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REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

### BankUnited, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

6035

(Primary Standard Industrial Classification Code Number)

27-0162450

(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

14817 Oak Lane Miami Lakes, Florida 33016 (305) 569-2000

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of registrant's principal executive offices)

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The Registrant hereby amends this Registration Statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the Registrant shall file an amendment which specifically states that this Registration Statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 or until this Registration Statement shall become effective on such date as the Securities and Exchange Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.



The information in this preliminary prospectus is not complete and may be changed. Neither we nor the selling stockholders may sell these securities until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This preliminary prospectus is not an offer to sell nor does it seek an offer to buy these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted.

Subject to Completion. Dated January 24, 2011

#### **PROSPECTUS**

26,250,000 Shares



#### BankUnited, Inc.

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This is the initial public offering of our common stock. We are offering 4,000,000 shares of our common stock. The selling stockholders identified in this prospectus are offering an additional 22,250,000 shares. We will not receive any of the proceeds from the sale of the shares being sold by the selling stockholders.

Prior to this offering there has been no public market for our common stock. It is currently estimated that the public offering price per share of our common stock will be between \$23.00 and \$25.00 per share. Our common stock has been approved for listing on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "BKU."

See "Risk Factors" on page 13 to read about factors you should consider before buying our common stock.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any other regulatory body has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

	Per Share	Total
Initial public offering price	\$	\$
Underwriting discounts	\$	\$
Proceeds, before expenses, to us	\$	\$
Proceeds, before expenses, to the selling stockholders	\$	\$

To the extent that the underwriters sell more than 26,250,000 shares of our common stock, the underwriters have the option to purchase up to an additional 3,937,500 shares of our common stock from the selling stockholders at the initial public offering price less the underwriting discount, within 30 days from the date of this prospectus, to cover over-allotments.

, 2011.

The underwriters expect to deliver the shares of our common stock against payment in New York, New York on

Morgan Stanley

**BofA Merrill Lynch** 

**Deutsche Bank Securities** 

Goldman, Sachs & Co.

Keefe, Bruyette & Woods **RBC Capital Markets UBS Investment Bank** 

Prospectus dated

, 2011

We, the selling stockholders and the underwriters have not authorized anyone to provide any information other than that contained in this prospectus or in any free writing prospectus prepared by or on behalf of us or to which we have referred you. We, the selling stockholders and the underwriters take no responsibility for, and can provide no assurance as to the reliability of, any other information that others may give you. We are not, and the selling stockholders and underwriters are not, making an offer of these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer is not permitted. You should not assume that the information contained in this prospectus is accurate as of any date other than the date on the front of this prospectus.

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The shares of our common stock that you purchase in this offering will not be a bank deposit and will not be insured or guaranteed by the FDIC or any other government agency. Your investment will be subject to investment risk, and you must be capable of affording the loss of your entire investment.

For investors outside the United States: None of we, the selling stockholders or any of the underwriters have done anything that would permit this offering or possession or distribution of this prospectus in any jurisdiction where action for that purpose is required, other than in the United States. You are required to inform yourselves about and to observe any restrictions relating to this offering and the distribution of this prospectus.

#### MARKET AND INDUSTRY DATA AND FORECASTS

This prospectus includes market and industry data and forecasts that we have developed from independent research firms, publicly available information, various industry publications, other

published industry sources or our internal data and estimates. Independent research reports, industry publications and other published industry sources generally indicate that the information contained therein was obtained from sources believed to be reliable, but do not guarantee the accuracy and completeness of such information. Although we believe that the publications and reports are reliable, none of we, the selling stockholders or the underwriters have independently verified the data. Our internal data, estimates and forecasts are based on information obtained from our investors, trade and business organizations and other contacts in the markets in which we operate and our management's understanding of industry conditions. Although we believe that such information is reliable, we have not had such information verified by any independent sources.

#### PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

This summary highlights selected information contained elsewhere in this prospectus. This summary may not contain all of the information that you should consider before investing in our common stock. You should read the entire prospectus carefully, including the section entitled "Risk Factors," our financial statements and the related notes thereto and management's discussion and analysis thereof included elsewhere in this prospectus, before making an investment decision to purchase our common stock. Unless we state otherwise or the context otherwise requires, references in this prospectus to "we," "our," "us," and the "Company" for all periods subsequent to the Acquisition (as defined below) refer to BankUnited, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and its consolidated subsidiaries. References in this prospectus to "BankUnited" and the "Bank" for all periods beginning May 22, 2009 refer to BankUnited, a federal savings association, formed to acquire substantially all of the assets (including loans, employees and certain operations), and assume all of the non-brokered deposits and substantially all other liabilities, of the Failed Bank (as defined below).

#### BankUnited, Inc.

#### Summary

BankUnited, Inc. is a savings and loan holding company with two wholly-owned subsidiaries: BankUnited, which is one of the largest independent depository institutions headquartered in Florida by assets, and BankUnited Investment Services, Inc., or BankUnited Investment Services, a Florida insurance agency which provides comprehensive wealth management products and financial planning services. BankUnited is a federally-chartered, federally-insured savings association headquartered in Miami Lakes, Florida, with \$11.2 billion of assets, more than 1,100 professionals and 78 branches in 13 counties at September 30, 2010. Our goal is to build a premier, large regional bank with a low-risk, long-term value-oriented business model focused on small and medium sized businesses and consumers. We endeavor to provide personalized customer service and offer a full range of traditional banking products and financial services to both our commercial and consumer customers, who are predominantly located in Florida.

BankUnited, Inc. was organized by a management team led by our Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, John A. Kanas, on April 28, 2009 and was initially capitalized with \$945.0 million by a group of investors. On May 21, 2009, BankUnited was granted a savings association charter and the newly formed bank acquired substantially all of the assets and assumed all of the non-brokered deposits and substantially all other liabilities of BankUnited, FSB, or the Failed Bank, from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, or the FDIC, in a transaction which we refer to as the Acquisition. Concurrently with the Acquisition, we entered into two loss sharing agreements, or the Loss Sharing Agreements, which cover certain legacy assets, including the entire legacy loan portfolio and other real estate owned, or OREO, and certain purchased investment securities, including private-label mortgage-backed securities and non-investment grade securities. We refer to assets covered by the Loss Sharing Agreements as Covered Assets (or, in certain cases, Covered Loans or Covered Securities).

Since the Bank's establishment in May 2009, we have pursued our new strategy and as part of this strategy we have recruited a new executive management team, substantially enhanced our middle management team, redesigned the Bank's underwriting functions, and have begun the process of improving the Bank's information technology systems and optimizing our existing branch network. For the nine months ended September 30, 2010, the Company was one of the most profitable and well-capitalized bank holding companies in the United States, having earned 1.9% on its average assets and 17.7% on its average common stockholder's equity, and achieved a 41.9% efficiency ratio. BankUnited's tier 1 leverage ratio was 10.1% and its tier 1 risk-based capital ratio was 42.5% at September 30, 2010. The Company's tangible common equity ratio was 10.7% at September 30, 2010.

We intend to invest our excess capital to grow opportunistically both organically and through acquisitions.

Our management team is led by Mr. Kanas, a veteran of the banking industry who built North Fork Bancorporation, or North Fork, into a leading regional bank based in New York. At the time of its sale to Capital One Financial Corporation, or Capital One, in December 2006, North Fork was one of the top 25 bank holding companies in the United States. Mr. Kanas served as the Chairman of North Fork from 1986 to 2006 and President and Chief Executive Officer of North Fork from 1977 to 2006. Through organic growth and over 15 acquisitions, Mr. Kanas oversaw the growth and expansion of North Fork from less than \$1 billion in assets in 1977 to nearly \$60 billion in assets by 2006. According to FactSet Research Systems, while for the five-year period prior to its sale to Capital One, North Fork generated a total annualized return of the top fifty U.S. bank holding companies (excluding North Fork) by assets, for the ten-year period, North Fork generated a total annualized return of 20.5%, compared to a median total annualized return of 14.5%. North Fork distinguished itself as one of the most efficient banking companies in the United States through Mr. Kanas' vision of safe and prudent expansion, cost control and capital management. North Fork was sold to Capital One in December 2006 for \$13.2 billion, or 4.0 times tangible equity, a transaction multiple higher than both the median transaction multiple of 3.2 for sales of banks with assets between \$10 billion and \$30 billion and the median transaction multiple of 3.0 for sales in the banking industry during the period from 2000 to 2006.

#### The Acquisition

On May 21, 2009, BankUnited entered into a purchase and assumption agreement, or the Purchase and Assumption Agreement, with the FDIC, Receiver of the Failed Bank, to acquire substantially all of the assets and assume all of the non-brokered deposits and substantially all other liabilities of the Failed Bank. Excluding the effects of acquisition accounting adjustments, BankUnited acquired \$13.6 billion of assets and assumed \$12.8 billion of liabilities. The fair value of the assets acquired was \$10.9 billion and the fair value of the liabilities assumed was \$13.1 billion. BankUnited received a net cash consideration from the FDIC in the amount of \$2.2 billion.

The Acquisition consisted of assets with a fair value of \$10.9 billion, including \$5.0 billion of loans (with a corresponding unpaid principal balance, or UPB, of \$11.2 billion), a \$3.4 billion FDIC indemnification asset, \$538.9 million of investment securities, \$1.2 billion of cash and cash equivalents, \$177.7 million of foreclosed assets, \$243.3 million of Federal Home Loan Bank, or FHLB, stock and \$347.4 million of other assets. Liabilities with a fair value of \$13.1 billion were also assumed, including \$8.3 billion of non-brokered deposits, \$4.6 billion of FHLB advances, and \$112.2 million of other liabilities.

Concurrently with the Acquisition, the Bank entered into the Loss Sharing Agreements with the FDIC that cover certain legacy assets, including the entire loan portfolio and OREO, and certain purchased investment securities, including private-label mortgage-backed securities and non-investment grade securities. The Bank acquired other BankUnited, FSB assets that are not covered by the Loss Sharing Agreements with the FDIC including cash, certain investment securities purchased at fair market value and other tangible assets. The Loss Sharing Agreements do not apply to subsequently acquired, purchased or originated assets. At September 30, 2010, the Covered Assets consisted of assets with a book value of \$4.3 billion. The total UPB (or, for investment securities, unamortized cost basis) of the Covered Assets at September 30, 2010 was \$8.9 billion.

Pursuant to the terms of the Loss Sharing Agreements, the Covered Assets are subject to a stated loss threshold whereby the FDIC will reimburse the Bank for 80% of losses up to the \$4.0 billion stated threshold and 95% of losses in excess of the \$4.0 billion stated threshold, calculated, in each case, based on UPB (or, for investment securities, unamortized cost basis) plus certain interest and

expenses. The carrying value of the FDIC indemnification asset at September 30, 2010 was \$2.7 billion. The Bank will reimburse the FDIC for its share of recoveries with respect to losses for which the FDIC paid the Bank a reimbursement under the Loss Sharing Agreements. The FDIC's obligation to reimburse the Company for losses with respect to the Covered Assets began with the first dollar of loss incurred. We have received \$997.2 million from the FDIC in reimbursements under the Loss Sharing Agreements for claims filed for losses incurred as of September 30, 2010. See "Business—The Acquisition—Loss Sharing Agreements."

Several elements of our Acquisition are favorable relative to other FDIC-assisted transactions and position the Company to generate significant value. At the time of the Acquisition, bank failures were on the rise and the U.S. Treasury's unprecedented Supervisory Capital Assessment Program for the largest U.S. bank holding companies was underway. Due in part to the distress in the banking system, economic uncertainty and poor capital markets conditions, the Covered Loans and OREO were purchased by the Bank in a bidding process for 76.5% of their \$11.4 billion in UPB as of the Acquisition date, which represented the fair market value for those assets at that time. The discount was one of the largest relative to other FDIC-assisted transactions and reflected, in addition to the abovementioned factors, the poor quality of the assets acquired as noted by the ratio of non-performing assets to total assets of 23.5% at May 21, 2009. In addition, our bid included the granting of a warrant to the FDIC, allowing the FDIC to participate in the economic upside of the transaction if certain performance levels are achieved. Along with the pricing terms, the Loss Sharing Agreements and the size of the transaction enable the Company to generate significant capital even in severe loss scenarios. For example, in the worst case scenario of a 100% credit loss on all Covered Loans and OREO, we would recover no less than 89.7% of the UPB as of the Acquisition date, assuming compliance with the terms of the Loss Sharing Agreements.

Furthermore, the Loss Sharing Agreements include attractive provisions that optimize our flexibility and reduce our risk associated with the Covered Assets, including the following:

- **Ability to sell loans.** We may sell up to 2.5% of the Covered Loans based on the UPB at Acquisition, or approximately \$280.0 million, on an annual basis without prior consent of the FDIC. Any losses incurred from such loan sales are covered under the Loss Sharing Agreements.
- No residual credit risk. We have the right to sell any or all of the Covered Assets at the termination date of our Loss Sharing Agreements, and any
  losses incurred will be covered. This allows us to crystallize any residual loss that would otherwise materialize after the expiration of the Loss
  Sharing Agreements.
- Certain securities covered. Certain private-label mortgage-backed securities purchased in the Acquisition are covered under the Loss Sharing Agreements.
- Enhanced flexibility to execute corporate strategy opportunistically. The Bank has the ability to pursue certain strategic transactions including, after an 18-month lock-up period from the Acquisition date, this offering.

We view our relationship with the FDIC as a long-term partnership in which both parties are economically aligned to minimize credit losses on the Covered Assets.

#### **Our Competitive Strengths**

We believe that we are especially well positioned to create value for our stockholders.

• Experienced and respected management team with a successful track record. Our management team is led by Mr. Kanas, who has attracted an entirely new executive management team and enhanced our middle management team with seasoned professionals with significant banking

experience and a history of high performance at nationally recognized mid- to large-cap financial institutions. Many of our management team members have extensive experience working together at North Fork and have successfully executed operating business models similar to ours in the past. In addition, our management has a successful track record of growing bank franchises both organically and through acquisitions.

- **Strong and reliable revenue.** A majority of BankUnited's revenue is currently derived from assets that are covered by the Loss Sharing Agreements. For the nine months ended September 30, 2010, the Company earned 1.9% on its average assets and 17.7% on its average common stockholder's equity, both of which were among the leading ratios in the U.S. banking industry.
- Limited credit risk exposure for Covered Assets. At September 30, 2010, the Covered Assets were being carried at a book value of \$4.3 billion and the total UPB (or, for investment securities, unamortized cost basis) of the Covered Assets was \$8.9 billion. Since the Bank's current estimate of cumulative losses on the Covered Assets of approximately \$4.8 billion exceeds the \$4.0 billion stated loss threshold in the Loss Sharing Agreements, 95% of any incremental credit losses above our current estimates attributable to the Covered Assets would be absorbed by the FDIC and 5% of the losses would be absorbed by the Bank under the Loss Sharing Agreements.
- **Robust capital position.** At September 30, 2010, BankUnited was one of the most well-capitalized banks in the United States, affording it the financial flexibility to pursue growth opportunities and pay dividends. We had a 10.7% tangible common equity ratio, and the Bank had a 10.1% tier 1 leverage ratio and a 42.5% tier 1 risk-based ratio. We declared quarterly dividends of \$14.0 million on September 17 and December 9, 2010. In addition, on October 19, 2010, we declared a special one-time dividend of \$6.0 million.
- *Ideally situated for growth and expansion.* We believe we are extremely well positioned for growth. The banking industry in our markets, Florida and the southeastern United States, is significantly distressed. We believe this distress will give us opportunities to acquire other institutions and attract talented bankers and customers from competing banks. Our strong capital position and generation, as well as scalable operating system, should allow us to take advantage of these opportunities.
- *New high-capacity operating platform.* Since May 2009, we have made significant investments in our infrastructure and technology in order to create a scalable platform for future organic and non-organic growth. We are in the midst of converting to a new core deposit system that has significant capacity and delivers comprehensive commercial and consumer products and services. We have made other significant investments in financial reporting and servicing systems. We believe we are creating a technology platform that will allow us to compete effectively with large regional banking institutions.

#### Risks We Face

There are a number of risks that you should consider before buying our common stock. These risks are discussed more fully in the section entitled "Risk Factors" beginning on page 13. These risks include, but are not limited to:

- Failure to comply with the terms of our Loss Sharing Agreements with the FDIC may result in significant losses;
- The geographic concentration of our markets in the coastal regions of Florida makes our business highly susceptible to local economic conditions and natural disasters;
- Delinquencies and defaults in residential mortgages have recently increased, creating a backlog in courts and an increase in the amount of legislative action that might restrict or delay our

ability to foreclose and hence delay the collection of payments for single family residential loans under the Loss Sharing Agreements; and

The enactment of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010 may have a material effect on our operations.

#### **Our Business**

Our primary business is to offer a full range of traditional banking products and financial services coupled with high-touch, personalized customer service to both our commercial and consumer customers, who are predominantly located in Florida. We offer a full array of lending products to cater to our customers' needs, including, but not limited to, small business loans, commercial real estate loans, equipment loans, term loans, asset-backed loans, letters of credit, commercial lines of credit, residential mortgage loans, home equity and consumer loans. We also offer traditional depository products, including checking accounts, money market deposit accounts, savings accounts and certificates of deposit, repo products and cash management services. Through dedicated financial consultants and licensed bankers, BankUnited Investment Services provides comprehensive wealth management products and services, including mutual funds, annuities, life insurance, individual securities and succession, estate and financial planning services. We believe that our customers are attracted to us because we offer the resources and sophistication of a large bank as well as the responsiveness and relationship-based approach of a community bank.

#### **Our Market Area**

We view our market as the southeast region of the United States with a current focus on Florida, and in particular the Miami metropolitan statistical area, or MSA. We believe Florida represents a long-term attractive banking market. According to estimates from SNL Financial, from June 30, 2000 to June 30, 2010, Florida added 2.9 million new residents, the third most of any U.S. state, and, at June 30, 2010, had a total population of 18.9 million and a median household income of \$49,910. Additionally, the state has 1.9 million active businesses. We believe Florida's population provides tremendous opportunities for us to grow our business. At June 30, 2010, BankUnited ranked 11<sup>th</sup> in deposit market share in Florida and 6<sup>th</sup> in the Miami MSA, according to SNL Financial.

Florida's economy and banking industry continue to face significant challenges. Since 2007, many Florida banks have experienced capital constraints and liquidity challenges as a result of significant losses from loans with poor credit quality and investments that have had sizeable decreases in value or realized losses. The undercapitalization and increased regulation of the banking sector have caused many banks to reduce lending to new and existing clients and focus primarily on improving their balance sheets, putting pressure on commercial borrowers to look for new banking relationships. As of September 30, 2010, 40 banks with \$31.8 billion in assets have failed since 2008 in Florida. Given our competitive strengths, including an experienced management team, robust capital position and scalable platform, we believe these challenges present significant acquisition and organic growth opportunities for us.

Over time, we will look to expand our branch network outside of Florida in selected markets such as New York, where our management team has had significant experience and has the competitive advantage of having managed one of the most successful regional banks in that market. However, for a limited period of time, certain of our executive officers are subject to non-compete agreements which may restrict them from operating in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut.

#### **Our Business Strategy**

Since the Acquisition, we have focused on the financial needs of small and medium sized businesses and consumers throughout Florida. Through BankUnited, we deliver a comprehensive range

of traditional depository and lending products, online services and cash management tools for businesses. We also offer on a national basis commercial lease financing services and municipal leasing services. Through our non-bank subsidiary, BankUnited Investment Services, we offer a suite of products including mutual funds, annuities, life insurance, individual securities and other wealth management services.

Our goal is to build a premier, large regional bank in attractive growth markets, employing the following key elements:

- *Transformation to relationship banking.* Since the Acquisition, our primary strategic objective has been to transform the Bank from a pricedriven, transaction-based, mortgage lender to a service-driven, relationship-based, business-focused bank. We have taken an active approach to accomplish this transformation, including:
  - Recruitment of top talent. The entire management leadership team and a large majority of the next tier of management have been replaced
    with top performers who were recruited nationally. We have also hired teams of relationship bankers from regional competitors.
     Furthermore, given BankUnited's strong capital levels and expansion strategy, we believe we have an opportunity to continue hiring and
    developing talent for the foreseeable future.
  - Shift of culture towards building relationships. We emphasize winning relationships rather than gathering accounts. As such, we have implemented new compensation practices that properly align our employees with our strategic vision by rewarding long-term profitability instead of volume, exited the broker business and focused on building long-term relationships with small business customers.
  - *Investment in physical infrastructure.* In addition to our investment in people, we have been enhancing and optimizing both our facilities and branch network. We have focused on eliminating non-strategic branches and facilities, consolidated most of our non-branch operations into one location and improved the overall presentation and infrastructure of our resulting footprint.
  - *Improvement of our technology platform.* We are committed to building a technology infrastructure that enables us to deliver best-in-class products and services to our clients and is also scalable to accommodate our long-term growth plans. As such, we have made and are continuing to make significant investments in our information technology infrastructure, including a conversion to a more robust core deposit platform that is scheduled for completion in early 2011.

With the changes implemented as discussed above, we have increased our core deposits (defined as total deposits less certificates of deposit, or CDs) since the Acquisition to September 30, 2010 from \$2.1 billion to \$3.8 billion and lowered our cost of deposits (excluding the impact of accretion from fair value adjustments due to acquisition accounting) from 3.5% to 1.6%. In addition, since the Acquisition to September 30, 2010, we have generated \$429.5 million of new commercial and commercial real estate loan commitments.

- *Multi-faceted expansion plan.* We intend to geographically expand our franchise and reinvest our excess capital by hiring talented producers, opening *de novo* branches and acquiring complementary businesses. These expansion strategies complement our overall strategic vision.
  - Hire talented producers. A key component to expanding our franchise footprint is to opportunistically hire talented individuals or teams
    with relationships in commercial banking, small business banking or our other primary business lines. For example, since the Acquisition
    to September 30, 2010, we have hired 31 lenders from various regional competitors.

- Open de novo branches. As part of our strategy to broaden our branch network, BankUnited plans to expand into new markets and to broaden its footprint. We plan to open new branches and consolidate certain existing branches with those in more desirable locations within the same market. In 2009, we consolidated 9 branches and in 2010, we opened 2 new branches and currently have 7 branches under development, which will allow us to, among other things, expand our presence in Tampa and enter the Orlando market.
- Acquire complementary businesses. We believe significant opportunities exist for additional expansion through acquisitions both in our
  current market and in other markets within the United States with similar characteristics. Our acquisition strategy includes FDIC-assisted
  transactions, traditional whole bank acquisitions and complementary acquisitions of select banking and banking-related businesses. For
  example, we recently acquired two leasing businesses, which serve as the platform for our ability to provide commercial financing services
  on a national basis.
- **Build a scalable and efficient operating model.** Our management team has a history of running highly efficient banking institutions and is focused on building a culture of expense control. Furthermore, we have made and intend to continue to make significant investments in our information technology systems to position us for future growth. For the nine months ended September 30, 2010, the Company's efficiency ratio was 41.9%, which compares favorably with other U.S. banks.
- *Maintain strong regulatory relationships.* We believe that maintaining strong relationships with regulators is an important element of any bank strategy. As such, we maintain an active dialogue with our primary regulators. Additionally, we view our relationship with the FDIC as a long-term partnership in which both parties are economically aligned to minimize credit losses on the Covered Assets. We continually collaborate with the FDIC to develop and implement new loss mitigation strategies for the Covered Assets. We have received \$997.2 million from the FDIC in reimbursements under the Loss Sharing Agreements for claims filed for losses incurred as of September 30, 2010.

#### **Additional Information**

Our principal executive offices are located at 14817 Oak Lane, Miami Lakes, Florida 33016. Our telephone number is (305) 569-2000. Our Internet address is www.bankunited.com. Information on, or accessible through, our website is not part of this prospectus.

#### Reorganization

We are currently a direct, wholly-owned subsidiary of BU Financial Holdings LLC, or the LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, and whose common equity interests are referred to herein as units. Prior to the completion of this offering, we will effect a reorganization so that our investors, our named executive officers and all other members of the LLC will hold equity interests in us directly rather than indirectly through the LLC. Immediately prior to the consummation of this offering, the LLC will be liquidated and all interests in the registrant, BankUnited, Inc., a Delaware corporation, will be distributed to the members of the LLC in accordance with its amended and restated limited liability company agreement dated as of May 21, 2009, or the LLC Agreement. There are currently 36 holders of units in the LLC. All of the transactions necessary to effect the liquidation are collectively referred to herein as the "Reorganization." For additional information, see "Compensation Discussion and Analysis—Executive Officer Compensation—Equity-Based Compensation."

#### The Offering

Common stock

offered by us

4,000,000 shares of common stock

Common stock offered by

the selling

stockholders 22,250,000 shares of common stock

Over-allotment

option 3,937,500 shares of common stock from the selling stockholders

Common stock

to be outstanding after this

offering 96,971,850 shares of common stock

Use of proceeds

We estimate that the net proceeds to us from this offering after deducting estimated underwriting discounts and commissions and offering expenses will be approximately \$86.2 million, based on an assumed initial public offering price of \$24.00 per share, the midpoint of the price range set forth on the cover of this prospectus. We intend to use the net proceeds from this offering for general corporate purposes. We will not receive any proceeds from the sale of our common stock by the selling stockholders, including any proceeds that the selling stockholders may receive from the exercise by the underwriters of their over-allotment option. For additional information, see the section entitled "Use of Proceeds."

Dividend policy

We initially anticipate paying a quarterly dividend of \$0.14 per share on our common stock, subject to the discretion of our board of directors, or our Board, and dependent on, among other things, our financial condition, results of operations, capital requirements, restrictions contained in future financing instruments and other factors that our Board may deem relevant. Dividends from the Bank are the principal source of funds for the payment of dividends on our common stock. The Bank is subject to certain restrictions that may limit its ability to pay dividends to us.

New York Stock Exchange symbol

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Risk factors Please read the section entitled "Risk Factors" beginning on page 13 for a discussion of some of the factors you should consider before buying

our common stock.

References in this section to the number of shares of our common stock to be outstanding after this offering are based on 92,971,850 shares of our common stock outstanding as of January 10, 2011. Such references exclude:

- 981,710 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of outstanding stock options at a weighted average exercise price of \$17.04 per share (of which 113,451 shares are issuable upon exercise of vested stock options) as of January 10, 2011; and
- 7,500,000 shares of common stock reserved for issuance, and not subject to outstanding options, under the BankUnited, Inc. 2010 Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan.

Unless otherwise indicated, the information presented in this prospectus:

- gives effect to a 10-for-1 common stock split, which was effected on January 10, 2011;
- assumes an initial public offering price of \$24.00 per share, the midpoint of the price range set forth on the cover of this prospectus;
- assumes that the underwriters' option to purchase additional shares of our common stock from the selling stockholders to cover over-allotments, if any, is not exercised; and
- for purposes of the number or weighted average of shares of common stock outstanding only, assumes that the warrant issued to the FDIC in connection with the Acquisition is redeemed in cash pursuant to the terms thereof.

#### **Summary Historical Consolidated Financial Data**

You should read the summary historical consolidated financial information set forth below in conjunction with "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations," "Capitalization" and the consolidated financial statements and the related notes thereto included elsewhere in this prospectus. The summary historical consolidated financial information set forth below at and for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 is derived from our unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus and includes all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring adjustments) that we considered necessary for a fair presentation of the financial position and the results of operations for these periods. Operating results for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ended December 31, 2010. The summary historical consolidated financial information set forth below at December 31, 2009 and for the period from April 28, 2009 (date of inception) to December 31, 2009 has been derived from our audited consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus. The summary historical consolidated financial information set forth below for each of the periods from October 1, 2008 to May 21, 2009 and at and for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2008 and 2007 has been derived from the audited consolidated financial statements of the Failed Bank included elsewhere in this prospectus.

