

SYNOVUS FINANCIAL CORP  
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**Important notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the 2009 Annual Meeting of Shareholders to Be Held on April 23, 2009**

*The Proxy Statement, Annual Report and other proxy materials are available at:  
<http://bnymellon.mobular.net/bnymellon/snv>*

*This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.*

**SYNOVUS FINANCIAL CORP.**

*If you want to receive a paper or e-mail copy of these documents, you must request one. There is no charge to you for requesting a copy. Please make your request for a copy as instructed below on or before April 9, 2009 to facilitate timely delivery.*

Dear Synovus Financial Corp. Shareholder:

The 2009 Annual Meeting of Shareholders of Synovus Financial Corp. ( Synovus ) will be held at the RiverCenter for the Performing Arts, 900 Broadway, Columbus, Georgia 31901, on Thursday, April 23, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. (local time).

Proposals to be considered at the Annual Meeting:

(1) to elect the following 18 nominees as directors:

Daniel P. Amos  
Richard E. Anthony  
James H. Blanchard  
Richard Y. Bradley  
Frank W. Brumley  
Elizabeth W. Camp

Gardiner W. Garrard, Jr.  
T. Michael Goodrich  
Frederick L. Green, III  
V. Nathaniel Hansford  
Mason H. Lampton  
Elizabeth C. Ogie

H. Lynn Page  
Neal Purcell  
Melvin T. Stith  
Philip W. Tomlinson  
William B. Turner, Jr.  
James D. Yancey

(2) to ratify the appointment of KPMG LLP as the Synovus independent auditor for the year 2009;

(3) to approve the compensation of Synovus named executive officers as determined by the Compensation Committee; and

(4) to transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting and any adjournment thereof.

**Management recommends a vote FOR proposals 1, 2 and 3.**

The Board of Directors has fixed the close of business on February 13, 2009 as the record date (the Record Date ) for the determination of shareholders entitled to receive notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting or any adjournment(s) thereof.

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Shareholders of record as of the Record Date are encouraged and cordially invited to attend the Annual Meeting.

**Meeting location:**

RiverCenter for the Performing Arts  
900 Broadway  
Columbus, Georgia 31901

You can find directions to the Annual Meeting, where you may vote in person, at:  
<http://www.synovus.com/2009annualmeeting>.

**The following Proxy Materials are available for you to review online:**

the Company's 2009 Proxy Statement (including the Financial Appendix therein) and 2008 Annual Report;  
the Proxy Card; and

any amendments to the foregoing materials that are required to be furnished to shareholders.

**To request a paper copy of the Proxy Materials,** (you must reference your 11 digit control number):

Telephone: **1-888-313-0164** (outside of the U.S. and Canada call 201-680-6688)

Email: **[shrrelations@bnymellon.com](mailto:shrrelations@bnymellon.com)**

Internet: **<http://bnymellon.mobular.net/bnymellon/snv>**.

**ACCESSING YOUR PROXY MATERIALS ONLINE**

**YOU MUST REFERENCE YOUR 11-DIGIT CONTROL NUMBER WHEN YOU REQUEST  
A PAPER COPY OF THE PROXY MATERIALS OR TO VOTE YOUR PROXY ELECTRONICALLY.**

**The proxy Materials for Synovus Financial Corp. are available to review at:**

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**OR WHEN YOU WANT TO VOTE YOUR PROXY ELECTRONICALLY.**

**VOTE BY INTERNET**

Use the Internet to vote your shares. Have this card in hand when you access the above web site.

On the top right hand side of the website click on **Vote Now** to  
access the electronic proxy card and vote your shares.

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