$ 296,191	\$ 295,128	\$ 290,935

At year-end 2007, there were no holdings of securities of any one issuer, other than the U.S. Government, government agencies and government sponsored agencies, in an amount greater than 10% of stockholders' equity with the exception of Residential Accredited Loans, Inc., which had a book value of \$22.6 million and a market value of \$22.3 million. These are all Alt A Whole Loan securities in the Super Senior tranches, which are the highest rated tranches with very high credit standards. In addition, the collateral of the Alt A Whole Loan Securities purchased must meet certain criteria set by the Company's Asset Liability Management Committee including maximum loan-to-value and minimum FICO scores. The Company does not feel there is any significant risk to holding these types of securities or with this issuer. At year-end 2006, there were no holdings of securities of any one issuer, other than the U.S. Government, government agencies and government sponsored agencies, in an amount greater than 10% of stockholders' equity.

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ANALYSIS OF SECURITIES (cont.)

(fully tax equivalent basis)

(in thousands of dollars)

The weighted average yields (1) and maturity distribution (2) for debt securities portfolio at December 31, 2007, were as follows:

	Within One Year		After One Year Within Five Years		After Five Years Within Ten Years		Over Ten Years	
Securities available for sale:								
US Treasury securities								
Fair value	\$ 200		\$ 1,006		\$ 0		\$ 0	
Yield	5.50	%	3.38	%	0	%	0	%
Government agencies and corporations								
Fair value	2,999		15,556		0		0	
Yield	3.25	%	4.40	%				