Although we were incorporated on April 28, 2009, neither we nor the Bank had any substantive operations prior to the Acquisition on May 21, 2009. Results of operations of the Company for the post-Acquisition periods are not comparable to the results of operations of the Failed Bank for the pre-Acquisition periods. Results of operations for the post-Acquisition periods reflect, among other things, the acquisition method of accounting. See "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—Periods Presented and Factors Affecting Comparability."

	BankUnited, Inc. At September 30, 2010					_	Failed At Septe			
	Actual (unaudited)		As Adjusted(1)	At December 31, 2009 thousands, except per		r ch:	2008		2007	
Consolidated Balance Sheet Data:			(donars in		sunus, except pe	1 311	ire dutu)			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	494,586	580,763	\$	356,215	\$	1,223,346	\$	512,885	
Investment securities available for sale, at										
fair value		3,088,504	3,088,504		2,243,143		755,225		1,098,665	
Loans held in portfolio, net		4,079,234	4,079,234		4,588,898		11,249,367		12,561,693	
FDIC indemnification asset		2,723,059	2,723,059		3,279,165		_		_	
Goodwill and other intangible assets		60,759	60,759		60,981		28,353		28,353	
Total assets		11,151,301	11,237,478		11,129,961		14,088,591		15,107,310	
Deposits		7,300,460	7,300,460		7,666,775		8,176,817		7,305,788	
Federal Home Loan Bank advances		2,260,006	2,260,006		2,079,051		5,279,350		6,234,360	
Total liabilities		9,908,462	9,908,462		10,035,701		13,689,821		13,904,508	
Total stockholder's equity		1,242,839	1,329,016		1,094,260		398,770		1,202,802	

	Bar		BankUnited, Inc.				Failed Bank			
		ine Months Ended ptember 30,		Period from April 28, 2009 to December 31,		Period from October 1, 2008 to May 21,	_	At Septemb		30,
		2010 unaudited)	_	2009(2)	_	2009(2)	_	2008	_	2007
Consolidated Income Statement Data:		,		(dollars in tho	usa	ands, except per sl	hare data)			
Interest income	\$	414,959	\$	335,524	\$	339,068	\$	834,460	\$	957,897
Interest expense	Ψ	127,495	Ψ	83,856	Ψ	333,392	Ψ	555,594	Ψ	604,558
Net interest income		287,464	-	251,668	-	5,676	-	278,866	_	353,339
Provision for loan losses		45,157		22,621		919,139		856,374		31,500
Net interest income (loss) after provision for		45,157	-	22,021	-	313,133	_	030,374	_	31,300
loan losses		242,307		229,047		(913,463)		(577,508)		321,839
Non-interest income (loss)		242,307		252,828		(81,431)		(128,859)		28,367
Non-interest expense		220,048		282,454		238,403		246,480		185,634
•			-	-	_		-		_	
Income (loss) before income taxes Provision (benefit) for income before taxes		259,779		199,421		(1,233,297)		(952,847)		164,572
, ,		102,857	_	80,375	-		_	(94,462)	_	55,067
Net income (loss)	\$	156,922	\$	119,046	\$	(1,233,297)	\$	(858,385)	\$	109,505
Share Data:										
Earnings (loss) per common share, basic and										
diluted	\$	1.69	\$	1.29	\$	(12,332,970)	\$	(8,583,850)	\$	1,095,054
Weighted average common shares outstanding	g	92,943,620		92,664,910		100		100		100
Other Data (unaudited):										
Financial ratios										
Return on average assets(3)		1.86%	/ n	1.69%		(14.26)%		(5.94)%	,	0.78%
Return on average common stockholder's		1.007	0	1.0570		(11.20)/(	,	(5.51)/	,	0.7070
equity(3)		17.72%	'n	18.98%		(2,041.04)%		(75.43)%	)	10.04%
Yield on earning assets(3)		7.16%		7.42%		3.91%		5.91%		6.96%
Cost of interest bearing liabilities(3)		1.82%	ó	1.39%		3.94%	)	4.36%	)	4.91%
Equity to assets ratio		11.15%	ó	9.83%		(7.25)%	)	2.83%	)	7.96%
Interest rate spread(3)		5.34%	ó	6.03%		(0.03)%	)	1.55%	)	2.05%
Net interest margin(3)		4.95%	ó	5.58%		0.06%	)	1.98%	)	2.57%
Loan to deposit ratio		56.67%	ó	60.15%		128.73%	)	146.33%	)	172.74%
Asset quality ratios										
Non-performing loans to total loans(4)(6)		0.68%	ó	0.38%		24.58%	)	11.98%	)	1.59%
Non-performing assets to total assets(5)		1.99%		1.24%		23.53%		11.13%		1.51%
Allowance for loan losses to total loans		1.40%		0.49%		11.14%		5.98%		0.46%
Allowance for loan losses to non-performing		=: 107	-	21.1370				2.307		2370
loans		206.28%	ó	130.22%		45.33%	)	49.96%	)	29.15%
Net charge-offs to average loans(3)		0.31%	ó	0.00%		5.51%	)	1.58%	)	0.08%
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	BankUnited	Failed Bank			
	At September 30,	At December 31. —	At September 30,		
	2010 (unaudited)	2009(2)	2008	2007	
Capital ratios(7)					
Tangible common equity to tangible assets(8)	10.66%	9.33%	2.63%	7.79%	
Tier 1 common capital to total risk weighted assets	42.46%	40.42%	4.90%	14.64%	
Tier 1 risk-based capital	42.46%	40.42%	4.90%	14.64%	
Total risk-based capital	43.27%	40.55%	6.21%	15.37%	
Tier 1 leverage	10.09%	8.78%	2.89%	7.84%	

- (1) On an as adjusted basis to give effect to the sale of 4,000,000 shares of our common stock in this offering at an assumed initial public offering price of \$24.00 per share, the midpoint of the price range set forth on the cover of this prospectus, after deducting estimated underwriting discounts and commissions and offering expenses.
- (2) The Company was incorporated on April 28, 2009, but neither the Company nor the Bank had any substantive operations prior to the Acquisition on May 21, 2009. The period from May 22, 2009 to December 31, 2009 contained 224 days. The period from October 1, 2008 to May 21, 2009 contained 233 days.
- (3) Ratio is annualized for the period from October 1, 2008 to May 21, 2009, for the period from May 22, 2009 to December 31, 2009 and for the nine months ended September 30, 2010. See note 2 above.
- (4) Non-performing loans include nonaccrual loans, loans past due 90 days or more and, for the pre-Acquisition periods, certain other impaired loans still accruing interest. For the pre-Acquisition periods, restructured 1-4 single family residential loans in compliance with modified terms are excluded from non-performing loans. For the post-Acquisition periods, contractually delinquent loans acquired with evidence of deterioration in credit quality, or ACI loans, on which interest continues to be accreted are excluded from non-performing loans. The carrying value of ACI loans contractually delinquent by more than 90 days, but not identified as impaired was \$0.9 billion and \$1.2 billion at September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, respectively. These ratios may therefore not be compatible to similar ratios of our peers.
- (5) Non-performing assets include non-performing loans and OREO.
- (6) Total loans is net of unearned discounts and deferred fees and costs.
- (7) All capital ratios presented are ratios of the Bank except for the tangible common equity to tangible assets ratio which is of the Company.
- (8) Tangible common equity to tangible assets is a non-GAAP financial measure. For purposes of computing tangible common equity to tangible assets, tangible common equity is calculated as common stockholder's equity less goodwill and other intangible assets, net, and tangible assets is calculated as total assets less goodwill and other intangible assets, net. The most directly comparable GAAP financial measure is total stockholder's equity to total assets. See the reconciliation under Note 7 under "Selected Historical Consolidated Financial Data."

A \$1.00 increase (decrease) in the assumed initial public offering price of \$24.00 per share would increase (decrease) additional cash and cash equivalents, total assets and total stockholder's equity by \$3.8 million, assuming that the number of shares offered by us, as set forth on the cover of this prospectus, remains the same and after deducting estimated underwriting discounts and commissions and offering expenses.

#### RISK FACTORS

Investing in our common stock involves a high degree of risk. You should carefully consider the following risk factors, as well as all of the other information contained in this prospectus including our consolidated financial statements and the related notes thereto, before deciding to invest in our common stock. The occurrence of any of the following risks could materially and adversely affect our business, prospects, financial condition, results of operations and cash flow. In such case, the trading price of our common stock could decline and you could lose all or part of your investment.

#### **Risks Related to Our Business**

#### Failure to comply with the terms of our Loss Sharing Agreements with the FDIC may result in significant losses.

In May 2009, we purchased substantially all of the assets and assumed all of the non-brokered deposits and substantially all other liabilities of the Failed Bank in an FDIC-assisted transaction, and presently a substantial portion of BankUnited's revenue is derived from such assets. The purchased loans, commitments, foreclosed assets and certain securities are covered by the Loss Sharing Agreements with the FDIC, which provide that a significant portion of the losses related to the Covered Assets will be borne by the FDIC. Under the Loss Sharing Agreements, we are obligated to comply with certain loan servicing standards, including requirements to participate in government-sponsored loan modification programs. As these standards evolve, we may experience difficulties in complying with the requirements of the Loss Sharing Agreements, which could result in Covered Assets losing some or all of their coverage. BankUnited is subject to audits with the terms of the Loss Sharing Agreements by the FDIC through its designated agent. The required terms of the agreements are extensive and failure to comply with any of the guidelines could result in a specific asset or group of assets losing their loss sharing coverage. See "Business—The Acquisition—Loss Sharing Agreements."

## The geographic concentration of our markets in the coastal regions of Florida makes our business highly susceptible to local economic conditions and natural disasters.

Unlike larger financial institutions that are more geographically diversified, our branch offices are primarily concentrated in the coastal regions of Florida. Additionally, a significant portion of our loans secured by real estate are secured by commercial and residential properties in Florida. The Florida economy and our market in particular have been affected by the downturn in commercial and residential property values, and the decline in real estate values in Florida during the downturn has been higher than the national average. Additionally, the Florida economy relies heavily on tourism and seasonal residents, which have also been affected by recent market disruptions. Continued deterioration in economic conditions in the markets we serve or the occurrence of a natural disaster, such as a hurricane, or a man-made catastrophe, such as the Gulf of Mexico oil spill, could result in one or more of the following:

- an increase in loan delinquencies;
- an increase in problem assets and foreclosures;
- a decrease in the demand for our products and services; or
- a decrease in the value of collateral for loans, especially real estate, in turn reducing customers' borrowing power, the value of assets associated with problem loans and collateral coverage.

Hurricanes and other catastrophes to which our markets in the coastal regions of Florida are susceptible also can disrupt our operations, result in damage to our properties, reduce or destroy the value of collateral and negatively affect the local economies in which we operate, which could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations.

A decline in existing and new real estate sales decreases lending opportunities, may delay the collection of our cash flow from the Loss Sharing Agreements, and negatively affects our income. We

do not anticipate that the real estate market will improve in the near-term and, accordingly, this could lead to additional valuation adjustments on our loan portfolios.

Delinquencies and defaults in residential mortgages have recently increased, creating a backlog in courts and an increase in the amount of legislative action that might restrict or delay our ability to foreclose and hence delay the collection of payments for single family residential loans under the Loss Sharing Agreements.

For the single family residential loans covered by the Loss Sharing Agreements, we cannot collect loss share payments until we liquidate the properties securing those loans. These loss share payments could be delayed by an extended foreclosure process, including delays resulting from a court backlog, local or national foreclosure moratoriums or other delays, and these delays could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations. Homeowner protection laws may also delay the initiation or completion of foreclosure proceedings on specified types of residential mortgage loans. Any such limitations are likely to cause delayed or reduced collections from mortgagors. Any restriction on our ability to foreclose on a loan, any requirement that we forgo a portion of the amount otherwise due on a loan or any requirement that we modify any original loan terms could negatively impact our business, financial condition, liquidity and results of operations.

Our loan portfolio has and will continue to be affected by the ongoing correction in residential and commercial real estate prices and reduced levels of residential and commercial real estate sales.

Soft residential and commercial real estate markets, higher delinquency and default rates, and increasingly volatile and constrained secondary credit markets have affected the mortgage industry generally, and Florida in particular, which is where our business is currently most heavily concentrated. Our financial results may be adversely affected by changes in real estate values. We make credit and reserve decisions based on the current conditions of borrowers or projects combined with our expectations for the future. If the slowdown in the real estate market continues, we could experience higher charge-offs and delinquencies beyond that which is provided in the allowance for loan losses. Although we have the Loss Sharing Agreements with the FDIC, these agreements do not cover 100% of the losses attributable to Covered Assets. In addition, the Loss Sharing Agreements will not mitigate any losses on our non-Covered Assets and our earnings could be adversely affected through a higher than anticipated provision for loan losses on such assets.

#### Our business is highly susceptible to credit risk on our non-Covered Assets.

As a lender, we are exposed to the risk that our customers will be unable to repay their loans according to their terms and that the collateral securing the payment of their loans (if any) may not be sufficient to assure repayment. Similarly, we have credit risk embedded in our securities portfolio. Our credit standards, procedures and policies may not prevent us from incurring substantial credit losses, particularly in light of market developments in recent years. Recent economic and market developments and the potential for continued economic disruption present considerable risks to us and it is difficult to determine the depth and duration of the economic and financial market problems and the many ways in which they may impact our business in general. The Loss Sharing Agreements only cover certain legacy assets, and credit losses on assets not covered by the Loss Sharing Agreements could have a material adverse effect on our operating results.

#### Changes in interest rates could have an adverse impact on our results of operations and financial condition.

Our earnings and cash flows depend to a great extent upon the level of our net interest income. Changes in interest rates can increase or decrease our net interest income, because different types of assets and liabilities may react differently, and at different times, to market interest rate changes. Net interest income is the difference between the interest income we earn on loans, investments and other interest earning assets, and the interest we pay on interest bearing liabilities, such as deposits and borrowings. When interest bearing liabilities mature or reprice more quickly than interest earning assets

in a period, an increase in interest rates could reduce net interest income. Similarly, when interest earning assets mature or reprice more quickly than interest bearing liabilities, falling interest rates could reduce net interest income. Additionally, an increase in interest rates may, among other things, reduce the demand for loans and our ability to originate loans and decrease loan repayment rates. A decrease in the general level of interest rates may affect us through, among other things, increased prepayments on our loan and mortgage-backed securities portfolios and increased competition for deposits. Accordingly, changes in the level of market interest rates affect our net yield on interest earning assets, loan origination volume, loan and mortgage-backed securities portfolios, and our overall results. Interest rates are highly sensitive to many factors beyond our control, including general economic conditions and policies of various governmental and regulatory agencies, particularly the Federal Reserve.

We attempt to manage our risk from changes in market interest rates by adjusting the rates, maturity, repricing, and balances of the different types of interestearning assets and interest bearing liabilities; however, interest rate risk management techniques are not precise, and we may not be able to successfully manage our interest rate risk. As a result, a rapid increase or decrease in interest rates could have an adverse effect on our net interest margin and results of operations.

We depend on our executive officers and key personnel to continue the implementation of our long-term business strategy and could be harmed by the loss of their services.

We believe that our continued growth and future success will depend in large part on the skills of our senior management team. We believe our senior management team possesses valuable knowledge about and experience in the banking industry and that their knowledge and relationships would be very difficult to replicate. Although our senior management team has entered into employment agreements with us, they may not complete the term of their employment agreements or renew them upon expiration. Our success also depends on the experience of our branch managers and lending officers and on their relationships with the customers and communities they serve. The loss of service of one or more of our executive officers or key personnel, or the inability to recruit and retain qualified personnel in the future, could have an adverse effect on our business, financial condition or operating results and the value of our common stock.

#### Our allowance for credit losses may not be adequate to cover actual credit losses.

We maintain an allowance for loan losses that represents management's estimate of probable losses inherent in our credit portfolio. This estimate requires management to make certain assumptions and involves a high degree of judgment, particularly as our originated loan portfolio is not yet seasoned and has not yet developed an observable loss trend and Covered Loans that did not exhibit evidence of deterioration in credit quality at acquisition, or non-ACI loans, have limited delinquency statistics. Management considers numerous factors, including, but not limited to, internal risk ratings, loss forecasts, collateral values, geographic location, borrower FICO scores, delinquency rates, the proportion of non-performing and restructured loans in the loan portfolio, origination channels, product mix, underwriting practices, industry conditions, economic trends and net charge-off trends.

If management's assumptions and judgments prove to be incorrect, our current allowance may be insufficient and we may be required to increase our allowance for loan losses. In addition, federal and state regulators periodically review our allowance for loan losses and may require us to increase our provision for loan losses or recognize further loan charge-offs, based on judgments different than those of our management. Continued adverse economic conditions could make management's estimate even more complex and difficult to determine. Any increase in our allowance for loan losses will result in a decrease in net income and capital and could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations. See "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—Analysis of the Allowance for Loan Losses" and "Management's Discussion

and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates—Accounting for Covered Loans."

#### We may not be able to find suitable acquisition candidates and may be unable to manage our growth due to acquisitions.

A key component of our growth strategy is to pursue acquisitions of complementary businesses. As consolidation of the banking industry continues, the competition for suitable acquisition candidates may increase. We compete with other banking companies for acquisition opportunities and there are a limited number of candidates that meet our acquisition criteria. Consequently, we may not be able to identify suitable candidates for acquisitions. If we are unable to locate suitable acquisition candidates willing to sell on terms acceptable to us, our net income could decline and we would be required to find other methods to grow our business.

Even if suitable candidates are identified and we succeed in consummating future acquisitions, acquisitions involve risks that the acquired business may not achieve anticipated revenue, earnings or cash flows. There may also be unforeseen liabilities relating to the acquired institution or arising out of the acquisition, asset quality problems of the acquired entity, difficulty operating in markets in which we have had no or only limited experience and other conditions not within our control, such as adverse personnel relations, loss of customers because of change in identity, and deterioration in local economic conditions.

In addition, the process of integrating acquired entities will divert significant management time and resources. We may not be able to integrate successfully or operate profitably any financial institutions we may acquire. We may experience disruption and incur unexpected expenses in integrating acquisitions. Any acquisitions we do make may not enhance our cash flows, business, financial condition, results of operations or prospects and may have an adverse effect on our results of operations, particularly during periods in which the acquisitions are being integrated into our operations.

#### We face significant competition from other financial institutions and financial services providers, which may decrease our growth or profits.

The primary market we serve is Florida. Consumer and commercial banking in Florida is highly competitive. Our market contains not only a large number of community and regional banks, but also a significant presence of the country's largest commercial banks. We compete with other state and national financial institutions located in Florida and adjoining states as well as savings and loan associations, savings banks and credit unions for deposits and loans. In addition, we compete with financial intermediaries, such as consumer finance companies, mortgage banking companies, insurance companies, securities firms, mutual funds and several government agencies as well as major retailers, all actively engaged in providing various types of loans and other financial services.

The financial services industry could become even more competitive as a result of legislative, regulatory and technological changes and continued consolidation. Banks, securities firms and insurance companies can merge under the umbrella of a financial holding company, which can offer virtually any type of financial service, including banking, securities underwriting, insurance (both agency and underwriting) and merchant banking. Increased competition among financial services companies due to the recent consolidation of certain competing financial institutions may adversely affect our ability to market our products and services. Also, technology has lowered barriers to entry and made it possible for banks to compete in our market without a retail footprint by offering competitive rates, as well as non-banks to offer products and services traditionally provided by banks. Many of our competitors have fewer regulatory constraints and may have lower cost structures. Additionally, due to their size, many competitors may offer a broader range of products and services as well as better pricing for certain products and services than we can.

Our ability to compete successfully depends on a number of factors, including:

- the ability to develop, maintain and build upon long-term customer relationships based on quality service, high ethical standards and safe and sound assets;
- the ability to attract and retain qualified employees to operate our business effectively;
- the ability to expand our market position;
- the scope, relevance and pricing of products and services offered to meet customer needs and demands;
- the rate at which we introduce new products and services relative to our competitors;
- customer satisfaction with our level of service; and
- industry and general economic trends.

Failure to perform in any of these areas could significantly weaken our competitive position, which could adversely affect our growth and profitability, which, in turn, could harm our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Since we engage in lending secured by real estate and may be forced to foreclose on the collateral property and own the underlying real estate, we may be subject to the increased costs and risks associated with the ownership of real property, which could have an adverse effect on our business or results of operations.

A significant portion of our loan portfolio is secured by real property. During the ordinary course of business, we may foreclose on and take title to properties securing certain loans, in which case, we are exposed to the risks inherent in the ownership of real estate. The amount that we, as a mortgagee, may realize after a default is dependent upon factors outside of our control, including:

- general or local economic conditions;
- environmental cleanup liability;
- neighborhood values;
- interest rates;
- real estate tax rates;
- operating expenses of the mortgaged properties;
- supply of and demand for rental units or properties;
- ability to obtain and maintain adequate occupancy of the properties;
- zoning laws;
- governmental rules, regulations and fiscal policies; and
- hurricanes or other natural or man-made disasters.

Certain expenditures associated with the ownership of real estate, principally real estate taxes and maintenance costs, may also adversely affect our operating expenses.

We are dependent on our information technology and telecommunications systems and third-party servicers, and systems failures, interruptions or breaches of security could have an adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

Our business is highly dependent on the successful and uninterrupted functioning of our information technology and telecommunications systems and third-party servicers. We outsource our major systems including our electronic funds transfer, or EFT, transaction processing, cash management and online banking services. We rely on these systems to process new and renewal loans, gather deposits, provide customer service, facilitate collections and share data across our organization. The failure of these systems, or the termination of a third-party software license or service agreement on

which any of these systems is based, could interrupt our operations. Because our information technology and telecommunications systems interface with and depend on third-party systems, we could experience service denials if demand for such services exceeds capacity or such third-party systems fail or experience interruptions. If sustained or repeated, a system failure or service denial could result in a deterioration of our ability to process new and renewal loans, gather deposits and provide customer service, compromise our ability to operate effectively, damage our reputation, result in a loss of customer business, and/or subject us to additional regulatory scrutiny and possible financial liability, any of which could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

We are currently in the process of implementing substantial changes to our core deposit platform. We may not be able to successfully implement this new core system in an effective manner. In addition, we may incur significant increases in costs and encounter extensive delays in the implementation and rollout of our new operating system. If there are technological impediments, unforeseen complications, errors or breakdowns in implementing this new core operating system or if this new core operating system does not meet the requirements of our customers, our business, financial condition, results of operations or customer perceptions may be adversely affected.

In addition, we provide our customers the ability to bank remotely, including online and over the telephone. The secure transmission of confidential information over the Internet and other remote channels is a critical element of remote banking. Our network could be vulnerable to unauthorized access, computer viruses, phishing schemes and other security breaches. We may be required to spend significant capital and other resources to protect against the threat of security breaches and computer viruses, or to alleviate problems caused by security breaches or viruses. To the extent that our activities or the activities of our customers involve the storage and transmission of confidential information, security breaches and viruses could expose us to claims, litigation and other possible liabilities. Any inability to prevent security breaches or computer viruses could also cause existing customers to lose confidence in our systems and could adversely affect our reputation and our ability to generate business.

#### BankUnited is a de novo bank, which could be mistaken for the Failed Bank, and this and other reputational risks could affect our results.

BankUnited was established as a *de novo* federal savings association in order to participate in the FDIC-assisted acquisition of the Failed Bank. There is a reputational risk in being incorrectly associated with the Failed Bank. Our ability to originate and maintain accounts is highly dependent upon consumer and other external perceptions of our business practices and/or our financial health. Adverse perceptions regarding our business practices and/or our financial health could damage our reputation in both the customer and funding markets, leading to difficulties in generating and maintaining accounts as well as in financing them. Adverse developments with respect to the consumer or other external perceptions regarding the practices of our competitors, or our industry as a whole, may also adversely impact our reputation. In addition, adverse reputational impacts on third parties with whom we have important relationships may also adversely impact our reputation. Adverse reputational impacts or events may also increase our litigation risk. We carefully monitor internal and external developments for areas of potential reputational risk and have established governance structures to assist in evaluating such risks in our business practices and decisions.

Three material weaknesses were identified in the first audit period following the Acquisition. Existing or future material weaknesses in our internal controls, if not properly corrected, could result in material misstatements in our financial statements.

We are not yet required to comply with Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, or to make an assessment of the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. Furthermore, our independent auditors have not been engaged to express, nor have they expressed, an opinion on the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting in

accordance with Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. However, in connection with the audit of our consolidated financial statements for the period from May 22, 2009 through December 31, 2009, which we refer to as the period ended or ending December 31, 2009, we identified three material weaknesses in our system of internal control over financial reporting. A material weakness is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies in internal controls over financial reporting, that results in a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of our annual or interim financial statements will not be prevented or detected on a timely basis.

The first material weakness identified relates to the fact that management did not design effective controls over its loan modeling process in order to account for certain loans in accordance with the requirements of Accounting Standards Codification, or ASC, Subtopic 310-30, Loans and Debt Securities Acquired with Deteriorated Credit Quality. A material weakness existed due to the fact that the design of internal control did not provide for an independent review or approval and validation of the loan cash flow model and related assumptions. In addition, the design of internal control over the loan cash flow model did not provide for adequate access, change management, and end-user computing controls including spreadsheets. Furthermore, management's controls were not designed to reflect on a timely basis the impact of changes in market conditions on the loan cash flow model and related assumptions. The second material weakness relates to the fact that management did not maintain effective internal controls over the valuation and resulting writedown to fair market value of OREO properties.

Specifically, a material weakness existed due to the fact that the control over the timely recording of OREO values by the Collateral Valuation Department in the Company's sub-ledger system was not operating effectively. The third material weakness relates to the fact that BankUnited did not design effective controls over its financial reporting process in order to ascertain the complete, accurate, and timely preparation of its consolidated financial statements, including the applicable disclosures and footnotes, or design effective review controls to provide for proper accounting of nonroutine transactions. A material weakness existed due to the fact that the design of internal control did not provide for a comprehensive review of interim financial information and the consolidated financial statements to ensure the completeness and accuracy of information supporting various financial statement components.

Steps we are taking to address the identified material weaknesses may not be sufficient to remediate the identified material weaknesses or prevent additional material weaknesses from occurring. If we fail to remediate the material weaknesses or if additional material weaknesses are discovered in the future, we may fail to meet our future reporting obligations and our financial statements may contain material misstatements. Any such failure could also adversely affect the results of the periodic management evaluations and annual auditor attestation reports regarding the effectiveness of our internal controls over financial reporting, and could negatively impact our business, results of operations and reputation.

BankUnited Investment Services offers third-party products including mutual funds, annuities, life insurance, individual securities and other wealth management services which could experience significant declines in value subjecting us to reputational damage and litigation risk.

Through our subsidiary BankUnited Investment Services, we offer third-party products including mutual funds, annuities, life insurance, individual securities and other wealth management products and services. If these products do not generate competitive risk-adjusted returns that satisfy clients in a variety of asset classes, we will have difficulty maintaining existing business and attracting new business. Additionally, our investment services businesses involve the risk that clients or others may sue us, claiming that we have failed to perform under a contract or otherwise failed to carry out a duty owed to them. Our investment services businesses are particularly subject to this risk and this risk may be heightened during periods when credit, equity or other financial markets are deteriorating in value or are particularly volatile, or when clients or investors are experiencing losses. Significant declines in the performance of these third-party products could subject us to reputational damage and litigation risk.

#### Risks Relating to the Regulation of Our Industry

#### The enactment of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010 may have a material effect on our operations.

On July 21, 2010, President Obama signed into law the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010, or the Dodd-Frank Act, which imposes significant regulatory and compliance changes. The key effects of the Dodd-Frank Act on our business are:

- changes to the thrift supervisory structure;
- changes to regulatory capital requirements;
- creation of new government regulatory agencies;
- limitation on federal preemption;
- changes in insured depository institution regulations; and
- mortgage loan origination and risk retention.

The changes resulting from the Dodd-Frank Act may impact the profitability of our business activities, require changes to certain of our business practices, impose upon us more stringent capital, liquidity and leverage requirements or otherwise adversely affect our business. These changes may also require us to invest significant management attention and resources to evaluate and make any changes necessary to comply with new statutory and regulatory requirements. Failure to comply with the new requirements or with any future changes in laws or regulations may negatively impact our results of operations and financial condition. For a more detailed description of the Dodd-Frank Act, see "Regulation and Supervision—The Dodd-Frank Act."

We operate in a highly regulated environment and the laws and regulations that govern our operations, corporate governance, executive compensation and accounting principles, or changes in them, or our failure to comply with them, may adversely affect us.

We are subject to extensive regulation, supervision, and legislation that govern almost all aspects of our operations. Intended to protect customers, depositors and deposit insurance funds, these laws and regulations, among other matters, prescribe minimum capital requirements, impose limitations on the business activities in which we can engage, limit the dividend or distributions that BankUnited can pay to us, restrict the ability of institutions to guarantee our debt, and impose certain specific accounting requirements on us that may be more restrictive and may result in greater or earlier charges to earnings or reductions in our capital than generally accepted accounting principles. Compliance with laws and regulations can be difficult and costly, and changes to laws and regulations often impose additional compliance costs. Our failure to comply with these laws and regulations, even if the failure follows good faith effort or reflects a difference in interpretation, could subject us to restrictions on our business activities, fines and other penalties, any of which could adversely affect our results of operations, capital base and the price of our securities. Further, any new laws, rules and regulations could make compliance more difficult or expensive or otherwise adversely affect our business and financial condition.

In addition, as a public company, we will incur significant legal, accounting, insurance and other expenses. Compliance with other rules of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC, and the rules of the stock exchange on which our common stock is listed will increase our legal and financial compliance costs and make some activities more time consuming and costly.

#### The FDIC's restoration plan and the related increased assessment rate could adversely affect our earnings.

Market developments have significantly depleted the deposit insurance fund, or DIF, of the FDIC and reduced the ratio of reserves to insured deposits. As a result of recent economic conditions and the enactment of the Dodd-Frank Act, the FDIC has increased the deposit insurance assessment rates and thus raised deposit premiums for insured depository institutions. If these increases are insufficient for the DIF to meet its funding requirements, further special assessments or increases in deposit insurance premiums may be required. We are generally unable to control the amount of premiums that we are required to pay for FDIC insurance. If there are additional bank or financial institution failures, we may be required to pay even higher FDIC premiums than the recently increased levels. Any future additional assessments, increases or required prepayments in FDIC insurance premiums may materially adversely affect results of operations.

Federal banking agencies periodically conduct examinations of our business, including compliance with laws and regulations, and our failure to comply with any supervisory actions to which we are or become subject as a result of such examinations may adversely affect us.

Federal banking agencies, including the Office of Thrift Supervision, or OTS, periodically conduct examinations of our business, including compliance with laws and regulations. If, as a result of an examination, a federal banking agency were to determine that the financial condition, capital resources, asset quality, earnings prospects, management, liquidity or other aspects of any of our operations had become unsatisfactory, or that the Company or its management was in violation of any law or regulation, it may take a number of different remedial actions as it deems appropriate. These actions include the power to enjoin "unsafe or unsound" practices, to require affirmative actions to correct any conditions resulting from any violation or practice, to issue an administrative order that can be judicially enforced, to direct an increase in BankUnited's capital, to restrict our growth, to assess civil monetary penalties against our officers or directors, to remove officers and directors and, if it is concluded that such conditions cannot be corrected or there is an imminent risk of loss to depositors, to terminate BankUnited's deposit insurance. If we become subject to such regulatory actions, our business, results of operations and reputation may be negatively impacted.

#### Many of our new activities and expansion plans require regulatory approvals, and failure to obtain them may restrict our growth.

We intend to complement and expand our business by pursuing strategic acquisitions of banks and other financial institutions. We must generally receive federal regulatory approval before we can acquire an institution or business. In determining whether to approve a proposed acquisition, federal bank regulators will consider, among other factors, the effect of the acquisition on the competition, our financial condition, and our future prospects. The regulators also review current and projected capital ratios and levels, the competence, experience, and integrity of management and its record of compliance with laws and regulations, the convenience and needs of the communities to be served (including the acquiring institution's record of compliance under the Community Reinvestment Act, or CRA) and the effectiveness of the acquiring institution in combating money laundering activities. Such regulatory approvals may not be granted on terms that are acceptable to us, or at all. We may also be required to sell branches as a condition to receiving regulatory approval, which condition may not be acceptable to us or, if acceptable to us, may reduce the benefit of any acquisition.

In addition to the acquisition of existing financial institutions, as opportunities arise, we plan to continue *de novo* branching as a part of our internal growth strategy and possibly enter into new markets through *de novo* branching. *De novo* branching and any acquisition carries with it numerous risks, including the inability to obtain all required regulatory approvals. The failure to obtain these regulatory approvals for potential future strategic acquisitions and *de novo* branches may impact our business plans and restrict our growth.

## Financial institutions, such as BankUnited, face a risk of noncompliance and enforcement action with the Bank Secrecy Act and other anti-money laundering statutes and regulations.

The federal Bank Secrecy Act, the USA PATRIOT Act, and other laws and regulations require financial institutions, among other duties, to institute and maintain an effective anti-money laundering program and file suspicious activity and currency transaction reports as appropriate. The federal Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, established by the U.S. Treasury Department to administer the Bank Secrecy Act, is authorized to impose significant civil money penalties for violations of those requirements, and has recently engaged in coordinated enforcement efforts with the individual federal banking regulators, as well as the U.S. Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration, and Internal Revenue Service. There is also increased scrutiny of compliance with the rules enforced by the Office of Foreign Assets Control.

In order to comply with regulations, guidelines and examination procedures in this area, we have enhanced our anti-money laundering program by adopting new policies and procedures and selecting a new, robust automated anti-money laundering software solution that is scheduled to be implemented in early 2011. If our policies, procedures and systems are deemed deficient or the policies, procedures and systems of the financial institutions that we have already acquired or may acquire in the future are deficient, we would be subject to liability, including fines and regulatory actions such as restrictions on our ability to pay dividends and the necessity to obtain regulatory approvals to proceed with certain aspects of our business plan, including our acquisition plans.

#### We are subject to the CRA and fair lending laws, and failure to comply with these laws could lead to material penalties.

The CRA, the Equal Credit Opportunity Act, the Fair Housing Act and other fair lending laws and regulations impose nondiscriminatory lending requirements on financial institutions. The Department of Justice and other federal agencies are responsible for enforcing these laws and regulations. A successful challenge to an institution's performance under the CRA or fair lending laws and regulations could result in a wide variety of sanctions, including the required payment of damages and civil money penalties, injunctive relief, imposition of restrictions on mergers and acquisitions activity, and restrictions on expansion activity. Private parties may also have the ability to challenge an institution's performance under fair lending laws in private class action litigation.

#### Risks Related to this Offering and Ownership of Our Common Stock

#### There is no prior public market for our common stock and one may not develop.

Prior to this offering, there has not been a public trading market for our common stock. An active trading market may not develop or be sustained after this offering. If an active trading market does not develop, you may have difficulty selling your shares of common stock at an attractive price, or at all. The initial public offering price for our common stock sold in this offering will be determined by negotiations among us, the selling stockholders and the underwriters. This price may not be indicative of the price at which our common stock will trade after this offering. The market price of our common stock may decline below the initial offering price, and you may not be able to sell your common stock at or above the price you paid in this offering, or at all.

#### Our stock price may be volatile, and you could lose all or part of your investment as a result.

You should consider an investment in our common stock to be risky, and you should invest in our common stock only if you can withstand a significant loss and wide fluctuation in the market value of your investment. The market price of our common stock could be subject to wide fluctuations in

response to, among other things, the factors described in this "Risk Factors" section, and other factors, some of which are beyond our control. These factors include:

- quarterly variations in our results of operations or the quarterly financial results of companies perceived to be similar to us;
- changes in expectations as to our future financial performance, including financial estimates by securities analysts and investors;
- our announcements or our competitors' announcements regarding new products or services, enhancements, significant contracts, acquisitions or strategic investments;
- fluctuations in the market valuations of companies perceived by investors to be comparable to us;
- future sales of our common stock;
- additions or departures of members of our senior management or other key personnel;
- · changes in industry conditions or perceptions; and
- changes in applicable laws, rules or regulations and other dynamics.

Furthermore, the stock markets have experienced price and volume fluctuations that have affected and continue to affect the market price of equity securities of many companies. These fluctuations have often been unrelated or disproportionate to the operating performance of these companies. These broad market fluctuations, as well as general economic, systemic, political and market conditions, such as recessions, loss of investor confidence, interest rate changes, or international currency fluctuations, may negatively affect the market price of our common stock.

If any of the foregoing occurs, it could cause our stock price to fall and may expose us to securities class action litigation that, even if unsuccessful, could be costly to defend and a distraction to management.

#### We may not pay cash dividends on our common stock.

Although we intend to pay dividends to our stockholders, we have no obligation to do so and may change our dividend policy at any time without notice to our stockholders. Holders of our common stock are only entitled to receive such cash dividends as our Board may declare out of funds legally available for such payments. Any decision to declare and pay dividends will be dependent on a variety of factors, including our financial condition, earnings, legal requirements and other factors that our Board deems relevant. In addition, our ability to pay dividends may be limited by covenants of any future indebtedness we or our subsidiaries incur. As a result, you many not receive any return on an investment in our common stock unless you sell our common stock for a price greater than that which you paid for it. In addition, since we are a holding company with no significant assets other than the capital stock of our banking subsidiary, we will need to depend upon dividends from the Bank for substantially all of our income. Accordingly, our ability to pay dividends depends primarily upon the receipt of dividends or other capital distributions from the Bank. The Bank's ability to pay dividends to us is subject to, among other things, its earnings, financial condition and need for funds, as well as federal and state governmental policies and regulations applicable to us and the Bank, which limit the amount that may be paid as dividends without prior regulatory approval.

#### You will incur immediate and substantial dilution in the net tangible book value of the shares you purchase in this offering.

The initial public offering price is likely to be substantially higher than the net tangible book value per share of our common stock based on the total value of our tangible assets less our total liabilities

divided by our shares of common stock outstanding immediately following this offering. Therefore, if you purchase common stock in this offering, you will experience immediate and substantial dilution in net tangible book per share value after completion of this offering. To the extent outstanding options to purchase our common stock are exercised, there will be further dilution. See the section entitled "Dilution."

#### Our stock price could decline due to the large number of outstanding shares of our common stock eligible for future sale.

Sales of substantial amounts of our common stock in the public market following this offering, or the perception that these sales could occur, could cause the market price of our common stock to decline. These sales could also make it more difficult for us to sell equity or equity-related securities in the future, at a time and place that we deem appropriate.

Upon completion of this offering, we will have 96,971,850 outstanding shares of common stock. Of the outstanding shares, all of the 26,250,000 shares sold in this offering (30,187,500 shares if the underwriters exercise in full their over-allotment option) will be freely tradable, except that any shares purchased by "affiliates" (as that term is defined in Rule 144 under the Securities Act of 1933, or the Securities Act), only may be sold in compliance with the limitations described in the section entitled "Shares Eligible For Future Sale—Rule 144." Taking into consideration the effect of the lock-up agreements described below and the provisions of Rule 144 under the Securities Act, the remaining shares of our common stock may may be eligible for resale in the public market under Rule 144 under the Securities Act subject to applicable restrictions under Rule 144.

We, our executive officers, directors and the selling stockholders have agreed with the underwriters, subject to certain exceptions, not to dispose of or hedge any of their shares of common stock or securities convertible into or exchangeable for shares during the period from the date of this prospectus continuing through the date 180 days after the date of this prospectus, except with the prior written consent of Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated. See the section entitled "Underwriters." In addition, (1) each of Mr. Kanas and certain funds affiliated with Blackstone, Carlyle, Centerbridge and WL Ross have separately agreed during the 18 months from the date of this prospectus and (2) our other executive officers have separately agreed during the 12 months from the date of this prospectus not to effect any sales pursuant to Rule 144 under the Securities Act of any of our equity securities. See "Description of Our Capital Stock—Registration Rights." Any future sales of common stock by our executive officers will further be subject to minimum equity ownership requirements to which our executive officers have agreed. See "Compensation Discussion and Analysis—Executive Officer Compensation—Equity Ownership Requirements."

In addition, we intend to file a registration statement on Form S-8 under the Securities Act to register an aggregate of approximately 8.5 million shares of common stock for issuance under our 2009 Stock Option Plan and 2010 Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan. We may issue all of these shares without any action or approval by our stockholders, and these shares once issued (including upon exercise of outstanding options) will be available for sale into the public market subject to the restrictions described above, if applicable to the holder. Any shares issued in connection with acquisitions, the exercise of stock options or otherwise would dilute the percentage ownership held by investors who purchase our shares in this offering.

"Anti-takeover" provisions and the regulations to which we are subject may make it more difficult for a third party to acquire control of us, even if the change in control would be beneficial to stockholders.

We are a savings and loan holding company incorporated in the state of Delaware. Anti-takeover provisions in Delaware law and our certificate of incorporation and by-laws, as well as regulatory approvals that would be required under federal law, could make it more difficult for a third-party to

take control of us and may prevent stockholders from receiving a premium for their shares of our common stock. These provisions could adversely affect the market price of our common stock and could reduce the amount that stockholders might get if we are sold.

Our certificate of incorporation will provide for, among other things:

- advance notice for nomination of directors and other stockholder proposals;
- the removal of directors by stockholders for cause only;
- limitations on the ability of stockholders to call a special meeting of stockholders;
- a prohibition of stockholder action by written consent;
- the approval by a super-majority of outstanding shares to amend certain provisions of the by-laws and the certificate of incorporation; and
- the authorization of "blank check" preferred stock with such designations, rights and preferences as may be determined from time to time by our Board

Delaware law also imposes some restrictions on mergers and other business combinations between us and any holder of 15% or more of our outstanding common stock. See the section entitled "Description of Our Capital Stock—Anti-Takeover Considerations and Special Provisions of our Certificate of Incorporation, By-Laws and Delaware Law." We believe that these provisions protect our stockholders from coercive or otherwise unfair takeover tactics by requiring potential acquirers to negotiate with our Board and by providing our Board with more time to assess any acquisition proposal. However, these provisions apply even if the offer may be determined to be beneficial by some stockholders and could delay or prevent an acquisition that our Board determines is not in our best interest and that of our stockholders.

Furthermore, banking laws impose notice, approval and ongoing regulatory requirements on any shareholder or other party that seeks to acquire direct or indirect "control" of an FDIC-insured depository institution. These laws include the Savings and Loan Holding Company Act, the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 and the Change in Bank Control Act. These laws could delay or prevent an acquisition.

#### CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Some of the statements under "Prospectus Summary," "Risk Factors," "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations," "Business" and elsewhere in this prospectus may contain forward-looking statements that reflect our current views with respect to, among other things, future events and financial performance. We generally identify forward-looking statements by terminology such as "outlook," "believes," "expects," "potential," "continues," "may," "will," "could," "should," "seeks," "approximately," "predicts," "intends," "plans," "estimates," "anticipates" or the negative version of those words or other comparable words. Any forward-looking statements contained in this prospectus are based on the historical performance of us and our subsidiaries or on our current plans, estimates and expectations. The inclusion of this forward-looking information should not be regarded as a representation by us, the underwriters or any other person that the future plans, estimates or expectations contemplated by us will be achieved. Such forward-looking statements are subject to various risks and uncertainties and assumptions relating to our operations, financial results, financial condition, business prospects, growth strategy and liquidity. If one or more of these or other risks or uncertainties materialize, or if our underlying assumptions prove to be incorrect, our actual results may vary materially from those indicated in these statements. These factors should not be construed as exhaustive and should be read in conjunction with the other cautionary statements that are included elsewhere in this prospectus. We do not undertake any obligation to publicly update or review any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future developments or otherwise. A number of important factors could cause actual results to differ materially from those indicated by the forward-looking statements, including, but not limited to, those factors described in "Risk Factors" and "Manage

#### REORGANIZATION

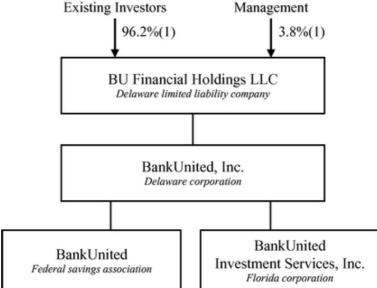
We are currently a direct, wholly-owned subsidiary of the LLC. Prior to the completion of this offering, we will effect reorganization so that our investors, our named executive officers and all other members of the LLC will hold equity interests in us directly rather than indirectly through the LLC.

Immediately prior to the consummation of this offering, the LLC will be liquidated and all interests in the registrant, BankUnited, Inc. will be distributed to the members of the LLC in accordance with its LLC Agreement. Following this liquidation, BankUnited, Inc. will be the ultimate parent entity of the group and will have two wholly-owned subsidiaries: BankUnited and BankUnited Investment Services. There are currently 36 holders of units in the LLC.

For additional information, see "Compensation Discussion and Analysis—Executive Officer Compensation—Equity-Based Compensation."

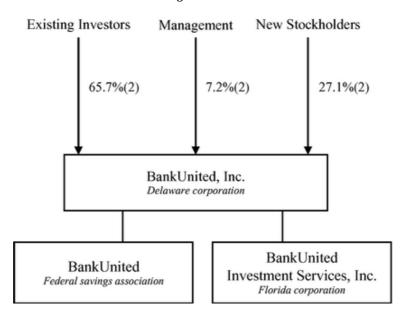
The following diagram shows our organizational structure, including our principal subsidiaries only, prior to giving effect to the Reorganization:

# Pre-Reorganization Investors Manag



Immediately after the consummation of this offering and after the completion of the Reorganization, the following diagram shows our organization structure, including our principal subsidiaries only:

#### Post-Reorganization and IPO



<sup>(1)</sup> Percentages exclude impact of PIUs.

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes impact of PIUs, based on an assumed initial offering price of \$24.00 per share, the midpoint of the price range set forth on the cover of this prospectus.

#### **USE OF PROCEEDS**

We estimate that the net proceeds to us from the sale of our common stock in this offering will be \$86.2 million, at an assumed initial public offering price of \$24.00 per share, the midpoint of the price range set forth on the cover of this prospectus, and after deducting estimated underwriting discounts and commissions and offering expenses. Each \$1.00 increase (decrease) in the assumed initial public offering price of \$24.00 per share, the midpoint of the price range set forth on the cover of this prospectus, would increase (decrease) the net proceeds to us of this offering by \$3.8 million, assuming the number of shares offered by us, as set forth on the cover of this prospectus, remains the same and after deducting estimated underwriting discounts and commissions and offering expenses. We will not receive any proceeds from the sale of shares of our common stock by the selling stockholders. We intend to use the net proceeds of this offering for general corporate purposes.

#### DIVIDEND POLICY

We initially anticipate paying a quarterly dividend of \$0.14 per share on our common stock, subject to the discretion of our Board and dependent on, among other things, our financial condition, results of operations, capital requirements, restrictions contained in future financing instruments and other factors that our Board may deem relevant. Dividends from the Bank are the principal source of funds for the payment of dividends on our common stock. The Bank is subject to certain restrictions that may limit its ability to pay dividends to us. See "Regulation and Supervision—Regulatory Limits on Dividends and Distributions." During the period ended December 31, 2009, we did not pay a cash dividend to the holder of our common stock. On October 28, 2010, we paid a quarterly dividend of \$14.0 million, with a record date of October 15, 2010. On October 28, 2010, we also paid a one-time special dividend of \$6.0 million, with a record date of October 19, 2010. On December 9, 2010, we declared another quarterly dividend of \$14.0 million, with a record date of January 3, 2011, which will be paid on January 18, 2011.

#### **CAPITALIZATION**

The following table sets forth our cash and cash equivalents and our capitalization at September 30, 2010:

- on an actual basis; and
- on an as adjusted basis to give effect to the sale of shares of common stock in this offering at an assumed initial public offering price of \$24.00 per share, the midpoint of the price range on the cover of this prospectus, after deducting estimated underwriting discounts and commissions and offering expenses as if it had occurred on September 30, 2010 and our amended and restated certificate of incorporation, which will become effective in connection with the consummation of this offering.

This table should be read in conjunction with "Selected Historical Consolidated Financial Information," "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and the consolidated financial statements and the related notes thereto appearing elsewhere in this prospectus.

	At September 30, 2010		0, 2010		
	_	Actual		Adjusted(1)	
	(unaudit) (dollars in the except share and p			housands,	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	494,586	\$	580,763	
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Other borrowings	\$	2,260,006	\$	2,260,006	
Stockholder's equity:					
Preferred stock \$0.01 par value per share: no shares authorized, no shares issued and					
outstanding, actual; 100,000,000 shares authorized, no shares issued and outstanding, as					
adjusted		_		_	
Common stock, \$0.01 par value per share: 110,000,000 shares authorized, 92,971,850 shares					
issued and outstanding, actual; 400,000,000 shares authorized, 96,971,850 shares issued					
and outstanding, as adjusted		930		970	
Paid-in capital		949,320		1,035,457	
Paid-in capital from stock-based compensation		1,083		1,083	
Retained earnings		261,968		261,968	
Accumulated other comprehensive income		29,538		29,538	
Total stockholder's equity		1,242,839		1,329,016	
Total capitalization	\$	3,502,845	\$	3,589,022	
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<sup>(1)</sup> The recording of compensation expense related to the exchange of PIUs for a combination of common stock and options, which is not deductible for tax purposes, immediately prior to the consummation of this offering will result in an offsetting increase in paid-in capital, and thus will not affect total capitalization.

A \$1.00 increase (decrease) in the assumed initial public offering price of \$24.00 per share would increase (decrease) total stockholder's equity and total capitalization by \$3.8 million, assuming that the number of shares offered by us, as set forth on the cover of this prospectus, remains the same and after deducting estimated underwriting discounts and commissions and offering expenses.

### DILUTION

If you invest in our common stock, your ownership interest will be diluted to the extent of the difference between the initial public offering price per share of our common stock and the as adjusted net tangible book value per share of our common stock upon consummation of this offering. Our historical net tangible book value at September 30, 2010 was \$1.2 billion, or \$12.71 per share of common stock based on the 92,971,850 shares issued and outstanding as of such date. Net tangible book value per share represents the book value of our total tangible assets less the book value of our total liabilities divided by the number of shares of common stock then issued and outstanding.

After giving effect to our sale of 4,000,000 shares of common stock at an assumed initial public offering price of \$24.00 per share, the midpoint of the price range on the cover of this prospectus, and after deducting estimated underwriting discounts and commissions and offering expenses, our as adjusted net tangible book value at September 30, 2010 would have been \$1.3 billion, or \$13.08 per share. This amount represents an immediate increase in net tangible book value to our existing stockholders of \$0.37 per share and an immediate dilution to new investors of \$10.92 per share.

The following table illustrates this per share dilution:

Assumed initial public offering price per share		\$ 24.00
Net tangible book value per share at September 30, 2010	\$ 12.71	
Increase in net tangible book value per share attributable to this		
offering	0.37	
As adjusted net tangible book value per share after this offering		13.08
Net tangible book value dilution per share to new investors in this		
offering		\$ 10.92

Each \$1.00 increase (decrease) in the assumed initial public offering price of \$24.00 per share would increase (decrease) our as adjusted net tangible book value by approximately \$3.8 million, or approximately \$0.04 per share, and the pro forma dilution per share to investors in this offering by approximately \$0.96 per share, assuming that the number of shares offered by us, as set forth on the cover of this prospectus, remains the same and after deducting estimated underwriting discounts and commissions and offering expenses. The number of shares offered by us in this offering may be increased or decreased from the number of shares on the cover page of this prospectus. Each increase (decrease) of 1.0 million shares in the number of shares offered by us would increase (decrease) our as adjusted net tangible book value by approximately \$22.8 million, or approximately \$0.10 per share, and the pro forma dilution per share to investors in this offering by approximately \$0.10 per share, assuming the assumed initial public offering price per share of \$24.00 per share, the midpoint of the price range on the cover of this prospectus, remains the same and after deducting estimated underwriting discounts and commissions and offering expenses. The as adjusted information discussed above is illustrative only and will adjust based on the actual initial public offering price and other terms of this offering determined at pricing.

If the underwriters exercise their option to purchase additional shares of our common stock in full in this offering, the net tangible book value per share after this offering would not change since the shares for this option are all being provided by our selling stockholders and we will not receive any of the proceeds from the sale of these shares.

The following table summarizes at September 30, 2010 the average price per share paid by our existing stockholders and by investors participating in this offering, based on an assumed initial public

offering price of \$24.00 per share, the midpoint of the price range on the cover of this prospectus, and before deducting estimated underwriting discounts and commissions and offering expenses.

	Shares Purc	hased	Total Conside	ration	Average Price Per Share
	Number	Percent	Amount	Percentage	Amount
Existing stockholders	92,971,850	95.9%\$	930,250,000	90.6%	\$ 10.01
New investors	4,000,000	4.1	96,000,000	9.4	24.00
Total	96,971,850	100%\$	1,026,250,000	100%	

Assuming no exercise of the over-allotment option, sales of shares of common stock by the selling stockholders in this offering will reduce the number of shares of common stock held by existing stockholders to 70,721,850, or approximately 72.9% of the total shares of common stock outstanding after this offering, and will increase the number of shares held by new investors to 26,250,000, or approximately 27.1% of the total shares of common stock outstanding after this offering. If the underwriters exercise their over-allotment option in full, the number of shares held by existing stockholders will be reduced to 66,784,350 shares, or 68.9% of the total shares outstanding, and the number of shares held by investors participating in this offering will be increased to 30,187,500 shares, or 31.1% of the total shares outstanding.

The above discussion and tables excludes 981,710 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of outstanding stock options at a weighted average exercise price of \$17.04 per share (of which 113,451 shares are issuable upon exercise of vested stock options) as of January 10, 2011 and 7,500,000 shares of common stock reserved for issuance, and not subject to outstanding options, under the BankUnited, Inc. 2010 Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan. To the extent any of the foregoing options are exercised, there will be further dilution to investors participating in this offering.

### SELECTED HISTORICAL CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

You should read the selected historical consolidated financial information set forth below in conjunction with "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations," "Capitalization" and the consolidated financial statements and the related notes thereto included elsewhere in this prospectus. The selected historical consolidated financial information set forth below at and for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 is derived from our unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus and includes all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring adjustments) that we considered necessary for a fair presentation of the financial position and the results of operations for these periods. Operating results for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ended December 31, 2010. The selected historical consolidated financial information set forth below at December 31, 2009 and for the period from April 28, 2009 (date of inception) to December 31, 2009 has been derived from our audited consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus. The selected historical consolidated financial information set forth below at September 30, 2008 and 2007, for each of the periods from October 1, 2008 to May 21, 2009 and for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2008 and 2007 has been derived from the audited consolidated financial statements of the Failed Bank included elsewhere in this prospectus. The selected historical consolidated financial information set forth below at and for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2006 and 2005 has been derived from the unaudited consolidated financial statements of the Failed Bank not included in this prospectus.

Although we were incorporated on April 28, 2009, neither we nor the Bank had any substantive operations prior to the Acquisition on May 21, 2009. Results of operations of the Company for the post-Acquisition periods are not comparable to the results of operations of the Failed Bank for the pre-Acquisition periods. Results of operations for the post-Acquisition periods reflect, among other things, the acquisition method of accounting. See "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—Periods Presented and Factors Affecting Comparability."

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	]	Nine Months Ended		Period from April 28, 2009 to		Period from October 1, 2008 to				At Septer	nbei	r 30,		
	S	eptember 30, 2010	D	ecember 31, 2009(1)		May 21, 2009(1)		2008		2007		2006		2005
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Consolidated Income						(dollars in thous	sano	is, except share	dai	ia)				
Statement Data:														
Interest income	\$	414,959 127,495	\$	335,524 83,856	\$	339,068 333,392	\$	834,460 555,594	\$	957,897 604,558	\$	712,807 442,333	\$	428,692 250,873
Interest expense Net interest	_	127,493	_	03,030	_	333,392	-	333,394	_	004,336	_	442,333	_	230,073
income		287,464		251,668		5,676		278,866		353,339		270,474		177,819
Provision for loan				- ,		-,-		-,		,		,		,
losses		45,157		22,621		919,139		856,374		31,500		10,400		3,840
Net interest income (loss) after provision for loan losses		242,307		229,047		(913,463)		(577,508)		321,839		260,074		173,979
Non-interest income														
(loss)		237,520		252,828		(81,431)		(128,859)		28,367		32,598		18,213
Non-interest expense	_	220,048		282,454	_	238,403	_	246,480	_	185,634		136,668		133,327
Income (loss) before income taxes		250 770		199,421		(1 222 207)		(052.947)		164,572		156 004		58,865
Provision (benefit) for income before taxes		259,779 102,857		80,375		(1,233,297)		(952,847) (94,462)		55,067		156,004 51,794		17,909
Net income (loss)	\$	156,922	\$	119,046	\$	(1,233,297)	\$	(858,385)	\$	109,505	\$	104,210	\$	40,956
Share Data:	_		_		-		_		-		-		_	
Earnings (loss) per common share, basic and diluted Weighted average common shares outstanding	\$	1.69 92,943,620	\$	1.29 92,664,910	\$	(12,332,970)	\$(	(8,583,850)	\$	1,095,054	\$ :	1,042,100	\$	409,560
Other Data (unaudited): Financial ratios		32,213,322		-, -, -, -,				-00						
Return on average assets(2)		1.86%	ó	1.69%	6	(14.26)%	ó	(5.94)%	ó	0.78%	, )	0.86%	, )	0.44%
Return on average common stockholder's equity(2)		17.72%	<b>,</b>	18.98%	6	(2,041.04)%	, D	(75.43)%	<b>6</b>	10.04%	,	12.04%	,	5.86%
Yield on earning		17.77	Ü	10.507		(2,011.01)	,	(75.15)7		10.017	,	12.017	,	5.0070
assets(2)		7.16%	ó	7.42%	6	3.91 %	, )	5.91 %	ó	6.96%	ó	6.06%	ó	4.70%
Cost of interest bearing liabilities(2)		1.82%	ó	1.39%	6	3.94 %	, )	4.36 %	, o	4.91%	, D	4.16%	, D	3.05%
Equity to assets ratio		11.15%	ó	9.83%	6	(7.25)%	ó	2.83 %	, D	7.96%	ó	7.43%	ó	7.23%
Interest rate spread(2)		5.34%	ó	6.03%	6	(0.03)%	ó	1.55 %	ó	2.05%	ó	1.90%	ó	1.65%
Net interest margin(2) Loan to deposit		4.95%	ó	5.58%	6	0.06 %	, )	1.98 %	ó	2.57%	ò	2.30%	ò	1.95%
ratio ratio		56.67%	ó	60.15%	6	128.73 %	, )	146.33 %	ó	172.74%	ó	189.21%	ó	171.15%

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	Nine Months Ended	Period from April 28, 2009 to	Period from October 1, 2008 to		At Septem	ber 30,	
	September 30, 2010 (unaudited)	December 31, 2009(1)	May 21, 2009(1)	2008	2007	2006 (unaudited)	2005 (unaudited)
Assat quality ratios			(dollars in thousa	nds, except share da	ata)		
Asset quality ratios							
Non-performing loans to total							
loans(3)(5)	0.68%	0.38%	24.58 %	11.98 %	1.59%	0.18%	0.10%
Non-performing							
assets to total							
assets(4)(5)	1.99%	1.24%	23.53 %	11.13 %	1.51%	0.16%	0.08%
Allowance for loan							
losses to total							
loans	1.40%	0.49%	11.14 %	5.98 %	0.46%	0.32%	0.32%
Allowance for loan							
losses to non-							
performing loans	206.28%	130.22%	45.33 %	49.96 %	29.15%	175.40%	306.94%
Net charge-offs to							
average loans(2)	0.31%	0.00%	5.51 %	1.58 %	0.08%	0.00%	0.03%

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	At At At September 30,						
	September 30, December 31, 2010 (unaudited)		2008	2007	2006 (unaudited)	2005 (unaudited)	
Capital ratios(6)							
Tangible common equity to tangible							
assets(7)	10.66%	9.33%	2.63%	7.79%	7.23%	6.98%	
Tier 1 common capital to total risk							
weighted assets	42.46%	40.42%	4.90%	14.64%	13.79%	14.03%	
Tier 1 risk-based capital	42.46%	40.42%	4.90%	14.64%	13.79%	14.03%	
Total risk-based capital	43.27%	40.55%	6.21%	15.37%	14.28%	14.49%	
Tier 1 leverage	10.09%	8.78%	2.89%	7.84%	7.31%	7.11%	

- (1) The Company was incorporated on April 28, 2009, but neither the Company nor the Bank had any substantive operations prior to the Acquisition on May 21, 2009. The period from May 22, 2009 to December 31, 2009 contained 224 days. The period from October 1, 2008 to May 21, 2009 contained 233 days.
- (2) Ratio is annualized for the period from October 1, 2008 to May 21, 2009, for the period from May 22, 2009 to December 31, 2009 and for the nine months ended September 30, 2010. See note 1 above.
- (3) Non-performing loans include nonaccrual loans, loans past due 90 days or more and, for the pre-Acquisition periods, certain other impaired loans still accruing interest. For the pre-Acquisition periods, restructured 1-4 single family residential loans in compliance with modified terms are excluded from non-performing loans. For the post-Acquisition periods, contractually delinquent ACI loans on which interest continues to be accreted are excluded from non-performing loans. The carrying value of ACI loans contractually delinquent by more than 90 days, but not identified as impaired was \$0.9 billion and \$1.2 billion at September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, respectively. These ratios may therefore not be compatible to similar ratios of our peers.
- (4) Non-performing assets include non-performing loans and OREO.
- (5) Total loans is net of unearned discounts and deferred fees and costs.
- (6) All capital ratios presented are ratios of the Bank except for the tangible common equity to tangible assets ratio which is of the Company.
- (7) Tangible common equity to tangible assets is a non-GAAP financial measure. For purposes of computing tangible common equity to tangible assets, tangible common equity is calculated as common stockholder's equity less goodwill and other intangible assets, net, and tangible assets is calculated as total assets less goodwill and other intangible assets, net. Tangible common equity to tangible assets should not be viewed as a substitute for total

stockholder's equity to total assets. The most directly comparable GAAP financial measure is total stockholder's equity to total assets. See the reconciliation below:

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		At Santambar 20				At December 31,			At Sep	tember 30,			
		2010	2009			2008 2007			2006		2005		
		(unaudited)				(1.11			(unaudited)		(unaudited)		unaudited)
Total stockholder's equity	\$	1,242,839	\$	1.094.260	\$	(dollars in th	\$ 1,202,802	\$	1,005,836	\$	769,413		
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intangible assets, net		60,759		60,981		28,353	28,353		28,353		28,353		
Tangible common stockholder's													
equity	\$	1,182,080	\$	1,033,279	\$	370,417	\$ 1,174,449	\$	977,483	\$	741,060		
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Total assets	\$	11,151,301	\$	11,129,961	\$.	14,088,591	\$15,107,310	Э	13,543,992	<b>\$</b> 1	0,639,895		
Less: goodwill and other													
intangible assets, net		60,759		60,981		28,353	28,353		28,353		28,353		
Tangible assets	\$	11,090,542	\$	11,068,980	\$	14,060,238	\$15,078,957	\$	13,515,639	\$1	0,611,542		
Equity to assets		11.15%	6	9.83%	6	2.83%	% 7 <b>.</b> 96	%	7.43%	6	7.23%		
Tangible common equity to													
tangible assets		10.66%	6	9.339	6	2.63%	% 7.79	%	7.239	6	6.98%		

Management of the Company believes this non-GAAP financial measure provides an additional meaningful method of evaluating certain aspects of the Company's capital strength from period to period on a basis that may not be otherwise apparent under GAAP. Management also believes that this non-GAAP financial measure, which complements the capital ratios defined by regulators, is useful to investors who are interested in the Company's equity to assets ratio exclusive of the effect of changes in intangible assets on equity and total assets.

# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following discussion should be read in conjunction with the "Selected Historical Consolidated Financial Information," and our financial statements and related notes thereto included elsewhere in this prospectus. In addition to historical information, this discussion contains forward-looking statements that involve risks, uncertainties and assumptions that could cause actual results to differ materially from management's expectations. Factors that could cause such differences are discussed in the sections entitled "Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements" and "Risk Factors." We assume no obligation to update any of these forward-looking statements.

#### Overview

BankUnited, Inc. is a savings and loan holding company with two wholly-owned subsidiaries: BankUnited, which is one of the largest independent depository institutions headquartered in Florida by assets, and BankUnited Investment Services, a Florida insurance agency. As of the close of business on May 21, 2009, BankUnited entered into the Purchase and Assumption Agreement including the Loss Sharing Agreements with the FDIC to acquire substantially all of the assets and assume all of the non-brokered deposits and substantially all other liabilities of the Failed Bank. The Failed Bank was closed by the OTS and placed into receivership with the FDIC on May 21, 2009. Neither the Company nor the Bank had any substantive operations prior to the Acquisition.

BankUnited has a network of 78 branches in 13 Florida counties as of September 30, 2010. Since the Acquisition, we have focused on providing a full range of commercial and consumer banking services to growing companies and their executives, commercial and middle-market businesses and consumers in Florida's coastal regions. Through BankUnited, we deliver a comprehensive range of traditional depository and lending products, online banking services and cash management tools to our customers. Through its non-bank subsidiary, BankUnited Investment Services, the Company offers wealth management products as well as succession planning, estate planning and financial planning services. The Company recently acquired two businesses to start its leasing platform on a national basis. Through United Capital Business Lending, we offer equipment financing services and through Pinnacle Public Finance, we offer municipal leasing services.

### **Periods Presented and Factors Affecting Comparability**

Financial information presented throughout this "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and the period from May 22, 2009 through December 31, 2009 (which we refer to as the post-Acquisition periods) is that of the Company. Historical financial information for the period from October 1, 2008 through May 21, 2009 and the fiscal years ended September 30, 2008, 2007, 2006 and 2005 (which we refer to as the pre-Acquisition periods) is that of the Failed Bank. Results of operations of the Company for the post-Acquisition periods are not comparable to the results of operations of the Failed Bank for the pre-Acquisition periods. Results of operations for the post-Acquisition periods reflect, among other things, the acquisition method of accounting.

Under the acquisition method of accounting, all of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed were initially recorded on the consolidated balance sheet of the Company at their estimated fair values as of May 21, 2009. These estimated fair values differed substantially from the carrying amounts of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed as reflected in the financial statements of the Failed Bank immediately prior to the Acquisition. The most significant reasons for the non-comparability of the consolidated financial statements include:

• The estimated fair value at which the acquired loans were initially recorded by the Company was significantly less than the pre-Acquisition carrying value of those loans on the balance sheet of the Failed Bank. No allowance for loan losses was recorded with respect to acquired loans at the

Acquisition date. The writedown of loans to fair value in conjunction with the application of acquisition accounting and credit protection provided by the Loss Sharing Agreements resulted in a significantly lower provision for loan losses subsequent to the Acquisition;

- Acquired investment securities were recorded at their estimated fair values at the Acquisition date, significantly reducing the potential for other-than-temporary impairment charges in periods subsequent to the Acquisition for the acquired securities;
- An indemnification asset related to the Loss Sharing Agreements with the FDIC was recorded in conjunction with the Acquisition;
- Interest income, interest expense and the net interest margin subsequent to the Acquisition reflect the impact of accretion of the fair value adjustments made to the carrying amounts of interest earning assets and interest bearing liabilities;
- Non-interest income for periods subsequent to the Acquisition includes the effects of accretion of discount on the indemnification asset and net gains associated with the resolution of Covered Assets;
- Certain loans reflected as nonaccrual loans in the financial statements of the Failed Bank are no longer categorized as non-performing assets due to classification of such loans as ACI loans in accordance with ASC Subtopic 310-30, *Loan and Debt Securities Acquired with Deteriorated Credit Quality*. The balances of non-performing assets were significantly reduced by the adjustments to fair value recorded in conjunction with the Acquisition;
- Goodwill was recorded in conjunction with the Acquisition;
- The Company received \$2.2 billion in cash from the FDIC upon consummation of the Acquisition; and
- The Company received a capital injection of \$945.0 million at inception.

A summary comparison of the pre-Acquisition carrying amounts and estimated fair values of assets acquired and liabilities assumed as of the Acquisition date follows (dollars in thousands):

	As Recorded by the Failed Bank	Fair Value Adjustments	Net Cash Received From the FDIC	As Recorded by the Company
Assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,160,32	21 \$ —	\$ 2,156,393	\$ 3,316,714
Investment securities, at fair value	608,38	88 (69,444)	_	538,944
FHLB stock	243,33			243,334
Loans held in portfolio, net	11,174,23	32 (6,163,904)		5,010,328
FDIC receivable	-	- 69,444		69,444
FDIC indemnification asset	-	- 3,442,890	_	3,442,890
Bank owned life insurance	129,13	l1 —		129,111
Other real estate owned	199,81	19 (22,140)		177,679
Deferred tax asset, net	-	<b>—</b> 37,269		37,269
Goodwill and other intangible assets	-	<b>—</b> 61,150	_	61,150
Other assets	95,17	71 (44,696)	_	50,475
Total assets	13,610,37	76 (2,689,431)	2,156,393	13,077,338
Liabilities				
Deposits	8,225,91	108,566	_	8,334,482
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	1,31		_	1,310
Federal Home Loan Bank advances	4,429,35	50 201,264	_	4,630,614
Advance payments by borrowers for taxes				_
and insurance	52,36	52 —	_	52,362
Other liabilities	59,13	37 (567)	_	58,570
Total liabilities	12,768,07	75 309,263		13,077,338
Net Assets	\$ 842,30	\$ (2,998,694)	\$ 2,156,393	\$

### **Primary Factors Used to Evaluate Our Business**

As a financial institution, we manage and evaluate various aspects of both our results of operations and our financial condition. We evaluate the levels and trends of the line items included in our balance sheet and income statement, as well as various financial ratios that are commonly used in our industry. We analyze these ratios and financial trends against our own historical performance, our budgeted performance and the financial condition and performance of comparable financial institutions in our region and nationally.

Subsequent to the Acquisition, comparison of our financial performance against other financial institutions is impacted by the application of the acquisition method of accounting and the accounting for loans acquired with evidence of deterioration in credit quality, which we refer to as ACI loans, as discussed below.

## Results of operations

The primary line items we use to manage and evaluate our results of operations include net interest income, the provision for loan losses, non-interest income, non-interest expense and net income.

### Net interest income

Net interest income is the difference between interest earned on interest earning assets and interest incurred on interest bearing liabilities and is the primary driver of core earnings. Net interest income is impacted by the relative mix of interest earning assets and interest bearing liabilities, the ratio of interest earning assets to total assets and of interest bearing liabilities to total funding sources, movements in market interest rates, levels of non-performing assets and pricing pressure from competitors. Due to the revaluation of Covered Assets in conjunction with the application of acquisition accounting and the resultant accretion, generally Covered Assets have higher yields than do assets purchased or originated since May 21, 2009. Net interest income will be impacted in future periods as Covered Assets are repaid or mature and these assets comprise a lower percentage of total interest earning assets. The mix of interest earning assets is influenced by loan demand and by management's continual assessment of the rate of return and relative risk associated with various classes of earning assets.

The mix of interest bearing liabilities is influenced by management's assessment of the need for lower cost funding sources weighed against relationships with customers and growth requirements and is impacted by competition for deposits in the Bank's market and the availability and pricing of other sources of funds.

Key measures that we use to evaluate our net interest income are the level and stability of the net interest margin and the interest rate spread. Net interest margin is calculated by dividing net interest income for the period by average interest earning assets. The interest rate spread is the difference between the yield earned on average interest earning assets and the rate paid on average interest bearing liabilities for the period.

For the post-Acquisition periods, net interest income is also impacted by accretion of fair value adjustments recorded in conjunction with the Acquisition and the accounting for ACI loans. Fair value adjustments of interest earning assets and interest bearing liabilities recorded at Acquisition are accreted to interest income or expense over the lives of the related assets or liabilities. Generally, accretion of fair value adjustments increases interest income and decreases interest expense, and thus has a positive impact on our net interest income, net interest margin and interest rate spread.

At Acquisition, ACI loans were recorded at fair value, measured based on the present value of expected cash flows. The excess of expected cash flows over the recorded fair value at Acquisition, known as accretable yield, is being recognized as interest income over the lives of the underlying loans. Since the post-Acquisition carrying value of ACI loans is based on the amount expected to be collected, and due to the resultant accretion, these loans are not classified as nonaccrual, although they may be contractually delinquent. Accretion related to ACI loans has a positive impact on our net interest income, net interest margin and interest rate spread. The impact of accretion and ACI loan accounting on net interest income makes it difficult to compare our net interest margin and interest rate spread to those reported by other financial institutions.

The accretion of fair value adjustments will continue to have a significant impact on our net interest income as long as Covered Assets represent a significant portion of our interest earning assets as opposed to assets originated or purchased after May 21, 2009. At September 30, 2010, Covered Loans represented 91.7% of our loan portfolio (based on book value) and Covered Securities represented 8.8% of our investment portfolio. In total, covered interest earning assets represented 51.5% of our interest earning assets at September 30, 2010.

Interest expense incurred on our interest bearing liabilities is impacted by the accretion of fair value adjustments on our time deposits and our advances from the FHLB recorded in connection with the Acquisition. However, the impact on interest expense has decreased significantly in 2010 and will continue to decrease in 2011. Accretion of fair value adjustments on time deposits totaled \$18.3 million for the nine months ending September 30, 2010 (and is projected to be \$21.4 million for 2010) as

compared to \$79.9 million for the period ending December 31, 2009. Accretion of fair value adjustments on FHLB advances totaled \$19.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 (and is projected to be \$23.9 million for 2010) as compared to \$25.1 million for the period ended December 31, 2009. For 2011, accretion of fair value adjustments on time deposits is projected to be \$7.0 million, and accretion of fair value adjustments on FHLB advances is projected to be \$19.1 million.

### Provision for loan losses

The provision for loan losses is the amount of expense that, based on our judgment, is required to maintain the allowance for loan losses at an adequate level to absorb probable losses inherent in the loan portfolio at the balance sheet date and that, in management's judgment, is appropriate under U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. The determination of the amount of the allowance is complex and involves a high degree of judgment and subjectivity.

The risk of loss associated with Covered Loans differs significantly from the risk of loss associated with non-Covered Loans. The Loss Sharing Agreements significantly limit the Company's exposure to credit losses on Covered Loans. Recognition of future losses on Covered Loans is also mitigated by the fair market value of loans established in the application of acquisition accounting. Because the determination of fair value at which the loans acquired from the Failed Bank were initially recorded as of May 21, 2009 encompassed assumptions about expected future cash flows and credit risk, no allowance for loan losses was recorded at the date of acquisition. Fair value adjustments to the carrying amount of acquired loans totaled \$6.2 billion.

Covered Loans may be further broken out into two broad categories: (i) ACI loans and (ii) loans that did not exhibit evidence of deterioration in credit quality at acquisition, or non-ACI loans. Subsequent to the Acquisition, an allowance for loan losses related to the ACI loans is recorded only when estimates of future cash flows related to these loans are revised downward, indicating further deterioration in credit quality. An allowance for loan losses for non-ACI loans may be established if factors considered relevant by management indicate that the credit quality of the non-ACI loans has deteriorated.

Since the recording of a provision for loan losses on Covered Loans represents an increase in the amount of reimbursement we expect to receive from the FDIC, we also record an increase in the FDIC indemnification asset for the present value of the projected increase in reimbursement, with a corresponding increase in non-interest income, recorded in "Net loss on indemnification asset resulting from net recoveries" as discussed below in the section entitled "—Non-interest income." Therefore, the impact on our results of operations of any provision for loan losses on Covered Loans is significantly mitigated by an increase in non-interest income. For the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and the period ended December 31, 2009, we recorded provisions for loan losses on Covered Loans of \$42.5 million and \$21.3 million, respectively. For the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and the period ended December 31, 2009, the impact to earnings from these provisions was significantly mitigated by recording non-interest income of \$23.0 million and \$14.4 million, respectively.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and the period ended December 31, 2009, we recorded provisions for loan losses of \$2.6 million and \$1.3 million, respectively, for loans we originated or purchased subsequent to the Acquisition. These loans are not protected by the Loss Sharing Agreements and as such, these provisions are not offset by an increase in non-interest income.

### Non-interest income

For the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and the period ended December 31, 2009, the majority of our non-interest income resulted from the resolution of assets covered by our Loss Sharing Agreements with the FDIC and accretion of discount on the FDIC indemnification asset. Typically, the primary components of non-interest income of financial institutions are service charges and fees and

gains or losses related to the sale or valuation of investment securities, loans and other assets. Thus, it is difficult to compare the amount and composition of our non-interest income with that of other financial institutions of our size both regionally and nationally.

The FDIC indemnification asset was initially recorded at its estimated fair value of \$3.4 billion, represented by the present value of estimated future cash payments from the FDIC for probable losses on Covered Assets, up to 90 days of past due interest, excluding loans on nonaccrual at Acquisition, and reimbursement of certain expenses. The discount rate of 7.10% used in the initial calculation of fair value was determined using a risk-free yield curve plus a premium reflecting the uncertainty related to the collection, amount and timing of the cash flows and other liquidity concerns. Accretion is a result of discounting and may also increase or decrease from period to period due to changes in expected cash flows from the Covered Loans.

If projected cash flows from the ACI loans increase, the yield on the loans will increase and the discount rate of accretion on the FDIC indemnification asset will decrease as less cash flow is expected to be recovered from the indemnification asset. For the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and the period ended December 31, 2009, the average rate at which income was accreted on the FDIC indemnification asset was 5.32% and 7.10%, respectively.

A rollforward of the FDIC indemnification asset from May 21, 2009 to September 30, 2010 follows (dollars in thousands):

Balance, May 21, 2009	\$ 3,442,890
Accretion	149,544
Reduction for claims filed	(290,701)
Net loss on indemnification asset resulting from net recoveries	(22,568)
Balance, December 31, 2009	3,279,165
Accretion	116,915
Reduction for claims filed	(628,089)
Net loss on indemnification asset resulting from net recoveries	(44,932)
Balance, September 30, 2010	\$ 2,723,059

Accretion of the discount on the FDIC indemnification asset results in an increase to the balance of the FDIC indemnification asset with a corresponding increase in non-interest income. We project the amount of accretion will decline in future periods, because our projected cash flows from ACI loans have been increasing, and as a result we expect to collect less cash flow from the indemnification asset as discussed above.

The balance of the FDIC indemnification asset is reduced as claims for reimbursement are filed with the FDIC. The receipt of payments from the FDIC results in an increase to cash.

The balance of the FDIC indemnification asset has also been reduced as a result of decreases in estimated cash flows to be received from the FDIC related to the ultimate resolution of Covered Assets. We record an offsetting entry in the income statement line item "Net loss on indemnification asset resulting from net recoveries." This line item includes the significantly mitigating impact related to loan loss provisions on Covered Loans, the impact of lower projected FDIC reimbursement resulting from the favorable resolution of Covered Loans as described below, and the offsetting impact related to gains or losses on the sale of Covered Loans and impairment of OREO. The table below shows the various components of this income statement line item for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and period ended December 31, 2009.

Income from resolution of Covered Loans is included in the income statement line item "Income from resolution of Covered Assets, net" and represents the difference in the projected losses from ACI loans and payment received in satisfaction of such loans that were resolved, either by prepayment, sale,

foreclosure, short sale or, for the non-residential portfolio, charge-offs, as well as losses from permanent modification of ACI loans accounted for in pools during the period. Gains and losses from the resolution or permanent modification of Covered Loans are included in this line item. The amount of income recorded in any period will be impacted by the number and UPB of ACI loans resolved and our ability to accurately project cash flows from ACI loans in future periods. In general, we expect the amount of this income to decrease in future periods as we gain additional history in terms of the performance of the loans we acquired, which we will reflect in the update of our projected cash flows from ACI loans each quarter. Income from the resolution of non-ACI loans is not significant.

Under the Purchase and Assumption Agreement, we are permitted to sell on an annual basis up to 2.5% of the Covered Loans, based upon the UPB at Acquisition, or approximately \$280.0 million, without prior consent of the FDIC. Any losses incurred from such loan sales are covered under the Loss Sharing Agreements. A loss of \$47.1 million was recognized during the period ending December 31, 2009 on non-recourse sales of ACI loans with UPB of \$275.0 million to third parties. This loss was significantly mitigated by income of approximately \$37.6 million, included in the income statement line item "Net loss on indemnification asset resulting from net recoveries." We may continue to exercise our right to sell Covered Loans in future periods.

The following table summarizes the pre-tax components of the gains and losses associated with the resolution of Covered Assets as described above, plus the provision for loan losses on non-Covered Loans, for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and period ended December 31, 2009 (dollars in thousands):

	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2010 Period Ended December 31, 2009					
	Net Loss on Indemnification Asset Resulting Transaction From Net Net Impact Transaction Income (Loss) Recoveries on Earnings Income (Loss)				Net Loss on Indemnification Asset Resulting From Net Recoveries	Net Impact on Earnings
Provision for losses on Covered Loans	\$ (42,538)	\$ 22,979	\$ (19,559)	\$ (21,287)	\$ 14,433	\$ (6,854)
Provision for losses on non-Covered Loans	(2,619)	_	(2,619)	(1,334)	_	(1,334)
Total provision for loan losses	(45,157)	22,979	(22,178)	(22,621)	14,433	(8,188)
Income from resolution of Covered Assets, net	112,777			120,954		
Net loss on sale of Covered Loans				(47,078)		
	112,777	(76,978)	35,799	73,876	(51,201)	22,675
Gain (loss) on sale of OREO	2,270				_	
Loss due to impairment of OREO	(12,164)			(21,055)		
	(9,894)	9,067	(827)	(21,055)	14,200	(6,855)
Total	\$ 57,726	\$ (44,932)	\$ 12,794	\$ 30,200	\$ (22,568)	\$ 7,632

The following table provides further detail of the components of income from resolution of Covered Assets, net:

	Months Ended tember 30, 2010	riod Ended cember 31, 2009
Payments in full	\$ 122,500	\$ 76,428
Foreclosures	(9,675)	30,489
Short sales	13,465	28,610
Modifications	(2,048)	_
Charge-offs	(15,352)	(14,573)
Recoveries	3,887	_
Income from resolution of Covered Assets, net	\$ 112,777	\$ 120,954

The volume of loan resolutions resulting from repayments, modifications and recoveries increased for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 compared to the period ended December 31, 2009 as we augmented and enhanced our mortgage servicing and workout and recovery departments and were increasingly able to work with borrowers to effect resolution of outstanding loans. The impact of modifications on income from resolution of Covered Assets reflects increased participation by borrowers in the HAMP program during 2010. Net gains from foreclosures and short sales declined for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 due to continuing home price deterioration in our primary market areas. The impact of additional historical experience on our ability to estimate future cash flows from these types of resolutions has also reduced the effect of these resolutions on current period earnings.

Certain OREO related expenses, including attorney's fees, foreclosure costs, property preservation costs, maintenance and repair costs, advances for taxes and insurance, appraisal costs, and inspection costs, are also reimbursed under the terms of the Loss Sharing Agreements with the FDIC. Such expenses are recorded in non-interest expense when incurred, and the reimbursement is recorded as "FDIC reimbursement of costs of resolution of covered assets" in non-interest income when submitted to the FDIC. This may result in the expense and the related income from reimbursements being recorded in different periods. During the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and the period ended December 31, 2009, non-interest expense included \$41.6 million and \$26.1 million, respectively, of disbursements subject to reimbursement under the Loss Sharing Agreements. For those same periods, \$30.1 million and \$10.3 million, respectively, of those disbursements were submitted to the FDIC for reimbursement at the 80% level. As of September 30, 2010, \$27.3 million of these disbursements remain to be submitted for reimbursement from the FDIC in future periods.

### Non-interest expense

Non-interest expense includes employee compensation and benefits, occupancy and equipment, impairment of OREO, foreclosure expense, OREO expense, deposit insurance expense, professional fees, telecommunications and data processing and other expense. For the period ending December 31, 2009, non-interest expense also included two significant non-recurring items. The first of these was the write-off of a receivable from the FDIC in the amount of \$69.4 million, which was established at the date of the Acquisition and related to the disputed valuation of certain acquired investment securities. Given that the disagreement over the valuation extended past December 31, 2009 with the likelihood that no additional consideration would be paid, the receivable was written off in 2009. Subsequently, the Company reached a settlement with the FDIC regarding this dispute. Under the settlement, the Company received \$24.1 million, which will be reflected in non-interest income during the fourth quarter of 2010. The second of these non-recurring items was \$39.8 million in direct costs associated with the Acquisition, consisting primarily of legal and investment banking advisory fees.

Our employee compensation and benefits expense includes expense related to PIUs issued to certain members of executive management. The PIUs are divided into two equal types of profits

interests. Half of the PIUs are time-based and vest with the passage of time following the grant date (which we refer to as Time-based PIUs) and the remaining half of the PIUs will vest immediately prior to the consummation of this offering (which we refer to as IRR-based PIUs). Fair value of PIUs is estimated using a Black-Scholes option pricing model including assumptions as to expected volatility, dividends, terms, and risk-free rates. Beginning with the third quarter of 2009, the fair value is updated quarterly. The fair value of the PIUs has increased since the third quarter of 2009 through September 30, 2010, driven by a reduction in risk-free rates and an increase in expected volatility over that timeframe. The estimated fair value per unit of the Company's PIUs from September 30, 2009 to September 30, 2010 is as follows:

September 30, 2009	\$ 707.30
December 31, 2009	\$ 850.30
March 31, 2010	\$ 843.70
June 30, 2010	\$ 1,029.85
September 30, 2010	\$ 1,238.25

For additional information, see "Compensation Discussion and Analysis—Executive Officer Compensation—Equity-Based Compensation."

Compensation expense for the Time-based PIUs is recorded over the vesting period based on their fair value. For the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and the period ended December 31, 2009, we recorded compensation expense related to Time-based PIUs of \$20.0 million and \$8.8 million, respectively.

In conjunction with this offering, we expect to record compensation expense related to the exchange of PIUs for a combination of common stock and options immediately prior to the consummation of this offering. The amount of compensation expense will be based on the initial public offering price. Assuming an initial public offering price of \$24.00 per share, the midpoint of the price range on the cover of this prospectus, we would expect to incur a charge of approximately \$91.1 million.

OREO expense and foreclosure expense is comprised of net gains or losses on the sale of OREO properties, expenses of holding and maintaining OREO properties such as real estate taxes and insurance, and legal fees and other foreclosure expenses. Impairment of OREO represents further deterioration in the fair value of properties that were initially recorded at fair value at the time of foreclosure. OREO expense, foreclosure expense and impairment of OREO have remained at high levels since the Acquisition due to continuing deterioration in home prices coupled with the high volume of foreclosures.

At September 30, 2010, all OREO properties were covered by the Loss Sharing Agreements with the FDIC. For the post-Acquisition periods, OREO losses are substantially offset by non-interest income related to indemnification by the FDIC. Generally, OREO related expenses are also reimbursed under the terms of the Loss Sharing Agreements with the FDIC.

Other non-interest expense includes expenses related to the increase in fair value of a warrant issued to the FDIC in conjunction with the Acquisition. Specifically, the value of the warrant equals 10% of the value the Company realizes in an IPO or exit event in excess of the valuation that would be implied if the Company was valued at the average price-to-tangible book value multiple for the top quartile of publicly traded U.S. banks and thrifts in excess of \$10 billion in assets. The Company has utilized information provided by third parties to assist in the determination of the fair value of the warrant at the Acquisition and at each quarter end beginning with September 30, 2009. The warrant value has increased through September 30, 2010 as the projected timing of the IPO has shortened. In addition, the average price-to-tangible book value multiple for the top quartile of publicly-traded U.S. banks and thrifts in excess of \$10 billion in assets has decreased from approximately 2.5 at September 30, 2009 to approximately 2.1 at September 30, 2010. The warrant was initially recorded

with a fair value of \$1.5 million at May 21, 2009. For the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and the period ended December 31, 2009, we recorded \$4.5 million and \$1.7 million, respectively, of additional non-interest expense reflecting the increase in the fair value of the warrant. In October 2010, the Company and the FDIC agreed to amend the warrant to guarantee a minimum value to the FDIC in the amount of \$25.0 million. The Company will recognize at least the difference between the recorded liability of \$7.7 million at September 30, 2010 and the guaranteed minimum value of the warrant in non-interest expense in the fourth quarter of 2010.

We evaluate our non-interest expense based on measures including our efficiency ratio and trends in the individual categories of non-interest expense, after giving consideration to the planned growth of our business.

#### Net income

We evaluate our net income based on measures including return on average assets and return on average common stockholder's equity.

#### Financial Condition

Balance sheets of the Company for the post-Acquisition periods reflect the impact of the application of acquisition accounting and the resulting adjustment of assets acquired and liabilities assumed to their fair values, and are therefore not comparable in many respects to balance sheets of the Failed Bank for the pre-Acquisition periods. In particular, the carrying amount of investment securities, loans, the FDIC indemnification asset, goodwill and other intangible assets, net deferred tax assets, deposit liabilities, and FHLB advances were materially impacted by these adjustments.

Loans, OREO and certain investment securities, including certain private-label mortgage-backed and non-investment grade securities acquired from the Failed Bank are covered by the Loss Sharing Agreements with the FDIC. The Loss Sharing Agreements afford the Company significant protection against future credit losses related to these assets. Under the Loss Sharing Agreements, the FDIC will cover 80% of losses and certain expenses related to the Covered Assets up to the \$4.0 billion stated threshold and 95% of losses and certain expenses that exceed the \$4.0 billion stated threshold. The Loss Sharing Agreements last for ten years for single family residential loans and for five years (with recoveries for eight years) for other loan types and investment securities. The Loss Sharing Agreements coverage may be extended for two additional years under certain circumstances.

Of the securities acquired in the Acquisition, \$252.9 million at fair value of non-agency mortgage-backed securities and mortgage-backed security mutual funds, trust preferred collateralized debt obligations, Agency preferred stocks, and corporate securities are covered under the non-residential Loss Sharing Agreement. BankUnited will be reimbursed 80% (95% if cumulative losses have exceeded the \$4.0 billion stated threshold) of realized losses, other-than-temporary impairments and any reimbursable expenses. BankUnited must pay the FDIC 80% (95% if cumulative losses are greater than the stated threshold) of realized gains and other-than-temporary impairment recoveries. Unrealized mark-to-market changes from the application of fair value accounting do not qualify for loss sharing. BankUnited cannot sell securities covered under the Loss Sharing Agreements without prior approval of the FDIC. To date, the Company has not submitted any claims for reimbursement for the investment securities covered under the Loss Sharing Agreements.

The portfolio of available for sale securities has grown to \$3.1 billion at September 30, 2010 from \$2.2 billion at December 31, 2009 and \$0.5 billion immediately following the Acquisition. Growth of the investment portfolio since the Acquisition has been driven primarily by the deployment of cash acquired into higher yielding assets during a period of diminished loan demand. Our investment strategy has focused on providing liquidity necessary for the day-to-day operations of the Company, adding a suitable balance of high credit quality, diversifying assets on the consolidated balance sheet, managing interest rate risk, and generating acceptable returns given our established risk parameters. We have sought to maintain liquidity and manage interest rate risk by investing a significant portion of

the portfolio in high quality liquid securities consisting primarily of U.S. Government agency floating rate residential mortgage-backed securities. We have also invested in highly rated structured products including private-label residential mortgage-backed securities and Re-Real Estate Mortgage Investment Conduits, or Re-REMICS, bank preferred stocks and asset-backed securities collateralized primarily by auto loans, credit card receivables, student loans and floor plan loans that, while somewhat less liquid, provide the Company with higher yields. A relatively short effective portfolio duration helps mitigate interest rate risk arising from the currently low level of market interest rates and the longer duration of the loan portfolio acquired from the Failed Bank.

Loans acquired in the Acquisition were recorded at their estimated fair values at Acquisition, which were substantially less than the UPB of the loans. Additionally, the allowance for loan losses, discounts, premiums, and deferred origination fees and costs related to the acquired loans were eliminated in the application of the acquisition method of accounting. Net loans decreased to \$4.1 billion at September 30, 2010 from \$4.6 billion at December 31, 2009 and \$5.0 billion immediately following the Acquisition, primarily due to the resolution of ACI loans.

Residential loan demand in the Company's primary market areas remains depressed, limiting the volume of new residential originations, but there has been growth in the commercial loan portfolio commensurate with a shift in our lending strategy to an emphasis on commercial and commercial real estate lending.

### **Asset Quality**

In discussing asset quality, a distinction must be made between Covered Loans and loans originated or purchased by us since the Acquisition, or the non-Covered Loans. Non-Covered Loans were underwritten under significantly different and generally more conservative standards than the Covered Loans. In particular, credit approval policies have been strengthened, wholesale mortgage origination channels have been eliminated, "no-doc" and option adjustable rate mortgage, or ARM, loan products have been eliminated, and real estate appraisal policies have been improved. Although the risk profile of Covered Loans is higher than that of the non-Covered Loans, our exposure to loss related to the Covered Loans is significantly mitigated by the Loss Sharing Agreements and by the fair value basis recorded in these loans resulting from the application of acquisition accounting.

In monitoring asset quality, we consider the results of our internal credit risk rating process and certain key ratios including the ratio of non-performing loans to total loans, non-performing assets to total assets, portfolio delinquency and charge-off trends, among other factors. Comparison of these metrics to those reported by other financial institutions and to historical metrics of the Failed Bank is difficult because of the impact of the revaluation of the acquired loans and of ACI loan accounting. Our non-performing asset ratios as well as the ratio of the allowance for loan losses to total loans and to non-performing loans are lower as a result of acquisition accounting and ACI loan accounting. ACI loans are not reflected as nonaccrual loans even though they may be contractually delinquent due to continuing discount accretion. Discount accretion continues to be recorded as there continues to be an expectation of future cash flows from these loans.

As of September 30, 2010, substantially all of our non-performing assets are Covered Assets.

# **Funding Sources**

Deposits are our primary funding source, supplemented by FHLB advances. Since the Acquisition, we have worked towards optimizing our deposit mix and lowering our cost of deposits by reducing rate sensitive time deposits. In the future, we expect commercial core deposits will drive core deposit growth. At Acquisition, approximately 74.8% of total deposits were concentrated in time deposits, with consumer core deposits accounting for 21.7% of total deposits and commercial core deposits accounting for 3.5% of total deposits. At September 30, 2010, time deposits accounted for 47.7% of total deposits while consumer core deposits represented 41.3% of the total and commercial core deposits represented 11.0% of total deposits.

The Bank's liquidity needs are primarily met by its cash position, growth in core deposits, cash flow from its amortizing investment and loan portfolios, and reimbursements under the Loss Sharing Agreements. If necessary, the Bank currently has the ability to raise additional liquidity through collateralized borrowings, FHLB advances or the sale of available for sale investment securities. We regularly monitor several measures of liquidity, including liquid assets, defined as cash and cash equivalents, and pledgeable securities, to total assets.

### Strengths, Opportunities and Challenges

Management believes that our Company has several key strengths, including:

- An experienced, re-built management team.
- A strong balance sheet due to significant protection from credit losses on Covered Assets arising from the Loss Sharing Agreements with the FDIC.
- A robust capital position. The Company was initially capitalized with common equity of \$945.0 million, of which \$875.0 million has been contributed to the Bank. The Bank currently exceeds "well-capitalized" guidelines under regulatory standards, with tier 1 leverage and tier 1 risk-based capital ratios of 10.1% and 42.5%, respectively, at September 30, 2010.

Management has identified significant opportunities for our Company, including:

- Our capital position, market presence and experienced lending team position us well to compete for high quality commercial credits in our primary market areas. As of September 30, 2010, the commercial real estate and commercial loan portfolios contained \$267.6 million in gross loans originated since the Acquisition.
- Organic growth through planned expansion of our branch footprint.
- Potential growth through strategic acquisitions of healthy financial institutions and complementary businesses and participation in the resolution of failed and troubled institutions in the Southeast.
- The potential to further shift our deposit mix from time deposits into lower cost money market and transaction accounts. Since the Acquisition to September 30, 2010, we have increased our core deposits from \$2.1 billion to \$3.8 billion.

We have also identified significant challenges confronting the industry and our Company:

- The economic impact of the financial crisis continues into 2010 and can be expected to continue into 2011.
- The Company expects that it and the banking industry as a whole may be required by market forces and/or regulation to operate with higher capital ratios than in the recent past.
- Continued distressed economic conditions in the Company's primary markets, including home price depreciation, may lead to further elevated levels of non-performing assets and continued deterioration in credit quality, particularly in the acquired loan portfolio.
- Loan demand weakened throughout 2009 in the geographic markets that the Company serves as a result of sharply curtailed real estate activities and the economic recession. We believe the Company's capital and liquidity levels position us well to compete successfully for quality credits in our market. Since the Acquisition, our loan origination strategy has focused on conservative underwriting and traditional, high quality commercial and single family residential loan products. However, continued distressed economic and real estate market conditions could negatively impact the credit quality of loans originated since the Acquisition. Additionally, weak loan demand may put pressure on our net interest margin.
- The current low interest rate environment limits the yields we are able to obtain on interest earning assets, including both new assets acquired as we grow and assets that replace existing,

high yielding Covered Assets as they are paid down or mature. The yield on newly acquired assets will depend on prevailing interest rates at the date they are purchased or originated.

### **Recent Regulatory Actions Impacting the Financial Services Industry**

Regulatory policy and actions have become increasingly subject to change and difficult to predict, both in general and as they may be applied specifically to the Company.

On July 21, 2010, the Dodd-Frank Act was signed into law. The Dodd-Frank Act implements far-reaching changes across the financial regulatory landscape, including provisions that, among other things, will:

- Abolish the OTS by April 2012, transferring the supervision of federal thrifts, such as BankUnited, to the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, or OCC, and the supervision of thrift holding companies, such as the Company, to the Federal Reserve.
- Centralize responsibility for consumer financial protection by creating a new agency, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, or CFPB, with broad rulemaking, supervision and enforcement authority.
- Require a variety of new capital rules.
- Change the assessment base for federal deposit insurance.
- Increase the minimum ratio of net worth to insured deposits of the DIF. This increase is generally expected to impose more deposit insurance cost on us and other institutions with assets of \$10 billion or more.
- Provide for new disclosure and other requirements relating to executive compensation and corporate governance.
- Make permanent the \$250,000 limit for federal deposit insurance and provide unlimited federal deposit insurance until January 1, 2013 for non-interest bearing demand transaction accounts at all insured depository institutions.
- Repeal the federal prohibitions on the payment of interest on demand deposits.
- Increase the examination and rule-making authority of the Federal Reserve.
- Require companies, including thrift holding companies that directly or indirectly control an insured depository institution to serve as a source of financial strength to their depository institution subsidiaries.
- Restrict proprietary trading by banks, bank holding companies and others, and their acquisition and retention of ownership interests in and sponsorship of hedge funds and private equity funds.

Many aspects of the Dodd-Frank Act are subject to rulemaking and will take effect over several years, making it difficult to anticipate the overall financial impact on the Company and the financial services industry more generally. Provisions in the legislation that affect deposit insurance assessments and payment of interest on demand deposits could increase the costs associated with deposits. Provisions in the legislation that will impose new capital requirements on the Company could require the Company to seek additional sources of capital in the future.

In addition, other proposals have been offered by the current administration, by members of Congress and international regulatory forums that, if enacted, may have significant and potentially adverse effects on the Company, the full impact of which is difficult to predict at this time. For additional discussion, see "Regulation and Supervision."

### **Results of Operations for the Post-Acquisition Periods**

The Company reported net income of \$156.9 million for the nine months ending September 30, 2010 and \$119.0 million for the period from April 28, 2009 (date of inception) through December 31, 2009.

### Net Interest Income

The following table presents, for the periods indicated, information about (i) average balances, the total dollar amount of interest income from earning assets and the resultant average yields; (ii) average balances, the total dollar amount of interest expense on interest bearing liabilities and the resultant average rates; (iii) net interest income; (iv) the interest rate spread; and (v) the net interest margin. Nonaccrual and restructured loans are included in the average balances presented in this table; however, interest income foregone on nonaccrual loans is not included. Yields have been calculated on a pre-tax basis (dollars in thousands):

				ths Ended r 30, 2010			Perio to	)		
		Average Balance	I	nterest	Yield/ Rate(1		Average Balance		Interest	Yield/ Rate(1)
Assets:										
Interest earning assets:										
Investment securities available for sale	\$	412,196	\$	5,894		91%\$	69,77		\$ 1,999	4.71%
Mortgage-backed securities		2,438,608		87,488	4.7	78%	889,77	<sup>7</sup> 6	43,143	7.97%
Total investment securities available										
for sale		2,850,804		93,382		37%	959,55		45,142	7.73%
Other interest earning assets		628,914		1,485		32%	1,719,41		2,922	0.28%
Loans receivable		4,252,602		320,092	10.0	)4%	4,754,73		287,460	9.92%
Total interest earning assets		7,732,320		414,959	7.1	16%	7,433,71	LO	335,524	7.42%
Allowance for loan losses		(31,230)					(1,03	31)		
Noninterest earning assets		3,558,771					4,026,35	56		
Total assets	\$	11,259,861				\$	11,459,03	35		
Liabilities and Equity:										
Interest bearing liabilities: Interest bearing deposits:										
Interest bearing demand	\$	253,830	\$	1,423	0.7	75%\$	183,41	16	\$ 891	0.79%
Savings and money market	Ψ	2,808,277	Ψ	26,422		26%	2,153,44		25,578	1.94%
Time deposits		4,068,348		55,786		33%	5,506,32		31,360	0.93%
Total interest bearing deposits	_	7,130,455	-	83,631			7,843,18		57,829	1.20%
Borrowings:		7,150,455		05,051	1.0	,,,0	7,045,10	,_	57,025	1,207
Federal Home Loan Bank advances		2,240,126		43,792	2.6	51%	1,974,75	55	26,026	2.15%
Short term borrowings		10,358		72		93%	2,09		1	0.02%
Total interest bearing liabilities	_	9,380,939		127,495	1.8	32%	9,820,02	_	83,856	1.39%
Non interest bearing demand deposits		414,350					303,81	10		
Other non-interest bearing liabilities		280,357					313,39	99		
Total liabilities	_	10,075,646				_	10,437,23	37		
Equity	_	1,184,215				_	1,021,79	_		
Total liabilities and equity	\$	11,259,861				\$	11,459,03	35		
Net interest income	=	<del></del>		287,464					\$ 251,668	
Interest rate spread					5.3	34%				6.03%
Net interest margin					4.9	95%				5.58%

## (1) Annualized.

Increases and decreases in interest income and interest expense result from changes in average balances (volume) of interest earning assets and liabilities, as well as changes in average interest rates,

which are impacted by accretion of fair value adjustments recorded in conjunction with the Acquisition. The comparison of total interest income and total interest expense for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 to the period ended December 31, 2009 is also impacted by the different number of days in the comparative periods. The following table shows the effect that these factors had on the interest earned on our interest earning assets and the interest incurred on our interest bearing liabilities for the periods indicated. The effect of changes in volume is determined by multiplying the change in volume by the previous period's average rate. Similarly, the effect of rate changes is calculated by multiplying the change in average rate by the previous period's volume. Changes applicable to both volume and rate have been allocated to volume (dollars in thousands):

	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2010 Compared to Period Ended December 31, 2009										
				Changes in Rate		Change due to Number of Days		Total ncrease Decrease)			
Interest Income Attributable to											
Investment securities available for sale	\$	4,270	\$	(1,467)	\$	1,092	\$	3,895			
Mortgage-backed securities		49,412		(21,268)		16,201		44,345			
Total investment securities available for sale		53,682		(22,735)		17,293		48,240			
Other interest earning assets		(2,203)		499		267		(1,437)			
Loans receivable		(30,779)		4,135		59,276		32,632			
Total interest earning assets		20,700		(18,101)		76,836		79,435			
Interest Expense Attributable to											
Interest bearing demand deposits	\$	334	\$	(58)	\$	256	\$	532			
Savings and money market deposit accounts		7,013		(10,911)		4,742		844			
Time deposits		(22,870)		37,283		10,013		24,426			
Total interest bearing deposits		(15,523)		26,314		15,011		25,802			
FHLB advances		3,022		6,884		7,860		17,766			
Short term borrowings		44		14		13		71			
Total interest bearing liabilities		(12,457)		33,212		22,884		43,639			
Increase (decrease) in net interest income	\$	33,157	\$	(51,313)	\$	53,952	\$	35,796			

Nine months ending September 30, 2010 compared to period from May 22, 2009 to December 31, 2009

Net interest income was \$287.5 million for the nine months ending September 30, 2010 and \$251.7 million for the period ending December 31, 2009, for an increase of \$35.8 million. The increase in net interest income was comprised of an increase in interest income of \$79.4 million partially offset by an increase in interest expense of \$43.6 million. On an annualized basis, net interest income was \$382.8 million and \$414.9 million for the nine months ending September 30, 2010 and period ending December 31, 2009, respectively. The decline of \$32.1 million, or 7.7%, in annualized net interest income was comprised of an increase of \$33.8 million in interest expense partly offset by an increase of \$1.7 million in interest income.

The increase in interest income on an annualized basis reflects increased interest income from investment securities partially offset by a decline in interest income from loans. The increase in interest income from investment securities resulted from an increase in average volume significantly mitigated by a decline in the average yield. The average yield on investment securities declined to 4.37% for the nine months ending September 30, 2010 from 7.73% for the period ending December 31, 2009. The decrease in average yield resulted primarily from new purchases reflecting lower general market rates of interest as well as the continued impact of a shift since the Acquisition in the type of securities purchased, including \$1.2 billion of U.S. Government agency floating rate securities and \$0.4 billion of

non-mortgage asset-backed securities purchased as of September 30, 2010. The decline in interest income from loans is indicative of a decline in average volume resulting from paydowns and resolutions, partially offset by an increase in the average yield to 10.04% for the nine months ending September 30, 2010 as compared to 9.92% for the period ending December 31, 2009. The increased yield reflects the origination and purchase of new loans at lower prevailing market rates of interest offset by an increased yield on Covered Loans. The average yield on loans originated and purchased since the Acquisition was 5.28% and 6.35% for the nine months ending September 30, 2010 and period ending December 31, 2009, respectively. The yield on Covered Loans increased to 10.30% for the period ending September 30, 2010 from 9.93% for the period ending December 31, 2009 due to an increase in projected cash flows from the Covered Loans.

Interest expense on deposits increased on an annualized basis by \$17.6 million for the nine months ending September 30, 2010 due to lower accretion of fair market value adjustments on time deposits as acquired time deposits matured, partially mitigated by a shift in deposit mix toward lower rate products and a decline in market rates. Accretion of fair value adjustments on time deposits totaled \$18.3 million for the nine months ending September 30, 2010 as compared to \$79.9 million for the period ending December 31, 2009. The average rate paid on time deposits excluding the impact of accretion was 2.45% for the nine months ending September 30, 2010 and 3.32% for the period ending December 31, 2009. The decline in the adjusted average rate is attributable to lower prevailing rates. Interest expense on FHLB advances and other borrowings increased by \$16.2 million on an annualized basis as a result of lower accretion of fair value adjustments, as well as increased volume of outstanding FHLB advances. Accretion of fair value adjustments on FHLB advances totaled \$19.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 as compared to \$25.1 million for the period ended December 31, 2009. Accretion decreased the average rate paid on FHLB advances by 122 and 228 basis points for the nine months ending September 30, 2010 and period ended December 31, 2009, respectively. The decline in accretion is due to the maturity and repayment of a portion of the advances outstanding at the Acquisition date, along with the difference in the number of days in the comparative periods.

The net interest margin for the nine months ending September 30, 2010 was 4.95% as compared to 5.58% for the period ending December 31, 2009, a decline of 63 basis points. The average yield on interest earning assets declined by 26 basis points for the nine months ending September 30, 2010 as compared to the period ending December 31, 2009 while the average rate paid on interest bearing liabilities increased by 43 basis points, for a decline in the interest rate spread of 69 basis points. The decline in both net interest margin and interest rate spread resulted primarily from lower accretion of fair value adjustments, particularly on interest bearing liabilities, the origination and purchase of loans and investment securities at lower prevailing market rates of interest, and a shift in the composition of interest earning assets from loans to investment securities as discussed above.

### **Provision for Loan Losses**

Our determination of the amount of the allowance and corresponding provision for loan losses considers ongoing evaluations of the various segments of the Company's loan portfolio and of individually significant credits, levels of non-performing loans and charge-offs, statistical trends and economic and other relevant factors. See "—Analysis of the Allowance for Loan Losses" below for more information about how we determine the appropriate level of the allowance.

### Non-Interest Income

The Company reported non-interest income of \$237.5 million for the nine months ending September 30, 2010 and \$252.8 million for the period from May 22, 2009 to December 31, 2009. The

following table presents a comparison of the categories of non-interest income for the periods indicated (dollars in thousands):

	 ne Months Ended mber 30, 2010	May 2	od from 2, 2009 to er 31, 2009
Accretion of discount on FDIC indemnification asset	\$ 116,915	\$	149,544
Income from resolution of Covered Assets, net	112,777		120,954
Net loss on indemnification asset resulting from net recoveries	(44,932)		(22,568)
FDIC reimbursement of costs of resolution of Covered Assets	22,393		8,095
Net loss on sale of loans	_		(47,078)
Non-interest income from Covered Assets	207,153		208,947
Service charges on deposits and other fee income	6,398		4,913
Service charges on loans	1,501		1,509
Loan servicing fees	_		331
Gain on extinguishment of debt	_		31,303
Loss on sale or exchange of investment securities available for sale	(2,292)		(337)
Mortgage insurance income	12,097		1,338
Other non-interest income	12,663		4,824
Total non-interest income	\$ 237,520	\$	252,828

The following table summarizes the pre-tax components of the gains and losses associated with the resolution of Covered Assets, plus the provision for loan losses on non-Covered Loans, for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and period ended December 31, 2009 (dollars in thousands):

	Nine Mont	hs Ended September	30, 2010	Period	Ended December 31, 2	2009
	Transaction Income (Loss)	Net Loss on Indemnification Asset Resulting From Net Recoveries	Net Impact on Earnings	Transaction Income (Loss)	Net Loss on Indemnification Asset Resulting From Net Recoveries	Net Impact on Earnings
Provision for losses on Covered Loans	\$ (42,538)	\$ 22,979	\$ (19,559)	\$ (21,287)	\$ 14,433	\$ (6,854)
Provision for losses on non-Covered Loans	(2,619)	_	(2,619)	(1,334)	_	(1,334)
Total provision for loan losses	(45,157)	22,979	(22,178)	(22,621)	14,433	(8,188)
Income from resolution of Covered Assets, net	112,777			120,954		
Net loss on sale of Covered Loans				(47,078)		
	112,777	(76,978)	35,799	73,876	(51,201)	22,675
Gain (loss) on sale of OREO	2,270			_	_	_
Loss due to impairment of OREO	(12,164)			(21,055)		
	(9,894)	9,067	(827)	(21,055)	14,200	(6,855)
Total	\$ 57,726	\$ (44,932)	\$ 12,794	\$ 30,200	\$ (22,568)	\$ 7,632

Nine months ending September 30, 2010 compared to period from May 22, 2009 to December 31, 2009

For the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and the period from May 22, 2009 to December 31, 2009, non-interest income was significantly impacted by the effect of the Acquisition and the related Loss Sharing Agreements with the FDIC. Accretion of discount on the FDIC indemnification asset totaled \$116.9 million for the nine months ending September 30, 2010 and \$149.5 million for the period ending December 31, 2009. The decrease in accretion for the nine months ending September 30, 2010 as compared to the period ending December 31, 2009 was related to the decrease in the average balance of the indemnification asset as well as a decrease in the average discount rate during the period to 5.32% from 7.10%.

When the Company recognizes gains or losses related to Covered Assets in its consolidated financial statements, changes in the estimated amount recoverable from the FDIC under the Loss Sharing Agreements with respect to those gains or losses are also reflected in the consolidated financial statements. The net impact on earnings before taxes of transactions related to Covered Assets, plus the provision for loan losses on non-Covered Loans, for the nine months ending September 30, 2010 and period ending December 31, 2009 was \$12.8 million and \$7.6 million, respectively, as detailed in the table above.

Additional impairment arising since the Acquisition related to Covered Loans is recorded in earnings through the provision for losses on Covered Loans. Under the terms of the Loss Sharing Agreements, the Company is entitled to recover from the FDIC a portion of losses on these loans; therefore, the discounted amount of additional expected cash flows from the FDIC related to these losses is recorded in non-interest income in the line item "Net loss on indemnification asset resulting from net recoveries" and reflected as a corresponding increase in the FDIC indemnification asset.

Covered Loans may be resolved through repayment, foreclosure, short sale of the underlying collateral or, for the non-residential portfolio, charge-offs, or sale of the loans. The difference between payment received in resolution of Covered Loans and the amount of projected losses from resolution of those loans as well as losses from permanent modifications of ACI loans accounted for in pools, is recorded in the income statement line item "Income from resolution of covered assets, net". Losses from the resolution or permanent modification of Covered Loans increase the amount recoverable from the FDIC under the Loss Sharing Agreements. Gains from the resolution of Covered Loans reduce the amount recoverable from the FDIC under the Loss Sharing Agreements. These additions to or reductions in amounts recoverable from the FDIC related to the resolution of Covered Loans are recorded in non-interest income in the line item "Net loss on indemnification asset resulting from net recoveries" and reflected as corresponding increases or decreases in the FDIC indemnification asset. For the nine months ending September 30, 2010 and period ending December 31, 2009, ACI loans with an UPB of \$1.2 billion and \$1.4 billion were resolved, resulting in income of \$112.8 million and \$121.0 million, respectively.

During the period ending December 31, 2009, Covered Loans with an UPB of \$275.0 million and a carrying value of \$126.7 million were sold on a non-recourse basis to third parties. A loss on sale of \$47.1 million was recognized during the period ending December 31, 2009. The amount recoverable from the FDIC related to this loss was recorded as an increase in the FDIC indemnification asset and a corresponding increase in the non-interest income line item "Net loss on indemnification asset resulting from net recoveries".

The Company records impairment charges related to declines in the net realizable value of OREO properties subject to the Loss Sharing Agreements and recognizes additional gains or losses upon the eventual sale of such OREO properties. The estimated increase or reduction in amounts recoverable from the FDIC with respect to these gains and losses is reflected as an increase or decrease in the FDIC indemnification asset and in non-interest income in the line item "Net loss on indemnification asset resulting from net recoveries".

Net loss on indemnification asset resulting from net recoveries of \$(44.9) million and \$(22.6) million was recorded for the nine months ending September 30, 2010 and period ending December 31, 2009, respectively, representing the net change in the FDIC indemnification asset resulting from increases or decreases in cash flows estimated to be received from the FDIC related to the ultimate resolution of Covered Assets as discussed in the preceding paragraphs.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and the period ended December 31, 2009, non-interest income includes \$22.4 million and \$8.1 million, respectively, related to claims that were submitted to the FDIC for reimbursement of certain disbursements made by the Company with respect to resolution of Covered Assets.

The Company prepaid FHLB advances with a principal balance of \$2.7 billion during the period ending December 31, 2009. These advances had a carrying amount of \$2.8 billion at the time of repayment. The Company recognized a gain of \$31.3 million on this transaction.

During the nine months ending September 30, 2010, the Company incurred net losses of \$2.3 million on the sale or exchange of investment securities available for sale. The majority of this loss related to an exchange of certain non-covered trust preferred securities for preferred stock of the same issuer to achieve higher returns and more favorable tax treatment. Based on the market value of the trust preferred securities at the time of the exchange, the Company recognized a gross realized loss of \$2.8 million on the transaction.

Mortgage insurance income represents mortgage insurance proceeds received with respect to Covered Loans in excess of the portion of losses on those loans that is recoverable from the FDIC. Mortgage insurance proceeds up to the amount of losses on Covered Loans reimbursable by the FDIC offsets amounts otherwise recoverable from the FDIC. The increase in mortgage insurance income for the nine months ending September 30, 2010 as compared to the period ending December 31, 2009 is a result of increased efforts by the Company to file and collect insurance claims.

The increase in other non-interest income for the nine months ending September 30, 2010 as compared to the period ending December 31, 2009 related in large part to increased fees earned by the Company's non-bank subsidiary, BankUnited Investment Services, Inc.

### Non-Interest Expense

The following table presents the components of non-interest expense for the periods indicated (dollars in thousands):

	-	line Months Ended ember 30, 2010	May	eriod from y 22, 2009 to nber 31, 2009
Employee compensation and benefits	\$	100,334	\$	62,648
Occupancy and equipment		19,843		19,925
Impairment of OREO		12,164		21,055
Foreclosure expense		28,384		16,632
OREO expense		10,903		7,576
Deposit insurance expense		10,420		11,850
Professional fees		7,668		14,854
Telecommunications and data processing		8,772		6,440
Other non-interest expense		21,560		12,230
		220,048		173,210
Loss on FDIC receivable—securities valuation dispute		_		69,444
Acquisition related costs				39,800
Acquisition related expense		_		109,244
Total non-interest expense	\$	220,048	\$	282,454

Nine months ending September 30, 2010 compared to period from May 22, 2009 to December 31, 2009

On an annualized basis, non-interest expense as a percentage of average assets was 2.6% for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 as compared to 4.0% for the period ended December 31, 2009. The decline was primarily attributable to non-recurring expenses related to the Acquisition that were incurred during the period ended December 31, 2009, reduced professional fees, lower occupancy costs,

and lower deposit insurance assessments, partially offset by increased employee compensation and benefits cost and OREO and foreclosure expense.

As is typical for financial institutions, employee compensation and benefits represent the single largest component of recurring non-interest expense. On an annualized basis, employee compensation and benefits increased by approximately \$32.1 million, or 31.4%, for the nine months ending September 30, 2010 as compared to the period ending December 31, 2009. This increase resulted in part from continued enhancement of our management team and other personnel subsequent to the Acquisition. Employee compensation and benefits also included \$20.0 million and \$8.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and period ending December 31, 2009, respectively, related to Time-based PIUs.

The decline in occupancy and equipment expense for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 resulted primarily from the renegotiation of leases and reduced depreciation.

Professional fees for the period ended December 31, 2009 included non-recurring legal and accounting fees related to certain litigation matters and formation of the Company.

OREO expense, foreclosure expense and impairment of OREO remained at high levels during the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and the period ended December 31, 2009 due to continuing deterioration in home prices and the high volume of foreclosures. The rate of home price deterioration moderated to some extent during 2010, contributing to reduced impairment charges for the nine months ending September 30, 2010 as compared to the period ending December 31, 2009. At September 30, 2010, approximately 5,500 units were in the foreclosure process, down from a peak of approximately 7,300 units in November of 2009.

OREO losses and OREO related expenses for the post-Acquisition periods are substantially offset by non-interest income related to indemnification by the FDIC. During the nine months ending September 30, 2010 and the period ending December 31, 2009, non-interest expense includes approximately \$41.6 million and \$26.1 million, respectively, of disbursements subject to reimbursement under the Loss Sharing Agreements. For those same periods, \$30.1 and \$10.3 million, respectively of these disbursements were submitted to the FDIC for reimbursement at the 80% level. As of September 30, 2010, \$27.3 million of these disbursements remain to be submitted for reimbursement from the FDIC in future periods.

The primary components of other non-interest expense are promotion and advertising, loan related expenses, the cost of regulatory examinations, the change in fair value of the warrant issued to the FDIC and general office expense.

### **Income Taxes**

The provision for income taxes for the nine months ending September 30, 2010 and period ending December 31, 2009 was \$102.9 million and \$80.4 million, respectively. The Company's effective tax rate was 39.6% and 40.3% for the nine months ending September 30, 2010 and period ending December 31, 2009. The Company's effective tax rate differed from the statutory federal tax rate of 35.0% primarily due to the effect of state income taxes and expense related to PIUs. At September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, the Company had net deferred tax liabilities of \$15.7 million and net deferred tax assets of \$22.5 million, respectively. Based on an evaluation of the ultimate realization of deferred tax assets considering the availability of tax loss carrybacks, future taxable income that will result from reversal of existing taxable temporary differences, including negative goodwill recognized for tax purposes, and taxable income expected to be generated from future operations in light of the Company's current level of profitability, we have concluded it is more likely than not that the deferred tax assets will be realized.

### **Balance Sheet Analysis for the Post-Acquisition Periods**

Average interest earning assets increased \$298.6 million to \$7.7 billion for the nine months ending September 30, 2010 from \$7.4 billion for the period ending December 31, 2009. This increase was driven primarily by an increase in the average balance of investment securities resulting from continued deployment of cash acquired in the Acquisition and from reimbursements under the Loss Sharing Agreements. Average non-interest earning assets declined by \$467.6 million, largely attributable to the decrease in the FDIC indemnification asset.

Average interest bearing liabilities decreased by \$439.1 million to \$9.4 billion for the nine months ending September 30, 2010 from \$9.8 billion for the period ending December 31, 2009, reflecting a decrease in average interest-bearing deposits partially offset by an increase in outstanding FHLB advances. The reduction in outstanding interest-bearing deposits resulted from a reduction in rates offered and a shift in emphasis away from rate sensitive time deposits. Average non-interest bearing liabilities increased by \$77.5 million, primarily as a result of an increase in non-interest bearing demand deposits. Average equity increased by \$162.4 million, primarily due to earnings.

### Investment Securities Available for Sale

The following table shows the amortized cost and fair value of our investment securities as of the dates indicated. All of our investment securities are classified available for sale (dollars in thousands):

		mber 30, 10		mber 31, 09
	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Amortized Cost	Fair Value
U.S. Treasury securities	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 10,066	\$ 10,072
U.S. Government agency and sponsored enterprise residential				
mortgage-backed securities	1,344,928	1,368,239	1,288,277	1,288,643
Other residential collateralized mortgage obligations	693,398	706,280	480,478	476,839
Residential mortgage pass-through certificates	299,452	364,539	318,018	364,672
Nonmortgage asset-backed securities	426,018	427,931	30,000	30,000
Mutual funds and preferred stocks	121,584	124,281	43,344	43,523
State and municipal obligations	23,473	23,678	23,214	23,356
Small Business Administration securities	66,355	66,657	_	_
Other debt securities	3,594	6,899	3,331	6,038
Total investment securities available for sale	\$ 2,978,802	\$ 3,088,504	\$ 2,196,728	\$ 2,243,143

Our available for sale securities portfolio consists of the securities acquired in the Acquisition (the "acquired securities") and those purchased by us subsequent to the Acquisition. Investment securities increased by \$1.7 billion, from \$0.5 billion at May 21, 2009 to \$2.2 billion at December 31, 2009 and by an additional \$0.9 billion, to \$3.1 billion, at September 30, 2010. Purchases of investment securities totaled \$1.3 billion and \$1.8 billion for the nine months ending September 30, 2010 and period ending December 31, 2009, respectively, offset by pay-downs, maturities and sales of \$0.5 billion and \$0.2 billion, respectively.

The following tables show, as of September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, the breakdown of Covered and non-Covered Securities in the Company's investment portfolio (dollars in thousands):

		At September 30, 2010  Covered Securities Non-Covered Securities													
		Covered S													
	Amortized Cost	Unrealized Gains	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Amortized Cost	Unrealized Gains	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value							
U.S. Government				- value											
agency and															
sponsored															
enterprise															
residential															
mortgage-backed															
securities	\$ —	\$ —	s —	s —	\$1,344,928	\$ 23,331	\$ (20)	\$1,368,239							
Other residential	Ψ	Ψ	Ψ	Ψ	Ψ1,544,520	Ψ 25,551	ψ (20)	Ψ1,500,255							
collateralized															
mortgage															
obligations	1,729	97		1,826	691,669	13,852	(1,067)	704,454							
Residential mortgage	1,723	37		1,020	031,003	15,052	(1,007)	704,434							
pass-through															
certificates	183,374	64,284	(1,601)	246,057	116,078	2,404	_	118,482							
Non mortgage asset-	105,574	04,204	(1,001)	240,037	110,070	2,404		110,402							
backed securities					426,018	1,988	(75)	427,931							
Mutual funds and					420,010	1,300	(73)	427,331							
preferred stocks	16,408	_	(936)	15,472	105,176	3,633	_	108,809							
State and municipal	10,400		(550)	13,472	105,170	5,055		100,003							
obligations	_	_	_	_	23,473	211	(6)	23,678							
Small Business					23,473	211	(0)	23,070							
Administration															
securities	_	_		_	66,355	354	(52)	66,657							
Other debt securities	3,594	3,305	<u> </u>	6,899			(52)								
Total investment															
securities	¢ 205 105	¢ 67.600	¢ (2.537)	¢ 270 254	¢2 772 607	¢ 45.772	¢ (1.220)	¢2.010.250							
available for sale	\$ 205,105	\$ 67,686	\$ (2,537)	\$270,254	\$2,773,697	\$ 45,773	\$ (1,220)	\$2,818,250							

	At December 31, 2009												
		Covered S	ecurities				ed Securities						
	Amortized Cost	Unrealized Gains	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Amortized Cost	Unrealized Gains	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value					
U.S. Treasury													
securities	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 10,066	\$ 6	\$ —	\$ 10,072					
U.S. Government													
agency and													
sponsored													
enterprise													
residential													
mortgage-backed													
securities	_	_	_	_	1,288,277	3,581	(3,215)	1,288,643					
Other residential													
collateralized													
mortgage													
obligations	1,747	89	_	1,836	478,731	1,007	(4,735)	475,003					
Residential mortgage													
pass-through													
certificates	199,402	51,196	(480)	250,118	118,616		(4,062)	114,554					
Asset-backed													
securities	_	_	_	_	30,000	_	_	30,000					
Mutual funds and													
preferred stocks	18,094	338	(698)	17,734	25,250	661	(122)	25,789					
State and municipal													
obligations	_	_	_	_	23,214	143	(1)	23,356					
Other debt securities	3,331	2,707		6,038									
Total investment													
securities													
available for sale	\$ 222,574	\$ 54,330	\$ (1,178)	\$275,726	\$1,974,154	\$ 5,398	\$ (12,135)	\$1,967,417					

Covered securities include non-agency mortgage-backed securities and mortgage-backed security mutual funds, trust preferred collateralized debt obligations, Agency preferred stocks, and corporate securities covered under the non-residential Loss Sharing Agreement. BankUnited will be reimbursed 80%, or 95% if cumulative losses exceed the \$4.0 billion stated threshold, of realized losses, other than

temporary impairments, and reimbursable expenses associated with the covered securities. BankUnited must pay the FDIC 80%, or 95% if cumulative losses are greater than the stated threshold, of realized gains and other-than-temporary impairment recoveries. To date, the Company has not submitted any claims for reimbursement related to the covered securities.

The following table shows the composition, as of September 30, 2010, of securities added to the portfolio since the Acquisition (dollars in millions):

	Fair Value
U.S. Government agency and sponsored	
enterprise residential mortgage-backed securities	\$ 1,238.7
Other residential collateralized mortgage obligations	704.5
Residential mortgage pass-through certificates	118.5
Nonmortgage asset-backed securities	427.9
Mutual funds and preferred stocks	108.8
State and municipal obligations	16.8
Small Business Administration securities	66.7
Total	\$ 2,681.9

The following table shows the scheduled maturities adjusted for anticipated prepayments of mortgage-backed and other pass through securities, carrying values and current yields for our investment portfolio as of September 30, 2010. Yields on tax-exempt securities have been calculated on a pre-tax basis (dollars in thousands):

			After Or	ıe Year	After Fi	ve Years				
	Within (	ne Year	Through F	ive Years	Through	Ten Years	After Te	n Years	Tot	al
	Carrying Value	Weighted Average Yield								
U.S. Government agency and sponsored enterprise residential	<b>.</b>	4.407	<b>505 000</b>	4 200/	. D.1.D. E.0.E.		<b>.</b>	4 2007	4 250 220	4 2004
mortgage-backed securities	\$ 221,207	1.44%\$	527,399	1.29%	\$ 313,567	1.20%	\$ 306,066	1.28%\$	1,368,239	1.29%
Other residential collateralized mortgage obligations	208,398	5.91%	425,470	5.34%	57,315	6.27%	15,097	5.49%	706,280	5.59%
Residential mortgage pass- through certificates	77,271	10.38%	173,948	11.00%	77,619	12.14%	35,701	15.18%	364,539	11.52%
Non mortgage asset-backed securities	98,414	0.67%	320,365	2.22%	9,152	2.95%	_	0.00%	427,931	1.88%
State and municipal obligations	9,659	0.18%	13,745	1.95%		7.61%	_	3.83%	23,678	1.29%
Small Business Administration securities	6,573	4.24%	20,380	4.22%				3.57%	66,657	3.99%
Other debt securities		4.24/0	20,300	4.22/0		3.37 /0	6,899	15.37%	6,899	15.37%
	\$ 621,522	3.80%\$	1,481,307	3.70%	\$ 482,643	3.51%	\$ 378,751	2.81%\$	2,964,223	3.75%
Mutual funds and preferred stocks with no scheduled maturity									124,281	9.52%
Total investment securities available for sale								\$	3,088,504	3.82%

The effective duration of the investment portfolio as of September 30, 2010 is 0.9 years.

We evaluate the credit quality of individual securities in the portfolio quarterly to determine whether any of the investments in unrealized loss positions are other-than-temporarily impaired. This evaluation considers the duration and severity of impairment; collateral values and levels of subordination or over-collateralization; collateral performance; the credit rating, earnings performance and business prospects of the issuer and other relevant factors. We may consider factors that raise significant concerns about an issuer's ability to continue as a going concern such as negative cash flows from operations, working capital deficiencies, or non-compliance with statutory capital requirements or debt covenants. We may also consider adverse changes in the regulatory or economic environment as well as significant adverse changes in general market conditions of the geographic area or the industry in which individual issuers operate. We consider both our intent to sell investment securities and whether it is more likely than not that we will be required to sell the securities within a period of time sufficient for a recovery in value, which might be until maturity for debt securities or for a reasonable forecasted period of recovery for equity securities.

No securities were determined to be other-than-temporarily impaired during the nine months ending September 30, 2010 or the period ending December 31, 2009. Approximately 94% of the securities purchased since the Acquisition were agency-backed or rated AAA at the time of acquisition. At September 30, 2010, securities in unrealized loss positions included private-label collateralized mortgage obligations with total unrealized losses of \$1.1 million, private label residential mortgage pass-through certificates with total unrealized losses of \$1.6 million, mutual funds and preferred stocks with total unrealized losses of \$0.9 million and other securities in unrealized loss positions totaling \$0.2 million. At December 31, 2009, securities in significant unrealized loss positions included U.S. Government agency mortgage-backed securities with total unrealized losses of \$3.2 million and private-label mortgage-backed securities with total unrealized losses of \$9.3 million. All of these securities had been in unrealized loss positions for less than twelve months at September 30, 2010 and at December 31, 2009.

The timely repayment of principal and interest on the U.S. Government agency mortgage-backed securities is either explicitly or implicitly guaranteed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government. Management engaged a third party to perform projected cash flow analyses of the private-label mortgage-backed securities, incorporating CUSIP level collateral default rate, voluntary prepayment rate, severity and delinquency assumptions. Based on the results of this analysis, no credit losses were projected. We do not intend to sell these securities and it is more likely than not that we will be able to retain them for a period of time sufficient for recovery in value. Given the expectation of timely repayment of principal and the limited duration and severity of impairment, we concluded that none of the debt securities were other-than-temporarily impaired. Given the results of our analysis of the underlying issuers and the limited duration and severity of impairment, we considered the impairment of the equity securities to be temporary.

As a member institution of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta, BankUnited is required to own capital stock in the FHLB. No market exists for this stock, and the Bank's investment can be liquidated only through repurchase by the FHLB. During the nine months ended September 30, 2010, \$17.4 million of FHLB stock was redeemed at par. The Company monitors its investment in FHLB stock for impairment through review of recent financial results, dividend payment history and information from credit agencies. As of September 30, 2010, management had not identified any indicators of impairment of FHLB stock.

### Loan Portfolio

The loan portfolio comprises the Company's primary interest-earning asset. At September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, respectively, 95.7% and 98.4% of real estate loans and 91.7% and 97.3% of total loans were Covered Loans. The following table shows the composition of the Company's loan portfolio and the breakdown of the portfolio between Covered ACI Loans, Covered non-ACI Loans and non-Covered Loans at the dates indicated (*dollars in thousands*):

		Septe	mber 30, 20	10	December 31, 2009							
	Covered	Loans				Covered	Loans					
	ACI	Non- ACI	Non- Covered Loans	Total Loans	% of Total	ACI	Non- ACI	Non- Covered Loans	Total Loans	% of Total		
Real Estate Loans:												
1-4 single family residential	\$ 2,765,552	\$ 160,784	\$ 71,234	\$ 2,997,570	71.9%	3,306,306	\$ 184,669	\$ 43,110	\$ 3,534,085	76.0%		
Home equity loans and lines of credit	102,320	210,451	1,693	314,464	7.5%	113,578	215,591	1,615	330,784	7.1%		
Multi-family	68,205	5,686	15,719	89,610	2.1%	71,321	4,971	700	76,992	1.7%		
Commercial real estate	317,533	36,555	73,930	428,018	10.3%	363,965	39,733	24,460	428,158	9.2%		
Construction	9,563	_	1,348	10,911	0.3%	44,812	377	_	45,189	1.0%		
Land	50,600	172	1,591	52,363	1.2%	43,903	173	_	44,076	0.9%		
Total real estate loans	3,313,773	413,648	165,515	3,892,936	93.3%	3,943,885	445,514	69,885	4,459,284	95.9%		
Other Loans:												
Commercial	59,384	35,764	175,022	270,170	6.5%	81,765	48,635	51,565	181,965	3.9%		
Consumer	4,517	_	3,728	8,245	0.2%	7,065	_	3,151	10,216	0.2%		
Total other loans	63,901	35,764	178,750	278,415	6.7%	88,830	48,635	54,716	192,181	4.1%		
Total loans	3,377,674	449,412	344,265	4,171,351	100.0%	4,032,715	494,149	124,601	4,651,465	100.0%		
Unearned discounts and deferred fees and costs, net		(32,474)	(1,836)	(34,310)			(39,986)	40	(39,946)			
Allowance for loan losses	(37,342)	(16,587)	(3,878)	(57,807)		(20,021)	(1,266)	(1,334)	(22,621)			
Loans, net	\$ 3,340,332	\$ 400,351	\$ 338,551	\$ 4,079,234		4,012,694	\$ 452,897	\$ 123,307	\$ 4,588,898			

### **Residential Mortgages**

The portfolio contains option ARM, "no-doc" or "reduced-doc" and wholesale production loans originated by the Failed Bank prior to the Acquisition. All of these loans are Covered Loans; therefore, the Company's exposure to future losses on these mortgage loans is mitigated by the Loss Sharing Agreements as well as by the fair value basis recorded in these loans resulting from the application of acquisition accounting. Loans secured by residential real estate have consistently represented the majority of the total loan portfolio. The Covered Loan portfolio includes Covered Loans which have been modified by us under the U.S. Treasury Department's Home Affordable Modification Program, or HAMP, or other loan modification programs.

The non-covered residential loan portfolio includes loans originated and purchased post-Acquisition. Subsequent to the Acquisition, we shut down the broker origination channel of the Failed Bank and we launched our retail-focused origination platform at the end of 2009. We currently originate residential mortgage loans with terms ranging from 10 to 40 years, with either fixed or adjustable interest rates, primarily to customers in the state of Florida. Newly originated residential mortgage loans are primarily closed-end first lien loans for the purchase or re-finance of owner occupied property. At September 30, 2010, \$22.8 million, or 32.1%, of our non-covered one-to-four single family residential loan portfolio was originated loans. Significantly all of our newly originated residential mortgage loans are not refinancings of Covered Loans.

We have decided to purchase loans to supplement our nascent mortgage origination platform and to geographically diversify our loan portfolio given the current credit environment of the non-agency mortgage market in Florida. At September 30, 2010, \$48.4 million, or 67.9%, of our non-covered residential loan portfolio was purchased loans.

One-to-four single family residential mortgages totaled \$3.0 billion, or 71.9%, of the portfolio and \$3.5 billion, or 76.0%, of the portfolio at September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, respectively. The decline in this portfolio segment subsequent to the Acquisition, both in total and as a percentage of loans, is primarily a result of the resolution of Covered Loans and transfers to OREO.

The following table presents a breakdown of the 1-4 single family residential mortgage portfolio categorized between fixed rate and adjustable rate mortgages at the dates indicated (*dollars in thousands*):

	At September 30, 2010								At December 31, 2009								
		Covered Loans	C	Non- overed Loans		Total		of tal		Covered Loans	C	Non- overed Loans		Total	% of Total		
1-4 single family residential loans:																	
Fixed rate loans	\$	745,384	\$	55,805	\$	801,189		26.7%	\$	645,871	\$	42,577	\$	688,448	19.5%		
Adjustable rate loans(1)		2,180,952		15,429		2,196,381		73.3%		2,845,104		533		2,845,637	80.5%		
Total 1-4 single family residential loans	\$	2,926,336	\$	71,234	\$	2,997,570		100%	\$	3,490,975	\$	43,110	\$	3,534,085	100.0%		

<sup>(1)</sup> As of September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, option ARM loans with UPB of \$2.6 billion and \$3.7 billion, respectively, were negatively amortizing. Negative amortization included in the UPB of the option ARM portfolio totaled \$183.1 million and \$258.2 million at September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, respectively. However, due to initially recording these loans at their fair value on the Acquisition date as a result of the application of acquisition accounting, the carrying amount of the portfolio was substantially less than the aggregate UPB

At September 30, 2010, 57.8%, 7.5%, 5.9% and 5.8% of 1-4 single family residential loans, based on UPB, were to borrowers domiciled in Florida, California, New Jersey and Illinois, respectively. At December 31, 2009, 56.8%, 8.1%, 5.7%, 5.6% and 4.9% of 1-4 single family residential loans, based on UPB, were to borrowers domiciled in Florida, California, Illinois, New Jersey and Arizona, respectively. No other state represented borrowers with more than 4.0% of 1-4 single family residential loans outstanding.

### Other Loans

Other loans include commercial real estate, commercial and consumer loans.

Commercial real estate loans include term loans secured by income producing properties including rental apartments, industrial properties, retail shopping centers, office buildings and hotels as well as real estate secured lines of credit and acquisition, development and construction loans. Commercial real estate loans typically have shorter repayment periods and reprice more frequently than 1-4 single family residential loans. The Company's underwriting standards generally provide for loan terms of five years, with amortization schedules of no more than twenty-five years. Loan to value, or LTV, ratios are typically limited to no more than 80%. In addition, the Company usually obtains personal guarantees of the principals as additional security for most commercial real estate loans.

Commercial loans are typically made to growing companies and middle market businesses and include equipment loans, working capital lines of credit, asset-backed loans, acquisition finance credit facilities and Small Business Administration product offerings. These loans may be structured as term loans, typically with maturities of five years or less, or revolving lines of credit which typically mature annually.

Since the Acquisition, management's loan origination strategy has been more heavily focused on the commercial and commercial real estate portfolio segments, which collectively comprise 77.7% of loans originated or purchased since the Acquisition as of September 30, 2010. In addition, significantly all of our newly originated loans are not refinancings of Covered Loans.

Consumer loans include home equity loans and lines of credit, loans secured by certificates of deposit, auto loans, demand deposit account overdrafts and unsecured personal lines of credit.

The following table sets forth, as of December 31, 2009, the anticipated repayments of our loan portfolio by category, based on UPB. Anticipated repayments are based on contractual maturities adjusted for an estimated rate of prepayments and defaults based on historical trends, current interest rates, types of loans and refinance patterns (dollars in thousands):

	Due in							
	One Year or Less		After One Through Five Years		After Five Years		Total	
Real Estate Loans:								
1-4 single family residential	\$	806,914	\$ 4,717,8	356	\$ 2,679,762	\$	8,204,532	
Home equity loans and lines of credit		56,089	182,0	646	232,887		471,622	
Multi-family		24,804	42,0	)42	43,877		110,723	
Commercial real estate		64,066	207,9	925	312,032		584,023	
Construction		36,641	62,	721	10,472		109,834	
Land		34,887	66,8	315	10,614		112,316	
Total real estate loans	1	,023,401	5,280,0	005	3,289,644	_	9,593,050	
Other Loans:								
Commercial		46,188	93,0	007	65,333		204,528	
Consumer		8,016	4,2	297	258		12,571	
Total other loans		54,204	97,3	304	65,591	_	217,099	
Total loans	\$ 1	,077,605	\$ 5,377,3	309	\$ 3,355,235	\$	9,810,149	

The following table shows the distribution of UPB of those loans that mature in more than one year between fixed and adjustable interest rate loans as of December 31, 2009 (dollars in thousands):

	Interest I		
	Fixed	Adjustable	Total
Real Estate Loans:			
1-4 single family residential	\$ 1,110,980	\$ 6,286,637	\$ 7,397,617
Home equity loans and lines of credit	56,268	359,265	415,533
Multi-family	19,845	66,074	85,919
Commercial real estate	243,138	276,818	519,956
Construction	4,982	68,212	73,194
Land	2,162	75,267	77,429
Total real estate loans	1,437,375	7,132,273	8,569,648
Other Loans:			
Commercial	41,262	117,078	158,340
Consumer	4,384	172	4,556
Total other loans	45,646	117,250	162,896
Total loans	\$ 1,483,021	\$ 7,249,523	\$ 8,732,544

### **Asset Quality**

We recognize that developing and maintaining a strong credit culture is paramount to the success of the Company. We have established a credit risk management framework and put in place an experienced team to lead the workout and recovery process for the commercial and commercial real estate portfolios. We have also implemented a dedicated internal loan review function that reports directly to our Audit Committee. We have an experienced resolution team in place for covered residential mortgage loans, and have implemented outsourcing arrangements with industry leading firms in certain areas such as OREO resolution.

Loan performance is monitored by our credit, workout and recovery and loan review departments. Commercial and commercial real estate loans are regularly reviewed by our internal loan review department. The Company utilizes an asset risk classification system as part of its efforts to monitor and improve commercial asset quality. Borrowers with credit weaknesses that may jeopardize collectability will likely demonstrate one or more of the following: payment defaults, frequent overdrafts, operating losses, increasing balance sheet leverage, inadequate cash flow, project cost over-runs, unreasonable construction delays, exhausted interest reserves, past due real estate taxes or declining collateral values. Generally, a loan with one or more of these identified weaknesses will be classified substandard. Loans that have credit weaknesses that render collection or liquidation in full highly questionable or improbable based on current circumstances are classified doubtful. Loans exhibiting potential credit weaknesses that deserve management's close attention and that if left uncorrected may result in deterioration of the repayment capacity of the borrower are categorized as special mention.

### Non-Covered Loans

At September 30, 2010, six non-covered commercial loans aggregating \$6.8 million were rated special mention and three non-covered commercial loans aggregating \$0.7 million were classified substandard. At December 31, 2009, no non-covered commercial loans were rated special mention and none were adversely classified.

At September 30, 2010, one non-covered residential loan with a principal balance of \$0.4 million was delinquent greater than 30 days. There were no delinquent non-covered home equity loans at September 30, 2010. There were no delinquencies in the non-covered residential mortgage or home equity loan portfolios as of December 31, 2009.

The majority of our non-covered residential mortgage portfolio consists of purchased loans. The credit parameters for purchasing loans are similar to the underwriting guidelines in place for our mortgage origination platform. For purchasing seasoned loans, good payment history is needed. In general, we purchase performing jumbo mortgage pools which have average FICO scores above 700, primarily are owner-occupied and full documentation, and have a current LTV less than 80%. We perform due diligence on the purchased loans for credit, compliance, counterparty, payment history and property valuation.

At September 30, 2010, the purchased loan portfolio had the following characteristics: 73.1% were fixed rate loans, 86.5% were full documentation and had an average FICO score of 771 and average LTV of 74.8%. The majority of this portfolio was owner-occupied, with 79.7% primary residence and 20.3% second homes. In terms of vintage, 11.1% of the portfolio was originated in 2007, 83.3% in 2008 and 5.5% in 2009.

Similarly, the originated loan portfolio had the following characteristics at September 30, 2010: 89.5% were fixed rate loans, 100% were full documentation and had an average FICO score of 777 and average LTV of 61.1%. The majority of this portfolio was owner-occupied, with 95.2% primary

residence, 4.4% second home and 0.4% investment properties. In terms of vintage, 22.9% of the portfolio was originated in 2009 and 77.1% in 2010.

Delinquent consumer loans in the originated portfolio were insignificant as of September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009.

### **Covered Loans**

Covered Loans consist of both ACI loans and non-ACI loans. At September 30, 2010, ACI loans totaled \$3.4 billion and non-ACI loans totaled \$0.4 billion. Covered 1-4 single family residential loans were placed into homogenous pools at Acquisition and the ongoing credit quality and performance of these loans is monitored on a pool basis. At Acquisition, the fair value of the pools was measured based on the expected cash flows to be derived from each pool. Initial cash flow expectations incorporated significant assumptions regarding prepayment rates, frequency of default and loss severity. For ACI pools, the difference between total contractual payments due and the cash flows expected to be received at Acquisition was recognized as non-accretable difference. The excess of expected cash flows over the recorded fair value of each ACI pool at Acquisition, known as the accretable yield, is being recognized as interest income over the life of each pool. We monitor the pools quarterly to determine whether any material changes have occurred in expected cash flows that would be indicative of impairment or necessitate reclassification between non-accretable difference and accretable yield. Generally, improvements in expected cash flows less than 2% of the UPB of a pool are not recorded. This initial threshold may be revised as we gain greater experience. Generally, commercial and commercial real estate loans are monitored individually due to their size and other unique characteristics.

Residential mortgage loans, including home equity loans, comprised 87.8% of the UPB of the acquired loan portfolio at the Acquisition date. We performed a detailed analysis of the portfolio to determine the key loan characteristics influencing performance. Key characteristics influencing the performance of the residential mortgage portfolio, including home equity loans, were determined to be delinquency status; product type, in particular, amortizing as opposed to option ARM products; current indexed LTV ratio; and original FICO score. The ACI loans in the residential mortgage portfolio were grouped into ten homogenous static pools based on these characteristics, and the non-ACI residential loans were grouped into two homogenous static pools. There were other variables which we initially expected to have a significant influence on performance and which were considered in our analysis; however, the results of our analysis demonstrated that their impact was less significant after controlling for current indexed LTV, product type, and FICO score. Therefore, these additional factors were not used in grouping the covered residential loans into pools and are not used in monitoring ongoing asset quality of the pools. The factors we considered but determined not to be significant included the level and type of documentation required at origination, i.e., whether a loan was originated under full documentation, reduced documentation, or no documentation programs; occupancy, defined as owner occupied vs. non-owner occupied collateral properties; geography; and vintage, i.e., year of origination.

1-4 single family residential non-ACI loans had an aggregate UPB of \$212.8 million as of May 21, 2009. As of September 30, 2010, 31.9% of the UPB had been repaid, demonstrating the intent and ability of borrowers in this group to satisfy their mortgage obligations.

At September 30, 2010, 29.5% of the total UPB of the covered 1-4 single family residential loans was contractually delinquent by 60 days or more. However, future losses to the Company related to these loans are significantly mitigated by the Loss Sharing Agreements with the FDIC.

Covered home equity loans and lines of credit had a carrying amount of \$312.8 million at September 30, 2010, including ACI loans of \$102.3 million and non-ACI loans of \$210.5 million. At September 30, 2010, 10.4% of covered home equity loans and lines of credit were 60 days or more contractually delinquent. Of the ACI home equity portfolio, 15.6% was 60 days or more contractually

delinquent while 4.8% of the non-ACI portfolio was 60 days or more delinquent. Losses related to these loans are significantly mitigated by the Loss Sharing Agreements.

Commercial and other Covered Loans were stratified at Acquisition based primarily on product/collateral type and delinquency status. Ongoing asset quality of significant commercial and commercial real estate loans is monitored on an individual basis through the Company's regular credit review and risk rating process. Homogenous groups of smaller balance commercial and consumer loans are monitored collectively.

Non-ACI commercial and other loans had an aggregate UPB of \$48.6 million at December 31, 2009. At September 30, 2010, non-ACI commercial and other loans had an aggregate UPB of \$35.8 million. The majority of these loans were rated "pass" or "good" at September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009 and the portfolio segment has limited delinquency history. At September 30, 2010, 25 loans totaling \$11.7 million were rated special mention and 35 loans totaling \$3.2 million were rated substandard.

### Impaired Loans and Non-Performing Assets

Non-performing assets consist of (i) non-accrual loans, including loans that have been restructured and placed on nonaccrual status because of deterioration in the financial condition of the borrower, (ii) accruing loans that are more than 90 days contractually past due as to interest or principal, excluding ACI loans, and (iii) OREO. Impaired loans also include ACI loans for which expected cash flows have been revised downward since Acquisition. Because of discount accretion, these loans have not been classified as nonaccrual loans and we do not consider them to be non-performing assets. As of September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, substantially all of the nonaccrual loans and all of the OREO are Covered Assets. One commercial loan originated since the Acquisition with a balance of approximately \$34,000 was on nonaccrual status at September 30, 2010. There are no other loans originated since the Acquisition that fall within these categories. The Company's exposure to loss related to Covered Assets is significantly mitigated by the Loss Sharing Agreements with the FDIC and by the fair value basis recorded in these loans resulting from the application of acquisition accounting.

The following table summarizes the Company's impaired loans and other non-performing assets at the dates indicated (dollars in thousands):

	Sej	At otember 30, 2010	De	At ecember 31, 2009	
Nonaccrual loans					
Real estate loans:					
1-4 single family residential	\$	13,895	\$	14,495	
Home equity loans and lines of credit		9,496		2,726	
Multi-family		377		_	
Commercial real estate		2,170			
Construction		_		_	
Land		_		_	
Total real estate loans		25,938		17,221	
Other loans:					
Commercial		2,086		150	
Consumer		_			
Total other loans		2,086		150	
Total nonaccrual loans		28,024		17,371	
Accruing non-ACI and non-Covered Loans 90 days or more past due		_		_	
Total non-performing loans		28,024		17,371	
OREO		194,286		120,110	
Total non-performing assets		222,310		137,481	
Impaired ACI loans on accrual status		319,585		567,253	
Total impaired loans and non-performing assets	\$	541,895	\$	704,734	
Non-performing loans to total loans(1)		0.68%	<u>—</u>	0.38%	
Non-performing assets to total assets		1.99%	ó	1.24%	
Allowance for loan losses to total loans(1)		1.40%	0% 0.49%		
Allowance for loan losses to non-performing loans		206.28%	ó	130.22%	

<sup>(1)</sup> Total loans for purposes of calculating these ratios is net of unearned discounts and deferred fees and costs.

At September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, substantially all of the nonaccrual loans consist of non-ACI loans that have been placed on nonaccrual status. Contractually delinquent ACI loans are not reflected as nonaccrual loans because the discount continues to be accreted. Discount accretion continues to be recorded as there continues to be an expectation of future cash flows from these loans. The carrying value of ACI loans contractually delinquent by more than 90 days but not identified as impaired was \$0.9 billion and \$1.2 billion at September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, respectively. These loans have not been identified as impaired because there has been no significant deterioration in expected cash flows since the date of acquisition.

Non-performing assets reported for the post-Acquisition periods are substantially lower than non-performing assets for the pre-Acquisition periods primarily due to the recording of these assets at their fair value in conjunction with the application of acquisition accounting and the fact that ACI loans are no longer reflected as nonaccrual loans as discussed above. The lower ratio of the allowance for loan losses to total loans at dates subsequent to the Acquisition is a direct result of the fact that no allowance was initially recorded with respect to the acquired loans. Rather, the estimated fair value at

which these loans were initially recorded incorporated significant assumptions related to credit quality and default probabilities. Due to the foregoing factors, the ratios presented in the table above may lack comparability to those of our peers.

Except for ACI loans, loans are placed on nonaccrual status when (i) management has determined that full payment of all contractual principal and interest is in doubt, or (ii) the loan is past due 90 days or more as to principal and/or interest, unless the loan is well-secured and in the process of collection. Residential and consumer loans not accounted for in pools are returned to accrual status as of the date the loan is no longer delinquent in excess of 90 days and ultimate collectability is assured. Commercial real estate and commercial loans are returned to accruing status only after all past due principal and interest have been collected. Except for ACI loans accounted for in pools, loans that are the subject of troubled debt restructurings are placed on nonaccrual status at the time of the modification unless the borrower has no history of missed payments for six months prior to the restructuring. If borrowers perform pursuant to the modified loan terms for at least six months and the remaining loan balances are considered collectable, the loans are returned to accrual status. Interest income foregone on nonaccrual loans amounted to \$0.6 million for the nine months ending September 30, 2010 and to \$0.6 million for period ending December 31, 2009. Interest income reversed due to loans being placed on nonaccrual status amounted to \$183,656 and \$76,969 for the nine months ending September 30, 2010 and period ending December 31, 2009, respectively.

A loan modification is considered a troubled debt restructuring if the Company, for economic or legal reasons related to the borrower's financial difficulties, grants a concession to the borrower that the Company would not otherwise grant. These concessions may take the form of temporarily or permanently reduced interest rates, payment abatement periods, extensions of maturity, or in some cases, partial forgiveness of principal. Under generally accepted accounting principles, modified ACI loans accounted for in pools are not considered troubled debt restructurings and are not separated from their respective pools when modified. As of September 30, 2010, there were no ACI loans not accounted for in pools, non-ACI loans, or non-Covered Loans that were the subject of troubled debt restructurings.

Commercial and commercial real estate loans are charged off when, in management's judgment, the carrying amount of the loan is not collectible. Residential real estate loans and secured consumer loans are typically charged off when they become 120 to 180 days past due, depending on the collateral type. Secured loans may be written down to the fair value of the collateral less estimated disposition costs. Unsecured consumer loans are generally charged off when they become 90 days past due. Home equity loans and lines of credit are fully reserved for when they become 120 days past due, and generally fully charged off when they are 180 days past due.

# Loss Mitigation Strategies

Although our exposure to loss on Covered Assets is mitigated by the Loss Sharing Agreements, we have implemented strategies designed to minimize losses on these assets. We have increased the quality and experience level of our workout and recovery and mortgage servicing departments. We evaluate each ACI loan to determine the most effective loss mitigation strategy, which may be modification, short sale, or foreclosure. In 2009, we began loan modifications under HAMP for eligible borrowers in the residential ACI portfolio. HAMP is a uniform loan modification process that provides eligible borrowers with sustainable monthly mortgage payments equal to a target 31% of their gross monthly income. As of September 30, 2010, 8,860 borrowers had been counseled regarding their participation in HAMP; 6,761 of those borrowers were initially determined to be potentially eligible for loan modifications under the program. As of September 30, 2010, 1,471 borrowers who did not elect to participate in the program had been sent termination letters and 2,313 borrowers had been denied due to ineligibility. At September 30, 2010, there were 1,878 permanent loan modifications and 225 active trial modifications.

# Other Real Estate Owned

All of the OREO properties owned by the Company are Covered Assets. The following table presents the changes in OREO for the nine months ending September 30, 2010 and period ending December 31, 2009 (dollars in thousands):

	Sej	At otember 30, 2010	De	At ecember 31, 2009
Balance at beginning of period	\$	120,110	\$	177,679
Transfers from the loan portfolio		283,220		115,192
Sales		(194,903)		(177,408)
Impairment loss recognized		(12,164)		(21,055)
Income (loss) from resolution of Covered Loans, net		(1,977)		25,702
Balance at end of period	\$	194,286	\$	120,110

# Analysis of the Allowance for Loan Losses

The allowance for loan losses at dates subsequent to the Acquisition relates to (i) loans originated or purchased since the Acquisition, (ii) estimated additional losses arising on non-ACI loans subsequent to the Acquisition, and (iii) additional impairment recognized as a result of decreases in expected cash flows on ACI loans due to further credit deterioration. The impact of any additional provision for losses on Covered Loans is significantly mitigated by an increase in the FDIC indemnification asset.

# Non-Covered and non-ACI Loans

Based on an analysis of historical performance of the non-ACI residential mortgage and home equity portfolio, OREO and short sale losses and recent trending data, we have concluded that changes in LTV ratios and FICO scores are the leading indicators of performance for this portfolio. The non-ACI residential mortgage portfolio has therefore been divided into homogenous pools based on LTV and FICO score for purposes of calculating the allowance for loan losses. Calculated frequency of roll to loss and severity percentages are applied to the dollar value of loans in each pool to calculate an overall loss allowance. FICO scores are refreshed quarterly and LTV ratios are updated using the Case-Shiller quarterly MSA Home Price Index to adjust the original appraised value of the underlying collateral. Frequency is calculated for each pool using a four month roll to loss percentage, based on the assumption that if an event has occurred with a borrower that will ultimately result in a loss, this will manifest itself as a loan in default and in process of foreclosure within four months. Loss severity given default is estimated based on internal data about OREO sales and short sales from the portfolio.

Due to the lack of similarity between the risk characteristics of non-Covered Loans and Covered Loans in the residential and home equity loan portfolios, management does not believe it is appropriate to use the historical performance of the Failed Bank's residential mortgage portfolio as a basis for calculating the allowance for loan losses applicable to non-Covered Loans. The portfolio of loans originated and purchased since the Acquisition is not seasoned and has not yet developed an observable loss trend. Therefore, the allowance for loan losses for non-covered residential loans is based primarily on management's assessment of the risk of default and on the OTS "Thrift Industry Charge-Off Rates by Asset Type, annualized Net Charge-Off Rates—Twelve Quarter Average" for the southeast region (the "OTS Charge-Off Rates"). We believe use of the twelve quarter average to be appropriate for this portfolio since it takes into account periods of both economic growth and serious economic contraction.

The allowance for non-covered and non-ACI commercial loans is based primarily on the Bank's internal credit risk rating system, the OTS Charge-Off Rates, and management's assessment of portfolio

risk characteristics. The allowance is comprised of specific reserves for significant and classified loans that are individually evaluated and determined to be impaired as well as general reserves for individually evaluated loans determined not to be impaired and smaller balance, non-classified loans. For all commercial and commercial real estate exposures graded substandard or doubtful with committed credit facilities greater than or equal to \$1,000,000, a quarterly net realizable value analysis is prepared by the credit, workout and recovery and loan review departments. This analysis forms the basis for specific reserves. Since the originated portfolio is not yet seasoned enough to exhibit a loss trend and the non-ACI portfolio has limited delinquency statistics, we currently use the OTS Charge-Off Rates and management's assessment of risk characteristics by portfolio segment in determining the appropriate general reserve percentages. We believe that loans rated special mention or substandard that are not determined to be individually impaired exhibit characteristics indicative of a heightened level of credit risk. Management may therefore augment general reserve percentages for loans in these categories.

Since the non-covered portfolio is not yet seasoned enough to exhibit a loss trend, the allowance for non-covered and non-ACI consumer loans is based primarily on the OTS Charge-Off Rates and management's assessment of portfolio risk characteristics. We provide a 100% reserve for consumer loans more than 120 days past due and charge them off after 270 days.

In addition to the quantitative calculations described above, a dollar value adjustment is made to the allowance for relevant qualitative factors when there is a material observable trend in those factors not already taken into account in the quantitative calculations. Qualitative factors that may result in an adjustment to the allowance include: levels of and trends in delinquencies and impaired loans; levels of and trends in recoveries of prior charge-offs; trends in volume, type and terms of loans; effects of changes in lending policies and procedures; experience, ability and depth of lending management, loan review and workout and recovery staff; credit concentrations; national, regional and local economic trends; housing and banking industry conditions and trends; emerging trends for particular loan types; and strategic initiatives of the Company that may impact loan performance.

For non-ACI loans, the allowance is calculated based on UPB. The total of UPB, less the calculated allowance, is then compared to the carrying amount of the loans. If the calculated balance net of the allowance is less than the carrying amount, an additional allowance is established. Any such increase in the allowance for non-ACI loans will result in a corresponding increase in the FDIC indemnification asset. For the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and period ended December 31, 2009, we recorded a provision for non-ACI loans of \$15.6 million and \$1.3 million, respectively.

#### **ACI Loans**

For ACI loans, a valuation allowance is established when periodic evaluations of expected cash flows reflect a decrease from the level of cash flows that were estimated to be collected at Acquisition plus any additional expected cash flows arising from revisions in those estimates. We perform a quarterly analysis of expected cash flows for ACI loans.

The analysis of expected cash flows for residential ACI pools incorporates updated pool level expected prepayment rates, default rates, and delinquency levels, and loan level loss severity given default assumptions. Prepayment, delinquency and default curves used for this purpose are derived from roll rates generated from the historical performance of the ACI residential loan portfolio observed over the immediately preceding four quarters. Given the static nature of the pools and unique characteristics of the loans, we believe that regularly updated historical information from the Company's own portfolio is the best available indicator of future performance. Estimates of default probability and severity of loss given default also incorporate updated LTV ratios. Historic and projected values for the Case-Shiller Home Price Index for the relevant MSA are utilized at the individual loan level to project current and future property values. Costs and fees represent an

additional component of loss on default, and are projected using the "Making Home Affordable" cost factors provided by the Federal government.

Our analysis at December 31, 2009 indicated a decrease in expected cash flows due to credit related assumptions related to two ACI residential mortgage pools; therefore, a provision for loan losses of \$20.0 million was recorded, along with a corresponding increase in the FDIC indemnification asset of \$14.4 million. As of September 30, 2010, our analysis evidenced a significant improvement in expected cash flows related to these two ACI residential pools and an offsetting decrease in expected cash flows due to credit related assumptions related to the ACI home equity loan pool. As a result, the \$20.0 million allowance established at December 31, 2009 related to ACI residential pools, along with the increase in the FDIC indemnification asset of \$14.4 million, was reversed and a provision for loan losses of \$9.4 million, along with a corresponding increase in the FDIC indemnification asset of \$6.6 million, was recorded related to the pooled home equity ACI loans during the nine months ending September 30, 2010.

The primary assumptions underlying estimates of expected cash flows for commercial and other loans are default probability and severity of loss given default. Updated assumptions for large balance and delinquent loans in the commercial and commercial real estate ACI portfolios are based on net realizable value analyses prepared at the individual loan level by the Company's workout and recovery department. Updated assumptions for smaller balance commercial loans are based on a combination of the Company's own historical delinquency data and industry level delinquency data. Delinquency data is used as a proxy for defaults as the Company's experience has been that few of these loans return to performing status after being delinquent greater than 60 days. An additional multiplier is also applied in developing assumptions for loans rated special mention, substandard, or doubtful based on the Company's historical loss experience with classified loans. Cash flow estimates for consumer loan pools are based primarily on regularly updated historical performance information.

For the period ended December 31, 2009, there were no decreases in expected cash flows for commercial and other ACI loans; therefore, no allowance for loan losses was provided related to these loans. For the nine months ended September 30, 2010, our analysis indicated a decrease in expected cash flows from certain ACI commercial and commercial real estate loans evaluated individually for credit impairment, resulting in a provision for loan losses of \$37.5 million related to these ACI loans. An increase in the FDIC indemnification asset of \$19.3 million was recorded related to this provision.

In the aggregate, the provision for losses related to ACI loans was \$27.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010, comprised of the \$20.0 million reversal and the provisions of \$9.4 million and \$37.5 million discussed above.

The following table provides an analysis of the allowance for loan losses, provision for loan losses, and net charge-offs for the periods indicated (dollars in thousands):

	Months Ended ptember 30, 2010	Ma	Period from ay 22, 2009 to lecember 31, 2009
Allowance for loan losses, beginning of period	\$ 22,621	\$	_
Provision for loan losses:			
Provision for losses on Covered ACI Loans	26,973		20,021
Provision for losses on Covered non-ACI Loans	15,565		1,266
Provision for losses on non-Covered Loans	2,619		1,334
Total provision for loan losses	45,157		22,621
Charge-offs:			
1-4 single family residential	_		_
Home equity loans and lines of credit	_		_
Multi-family	(1,248)		
Commercial real estate	(962)		_
Construction	(3,500)		
Land	(3,004)		_
Commercial	(1,042)		
Consumer	(215)		_
Total charge-offs	(9,971)		
Total recoveries			_
Net charge-offs	(9,971)		
Allowance for loan losses, end of period	\$ 57,807	\$	22,621
Increase in the indemnification asset related to the provision for loan losses on Covered			
Loans	\$ 22,979	\$	14,433
Ratio of net charge-offs to average loans receivable outstanding during the period(1)	 0.31%	, 5	0.00%

<sup>(1)</sup> Annualized.

The following table shows the distribution of the allowance for loan losses, broken out between Covered and non-Covered Loans, as of September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009 (dollars in thousands):

		At Sep	tember 30, 2	010		At December 31, 2009						
	Covered ACI Non-ACI C		Non- Covered	Total	%(1)	Cov ACI	vered Non-ACI	Non- Covered	Total	%(1)_		
1-4 single family residential	\$ —	\$ 473	\$ 107	\$ 580	71.9%	\$ 20,021	\$ 119	\$ 65	\$ 20,205	76.0%		
Home equity loans and lines												
of credit	9,421	11,659	3	21,083	7.5%	_	11	4	15	7.1%		
Multi-family	3,650	652	260	4,562	2.1%	_	60	11	71	1.7%		
Commercial real estate	15,000	800	651	16,451	10.3%	_	465	303	768	9.2%		
Construction	_	_	15	15	0.3%	_	5	_	5	1.0%		
Land	5,923	26	76	6,025	1.2%	_	2	_	2	0.9%		
Commercial	3,348	1,170	2,737	7,255	6.5%	_	604	905	1,509	3.9%		
Consumer	_	_	29	29	0.2%	_	_	46	46	0.2%		
Unallocated	_	1,807	_	1,807	_	_	_	_	_	_		
Total allowance for loan losses	\$ 37,342	\$ 16,587	\$ 3,878	\$ 57,807	100.0%	\$ 20,021	\$ 1,266	\$ 1,334	\$ 22,621	100.0%		

<sup>(1)</sup> Represents percentage of loans receivable in each category to total loans receivable.

# **Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets**

In conjunction with the Acquisition, the Company recognized approximately \$59.4 million of goodwill and a \$1.8 million core deposit intangible. Goodwill was assigned to BankUnited. The Company performs goodwill impairment testing in the third quarter of each fiscal year or more frequently if events or circumstances indicate that impairment may exist. As of the third quarter of 2010 impairment testing date, the estimated fair value of the reporting unit exceeded its carrying amount; therefore, no impairment was indicated.

#### Other Assets

Other assets declined subsequent to the Acquisition primarily due to declines in escrow advances, mortgage insurance receivable and accrued interest receivable resulting from including these assets in the valuation of loans acquired in the application of acquisition accounting and the revaluation of furniture, fixtures and equipment in conjunction with the Acquisition. The increase in other assets from December 31, 2009 to September 30, 2010 was primarily attributable to an increase in accrued interest receivable related to growth in the investment and originated loan portfolios.

# Deposits

The following table presents information about our deposits for the periods indicated (dollars in thousands):

	Nine Month September 3	Period f May 22, 2 December 3	2, 2009 to		
	Average Balance	Average Rate Paid	Average Balance	Average Rate Paid	
Demand deposits:					
Non-interest bearing	\$ 414,350	%\$	303,810	%	
Interest bearing	253,830	0.75%	183,416	0.79%	
Savings and money market	2,808,277	1.26%	2,153,446	1.94%	
Time deposits	4,068,348	1.83%	5,506,320	0.93%	
Total deposits	\$ 7,544,805	1.48%\$	8,146,992	1.16%	

Excluding the impact of accretion from fair value adjustments due to acquisition accounting, the average rate paid on interest bearing deposits for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and period ended December 31, 2009 was 1.92% and 2.77%, respectively.

The following table shows scheduled maturities of certificates of deposit with denominations greater than or equal to \$100,000 as of September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009 (dollars in thousands):

Se	At eptember 30, 2010	D	At ecember 31, 2009
\$	332,878	\$	415,049
	337,908		394,805
	430,757		684,966
	395,610		411,347
\$	1,497,153	\$	1,906,167
		September 30, 2010 \$ 332,878	September 30, 2010 \$ 332,878 \$ 337,908 430,757 395,610

# **Borrowed Funds**

The following table sets forth information regarding our short-term borrowings, consisting of securities sold under agreements to repurchase, as of the dates, and for the periods, indicated *(dollars in thousands)*:

	E	Ending	Weighted Average	Maximum Amount			Yearly Weigh	ited Averages
	В	alance	Rate	At Month-En	<u>d_</u>		Balance	Rate
For the nine months ended September 30, 2010	\$	386	0.08%	\$ 17,45	59	\$	10,358	0.93%
For the period from May 22, 2009 to December 31, 2009	\$	2,972	0.01%	\$ 2,97	72	\$	2,091	0.02%

The Company also utilizes FHLB advances to finance its operations. FHLB advances are secured by stock in the FHLB required to be purchased in proportion to outstanding advances and qualifying first mortgage, commercial real estate, and home equity loans and mortgage-backed securities. The contractual balance of FHLB advances at September 30, 2010 totaled \$2.2 billion, with \$1.1 billion, \$565.0 million, \$505.0 million and \$0.4 million maturing in 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015, respectively. The book value of outstanding FHLB advances decreased from \$4.6 billion at Acquisition to \$2.1 billion at December 31, 2009 and \$2.3 billion at September 30, 2010 primarily due to repayment of outstanding advances with cash received in the Acquisition.

As discussed previously in this "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations," financial information of the Failed Bank for the pre-Acquisition periods lacks direct comparability in many respects to financial information of the Company presented for the post-Acquisition periods.

# **Results of Operations for the Pre-Acquisition Periods**

The Failed Bank reported net losses of \$(1.2) billion and \$(858.4) million for the period from October 1, 2008 through May 21, 2009 and for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, or fiscal 2008, respectively, and net income of \$109.5 million for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, or fiscal 2007. The net losses for the period ending May 21, 2009 and the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008 resulted primarily from severe deterioration in the Failed Bank's asset quality and the resultant reduction in net interest income, increase in the provision for loan losses, and impairment charges related to investment securities, OREO and mortgage servicing rights.

# **Net Interest Income**

The following table presents, for the periods indicated, information about: (i) average balances, the total dollar amount of interest income from earning assets and the resultant average yields; (ii) average balances, the total dollar amount of interest expense on interest bearing liabilities and the resultant average rates; (iii) net interest income; (iv) the interest rate spread; and (v) the net interest margin. Average balance information is based on daily average balances for the periods indicated. Nonaccrual and restructured loans are included in the average balances presented in this table; however, interest income foregone on nonaccrual loans is not included. Yields have been calculated on a pre-tax basis (dollars in thousands):

		Period fr	om (	October 1,	2008					Fiscal	Years E	nded	l Se	eptember 30,	Fiscal Years Ended September 30,						
		to 1	May	21, 2009					20	08					20	07					
		Average Balance	I	nterest	Yiel Rate			Average Balance	I	nterest	Yield Rate			Average Balance	I	nterest	Yield/ Rate				
Assets:								_													
Interest earning assets:																					
Investment securities available	_	00.0==		4 00=		0.000/	_						_	224 242	_		4 =00				
for sale	\$	88,655	\$	1,685		2.97%	\$	141,935	\$	7,417		23%	\$	221,919	\$	10,614	4.78%				
Mortgage-backed securities	_	576,131		20,722		5.63%		780,279		43,017	5.3	51%		1,068,811		50,711	4.74%				
Total investment securities available for sale		664,786		22,407		5.28%		922,214		50,434	5.4	17%		1,290,730		61,325	4.75%				
Other interest earning assets		1,325,075		3,667		0.43%		630,204		21,856	3.4	17%		339,315		19,711	5.81%				
Loans receivable		11,596,788		312,994		4.22%		12,564,903		762,170	6.0	)7%		12,133,858		876,861	7.23%				
Total interest earning assets		13,586,649		339,068		3.91%		14,117,321		834,460	5.9	91%		13,763,903		957,897	6.96%				
Allowance for loan losses		(905,440)	_					(184,884)	_					(41,510)	_						
Noninterest earning assets		869,381						510,000						372,661							
Total assets	\$	13,550,590				:	\$	14,442,437					\$	14,095,054							
Liabilities and Equity:	_					-															
Interest bearing liabilities:																					
Interest bearing deposits:																					
Interest bearing demand	\$	164,669	\$	895		0.85%	\$	199,942	\$	2,145	1.0	)7%	\$	232,451	\$	3,858	1.66%				
Savings and money market																					
accounts		1,485,455		28,009		2.95%		1,873,728		67,600		51%		1,736,947		79,588	4.58%				
Time deposits		6,611,919		170,666		4.04%		4,929,198		223,110		3%		4,325,561		218,889	5.06%				
Total interest bearing deposits		8,262,043		199,570		3.78%		7,002,868		292,855	4.1	18%		6,294,959		302,335	4.80%				
Borrowings: FHLB advances		4,965,251		133,764		4.22%		5,605,211		259,000	4.0	52%		5,617,069		280.839	5.00%				
Repurchase agreements		22,732		133,764		0.40%		124,564		3,739		02%		407,962		21,384	5.00%				
. 0	_	22,732	_	30		0.40 /0		124,304	_	3,733	5.0	70		407,302	_	21,304	3.24/				
Total interest bearing liabilities		13,250,026		333,392		3.94%		12,732,643		555,594	43	36%		12,319,990		604,558	4.91%				
Non-interest bearing demand		,,						,,	-					,,,							
deposits		282,215						441,570						503,353							
Other non-interest bearing liabilities		113,006						130,225						180,993							
Total liabilities		13,645,247						13,304,438				,		13,004,336							
Equity		(94,657)						1,137,999						1,090,718							
Total liabilities and equity	\$	13,550,590					\$	14,442,437					\$	14,095,054							
Net interest income			\$	5,676		-			\$	278,866		:			\$	353,339					
Interest rate spread					(	(0.03)%			_		1.5	55%					2.05%				
Net interest margin						0.06%					1.9	98%					2.57%				

<sup>(1)</sup> Annualized.

Increases and decreases in interest income and interest expense result from changes in average balances (volume) of interest earning assets and liabilities, as well as changes in average interest rates.

The comparison of total interest income and total interest expense for the period ending May 21, 2009 to the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008 is also impacted by the different number of days in the comparative periods. The following table shows the effect that these factors had on the interest earned on the interest earning assets and the interest incurred on the interest bearing liabilities for the periods indicated. The effect of changes in volume is determined by multiplying the change in volume by the previous period's average rate. Similarly, the effect of rate changes is calculated by multiplying the change in average rate by the previous period's volume. Changes applicable to both volume and rate have been allocated to volume (dollars in thousands):

		to May Compared to the Septembe Increase (De	October 1, 2008 21, 2009 Fiscal Year Ender 30, 2008 Crease) Due To Change due to		Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2008 Compared to the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2007 Increase (Decrease) Due To tal Changes Changes Tot							
	Changes in Volume	Changes in Rate	Number of Days	Total Increase (Decrease)	in Volume	in Rate	Increase (Decrease)					
Interest Income Attributable to												
Investment securities available for												
sale	\$ (1,002)	\$ (2,049)	\$ (2,681)	\$ (5,732)	\$ (4,180)	\$ 983	\$ (3,197)					
Mortgage-backed securities	(7,368)	598	(15,525)	(22,295)	(15,907)	8,213	(7,694)					
Total investment securities available												
for sale	(8,370)	(1,451)	(18,206)	(28,027)	(20,087)	9,196	(10,891)					
Other interest earning assets	1,949	(12,230)	(7,908)	(18,189)	10,088	(7,943)	2,145					
Loans receivable	(25,250)	(148,510)	(275,416)	(449,176)	26,147	(140,838)	(114,691)					
Total interest earning assets	(31,671)	(162,191)	(301,530)	(495,392)	16,148	(139,585)	(123,437)					
Interest Expense Attributable to												
Interest bearing demand deposits	\$ (196)	\$ (281)	\$ (773)	\$ (1,250)	\$ (349)	\$ (1,364)	\$ (1,713)					
Savings and money market deposit												
accounts	(7,235)	(7,894)	(24,462)	(39,591)	4,935	(16,923)	(11,988)					
Time deposits	43,727	(15,418)	(80,753)	(52,444)	27,322	(23,101)	4,221					
Total interest bearing deposits	36,296	(23,593)	(105,988)	(93,285)	31,908	(41,388)	(9,480)					
FHLB advances	(17,272)	(14,312)	(93,652)	(125,236)	(548)	(21,291)	(21,839)					
Repurchase agreements	(262)	(2,067)	(1,352)	(3,681)	(8,507)	(9,138)	(17,645)					
Total interest bearing liabilities	18,762	(39,972)	(200,992)	(222,202)	22,853	(71,817)	(48,964)					
Decrease in net interest income	\$ (50,433)	\$ (122,219)	\$ (100,538)	\$ (273,190)	\$ (6,705)	\$ (67,768)	\$ (74,473)					

Period from October 1, 2008 through May 21, 2009 compared to the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008

Net interest income was \$5.7 million for the period ended May 21, 2009 as compared to \$278.9 million for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2008, for a decline of \$273.2 million. The decline in net interest income was comprised of a decline in interest income of \$495.4 million and a decline in interest expense of \$222.2 million. On an annualized basis, net interest income for the period from October 1, 2008 through May 21, 2009 decreased by \$270.0 million or 96.8% as compared with the year ending September 30, 2008. The decrease in net interest income was comprised of a decline in annualized interest income of \$303.3 million partially offset by a decline in annualized interest expense of \$33.3 million.

The decrease in interest income resulted primarily from an increase in non-performing assets, evidenced by a decrease in the average yield on loans of 185 basis points from 6.07% for the year ending September 30, 2008 to 4.22% for the period ending May 21, 2009. Nonaccrual loans grew from \$1.2 billion at September 30, 2008 to \$2.4 billion at May 21, 2009. Decreases in the average volume of both investment securities and loans outstanding and a decline in market rates on variable rate investment securities also contributed to the decline in interest income. The decline in average volume of loans and investment securities resulted from the reduction in the scope of the Failed Bank's

residential mortgage business and the size of the balance sheet in response to capital requirements and growth restrictions imposed by the OTS.

The decline in interest expense resulted from lower rates paid on both deposits and FHLB advances, reflective of continued repricing of liabilities at lower market rates, partly offset by an increase in the average volume of outstanding interest bearing liabilities.

The net interest margin decreased by 192 basis points from 1.98% for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008 to 0.06% for the period ending May 21, 2009 while the interest rate spread declined by 158 basis points from 1.55% to (0.03)%. The primary driver of the decline in net interest margin and interest rate spread was the increase in non-performing assets.

Fiscal year ending September 30, 2008 compared to fiscal year ending September 30, 2007

Net interest income decreased to \$278.9 million for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, representing a decline of \$74.4 million, or 21.1%, as compared to the \$353.3 million reported for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007. The decline in net interest income was comprised of a decrease in interest income of \$123.4 million offset by a decline in interest expense of \$49.0 million.

The decline in interest income was mainly attributable to the decrease in the average yield on loans of 116 basis points offset in part by a \$353.4 million increase in the average volume of interest earning assets. The average yield on loans was negatively impacted by the increase in nonaccrual loans and declining market interest rates. Nonaccrual loans increased to \$1.2 billion at September 30, 2008 from \$0.2 billion at September 30, 2007. The higher level of nonaccrual loans resulted in an adverse impact of approximately 60 basis points on the net interest margin. Another factor affecting the decrease in the average yield on loans was a decrease in prepayment fees from \$22.2 million during the year ending September 30, 2007 to \$7.6 million during the year ending September 30, 2008, offset in part by accelerated amortization of net deferred costs related to prepayments.

The decline in interest expense is attributable to the repricing of liabilities at lower prevailing interest rates, partially offset by an increase in the average balance of deposits, particularly time deposits.

The net interest margin decreased to 1.98% for fiscal 2008 as compared to 2.57% for fiscal 2007, a decrease of 59 basis points. The overall yield on interest earning assets declined by 105 basis points while the average rate paid on interest bearing liabilities declined by 55 basis points, for a 50 basis point decrease in the interest rate spread. The declines in the net interest margin and interest rate spread were mainly attributable to the decrease in the average yield on loans offset in part by an increase in the average volume of interest earning assets and a decline in the cost of interest bearing liabilities.

Interest income on loans for the pre-Acquisition periods included deferred interest on payment option loans, or loans for which contractual periodic payments did not cover the amount of contractual interest earned. The uncollected interest on these loans was added to the principal balance of the loans (negative amortization). Interest income included deferred interest of \$28.2 million for the period ending May 21, 2009, \$161.7 million for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008 and \$166.7 million for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007. Total deferred interest included in outstanding loan balances resulting from negative amortization amounted to \$265.3 million at May 21, 2009, \$374.5 million at September 30, 2008 and \$270.2 million at September 30, 2007.

# **Provision for Loan Losses**

The provision for loan losses recorded by the Failed Bank was \$919.1 million, \$856.4 million and \$31.5 million for the period from October 1, 2008 through May 21, 2009, the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008 and the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, respectively. The increases in the provision for the period ending May 21, 2009 and the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008 largely reflected severe deterioration in the residential housing market, particularly in Florida and California. Total non-performing loans were \$2.7 billion, or 24.6%, of total loans at May 21, 2009 and \$1.4 billion, or 12.0%, of total loans at September 30, 2008 as compared to \$201.1 million, or 1.6%, of total loans at September 30, 2007. Net charge-offs totaled \$407.9 million for the period from October 1, 2008 to May 21, 2009, \$199.1 million for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008 and \$9.3 million for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007. The majority of charge-offs were concentrated in the 1-4 single family residential portfolio.

# Non-Interest Income (Loss)

The Failed Bank reported a non-interest loss of \$81.4 million for the period from October 1, 2008 to May 21, 2009, a non-interest loss of \$128.9 million for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008 and non-interest income of \$28.4 million for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007.

The following table presents a comparison of the categories of non-interest income (loss) for the periods indicated (dollars in thousands):

	 od from er 1, 2008	 Fiscal Year Septemb	 
	y 21, 2009	 2008	 2007
Service charges on deposits and other fee income	\$ 5,357	\$ 9,712	\$ 8,736
Service charges on loans	2,072	4,630	5,315
Loan servicing fees	2,543	5,601	6,998
Impairment and amortization of mortgage servicing rights	(26,595)	(8,434)	(4,622)
Net gain (loss) on sale of investment securities	39	(1,465)	(564)
Net gain (loss) on sale and writedown of loans held for sale	196	(9,784)	9,777
Other-than-temporary impairment of securities available for sale	(68,609)	(142,035)	(5,042)
Fees received from BankUnited Financial Corporation	1,824	5,193	1,120
Other non-interest income	1,742	7,723	6,649
Total non-interest income (loss)	\$ (81,431)	\$ (128,859)	\$ 28,367

Period from October 1, 2008 to May 21, 2009 compared to the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008

The non-interest loss for the period from October 1, 2008 to May 21, 2009 was largely driven by additional impairment charges on securities available for sale and mortgage servicing rights. See the section entitled "—Investment Securities Available for Sale" below for further discussion of impairment charges related to investment securities. The impairment of mortgage servicing assets resulted primarily from termination of the Failed Bank's rights to service loans for the Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae), or FNMA, and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac), or FHLMC, during the period ending May 21, 2009. A continued decline in secondary market mortgage activity led to a reduced gain (loss) on sale of loans for the period ending May 21, 2009. The reduction in other non-interest income resulted primarily from an adjustment to outstanding mortgage insurance claims receivable.

Fiscal year ending September 30, 2008 compared to the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007

During the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, the Failed Bank recorded other-than-temporary impairment charges of \$142.0 million relating to investment securities compared to \$5.0 million for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007. See the section entitled "Investment Securities Available for Sale" below for further discussion of these impairment charges.

Due to a reduction in the volume of loans serviced for others, impairment charges of \$3.0 million and \$1.3 million were recorded in fiscal 2008 and fiscal 2007, respectively, related to mortgage servicing rights.

The net loss on sale and writedown of loans held for sale for the year ending September 30, 2008 includes a \$3.8 million adjustment at the lower of cost or market to the carrying amount of loans held for sale that were subsequently transferred to the loans held for investment portfolio. The remaining loss on sale of loans resulted from declining demand in the secondary market for the Failed Bank's residential loan portfolio. \$381.0 million of residential loans were sold in fiscal 2008, as compared to \$949.8 million in fiscal 2007.

# Non-Interest Expense

The following table presents the components of non-interest expense for the periods indicated (dollars in thousands):

	 riod from ber 1, 2008	_	Fiscal Yea Septem	
	ay 21, 2009		2008	 2007
Employee compensation and benefits	\$ 51,695	\$	88,893	\$ 87,958
Occupancy and equipment	25,247		46,743	41,187
OREO expense	34,697		17,901	594
Impairment of OREO	38,742		22,749	14
Professional fees	10,062		8,910	5,631
Foreclosure expense	4,907		6,007	535
Deposit insurance expense	38,299		6,147	3,119
Telecommunications and data processing	9,573		13,536	13,019
Other non-interest expense	25,181		35,594	33,577
Total non-interest expense	\$ 238,403	\$	246,480	\$ 185,634

Non-interest expense as a percentage of average assets increased to 2.8% (annualized) for the period ended May 21, 2009 from 1.7% for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008 and 1.3% for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007. The primary drivers of increasing non-interest expense over this period were increased impairment of OREO, higher OREO expense, foreclosure expense and the deposit insurance expense.

Period from October 1, 2008 to May 21, 2009 compared to the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008

On an annualized basis, employee compensation and benefits as a percentage of average assets remained consistent over the period ending May 21, 2009 and the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008. The total decline in employee compensation and benefits expense of \$7.9 million or approximately 9% on an annualized basis was primarily a result of an approximate 70% reduction in the Failed Bank's wholesale residential lending staff and other reductions in the workforce.

OREO expense, foreclosure expense and impairment of OREO continued to increase during the period ending May 21, 2009 due to further deterioration in home prices and the increasing volume of

foreclosures. As of May 21, 2009, there were slightly over 6,000 units in the foreclosure process as compared to approximately 3,000 units at September 30, 2008.

Deposit insurance expense was significantly impacted by additional assessments by the FDIC during the period ending May 21, 2009.

Fiscal year ending September 30, 2008 compared to the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007

Compensation and benefits as a percentage of average assets remained consistent over the fiscal years ending September 30, 2008 and 2007.

Occupancy and equipment expense for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2008 was impacted by the substantial curtailment of the Failed Bank's wholesale residential mortgage business, resulting in restructuring costs of \$2.9 million. Depreciation expense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008 as compared to the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007 also increased, primarily a result of \$1.1 million in additional software depreciation associated with the acquisition of branch operations, information security and systems integration software.

OREO and foreclosure expenses and impairment of OREO began to increase markedly during the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008 due to deterioration in home prices, driving an increasing volume of foreclosures.

The primary components of other non-interest expense for the period ended May 21, 2009 and the fiscal years ended September 30, 2007 and 2008 were loan related expenses, advertising and promotion, the cost of regulatory examinations, and general office expense.

#### **Income Taxes**

For the period ending May 21, 2009 and the fiscal years ending September 30, 2008 and 2007, the Failed Bank recorded an income tax provision (benefit) of \$0.0, \$(94.5) million and \$55.1 million, respectively. The Failed Bank's effective tax rate for the period ending May 21, 2009 and the fiscal years ending September 30, 2008 and 2007 was 0.1%, 9.9% and 33.4%, respectively. The effective tax rate varied from the federal statutory tax rate of 35.0% primarily due to state income taxes and the valuation allowance established related to deferred tax assets. The Failed Bank had net deferred tax assets, prior to any valuation allowance, of \$730.0 million and \$338.1 million at May 21, 2009 and September 30 2008, respectively.

# **Balance Sheet Analysis for the Pre-Acquisition Periods**

Average total assets of the Failed Bank declined by \$891.8 million to \$13.6 billion for the period ending May 21, 2009 from \$14.4 billion for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2008. This decline related primarily to the decline in average loans, which was fueled by increased impairments and foreclosures during the period combined with normal paydowns and a curtailment in lending activity. Average total liabilities increased by \$340.8 million to \$13.6 billion for the period ending May 21, 2009 from \$13.3 billion for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008. Average deposits increased by \$1.1 billion, offset by a \$741.8 million decline in average outstanding borrowings.

Average total assets increased by \$347.4 million for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2008 as compared to the fiscal year ended September 30, 2007, largely reflective of an increase in average loans. Average total liabilities increased by \$300.1 million, primarily attributable to a \$646.1 million increase in deposits, offset by a decline in average outstanding borrowings of \$295.3 million.

# **Investment Securities Available for Sale**

The following table shows the amortized cost and fair value of the investment securities as of the dates indicated. All of the investment securities were classified available for sale (dollars in thousands):

	At M	ay 21,	At September 30,									
	20	09	20	80	20	007						
	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Amortized Cost	Fair Value						
U.S. Treasury securities	\$ 35,167	\$ 35,423	\$ 45,567	\$ 45,726	\$ 25,000	\$ 24,977						
U.S. Government agency and sponsored enterprise residential mortgage-backed												
securities	224,587	227,879	256,392	255,483	214,198	210,286						
Other residential collateralized mortgage												
obligations	3,371	1,785	3,495	3,463	4,284	4,266						
Residential mortgage pass-through												
certificates	323,829	230,091	430,711	394,321	714,189	701,671						
Mutual funds and preferred stocks	18,241	18,094	24,886	24,482	109,929	107,158						
State and Municipal obligations	22,671	22,696	22,220	22,260	47,314	46,618						
Other debt securities	4,317	2,976	10,752	9,490	4,000	3,689						
Total investment securities available for sale	\$ 632,183	\$ 538,944	\$ 794,023	\$ 755,225	\$ 1,118,914	\$ 1,098,665						

Investment securities decreased by \$216.3 million from September 30, 2008 to May 21, 2009 primarily due to impairment charges of \$68.6 million coupled with paydowns and sales of \$106.3 million, offset by purchases of \$10.4 million. Investment securities decreased by \$343.4 million from \$1.1 billion at September 30, 2007 to \$755.2 million at September 30, 2008. This decrease resulted primarily from impairment charges of \$142.0 million, coupled with paydowns and sales of \$395.1 million offset by purchases of \$213.4 million.

During the period from October 1, 2008 through May 21, 2009, the Failed Bank recognized other-than-temporary impairment charges of \$68.6 million, consisting of \$39.4 million related to subordinate tranches of the Failed Bank's 2005 mortgage securitization (the "2005 securities"), \$16.1 million related to private-label collateralized mortgage obligations ("CMOs"), \$6.4 million related to trust preferred securities, \$1.5 million related to FNMA and FHLMC preferred stock and \$5.2 million related to a mutual fund. The majority of the impairment charges recorded during the period ending May 21, 2009 represented further deterioration in value of securities for which other-than-temporary impairment charges were initially recorded in fiscal 2008 as discussed below. Additional impairment of the 2005 securities and private-label CMOs was reflective of further deterioration in projected cash flows from the underlying collateral resulting from increasing frequency and severity of defaults. Recognition of other-than-temporary impairment of pooled trust preferred securities was based on a third party discounted cash flow analysis incorporating proprietary collateral default rate assumptions that indicated less than full recovery of principal, as well as consideration of the severity and duration of impairment. Other-than-temporary impairment of FNMA and FHLMC preferred stock was based on further deterioration in the market price of these securities coupled with lack of evidence of improvement in the financial condition of the issuers. Cash flow analysis incorporating updated underlying collateral default assumptions led to further other-than-temporary impairment of the mutual fund investment.

During the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, the Failed Bank recorded other-than-temporary impairment charges totaling \$142.0 million, including \$89.3 million relating to the 2005 securities, \$5.8 million relating to private-label CMOs, \$37.8 million relating to FNMA and FHLMC preferred stocks, \$8.1 million relating to a mutual fund, and \$1.0 million relating to other debt securities. The determination that unrealized losses on the 2005 securities were other-than-temporary was based on an analysis of discounted expected future cash flows using third party developed models that incorporated proprietary behavioral assumptions about collateral default rates, loss severity levels and voluntary annual prepayment rates. Cash flow projections for the underlying mortgages, given current loss trends, indicated that projected losses could completely erode the value of certain subordinate classes and significantly erode the value of several other subordinate classes of the 2005 securitization, leading to the determination that these securities were other-than-temporarily impaired. Management's determination that certain other private-label CMOs were other-than-temporarily impaired was also based on the analysis of discounted expected future cash flows. The magnitude and duration of unrealized losses was considered in these determinations as well. As a result of significant declines in value of FNMA and FHLMC preferred stock after these entities were placed into conservatorship on September 7, 2008, the cost basis of these investments was well in excess of the market price of the stock at September 30, 2008. The determination that impairment of these securities was other-than-temporary was based on the severity of impairment and uncertainty about the potential for market recovery of the issuers. The mutual fund determined to be other-than-temporarily impaired was a fund that invested primarily in mortgage related investments, the majority of which were subordinate securities with increasing levels of underlying collateral delinquencies and defaults. The severity of impairment combined with the high probability of significant principal loss of the underlying collateral led to the conclusion that the security was other-than-temporarily impaired. The other debt securities consisted of pooled trust preferred securities, collateralized by subordinated debt issued by financial institutions. Management's determination that these securities were other-than-temporarily impaired was based on an analysis of projected collateral cash flows.

During the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, the Failed Bank recognized other-than-temporary impairment charges of \$5.0 million, consisting of \$1.3 million on FNMA preferred stock and \$3.7 million on two mutual fund investments. Other-than-temporary impairment of FNMA preferred stock was recognized primarily due to the severity and duration of the impairment and deteriorating financial condition of the issuer. Other-than-temporary impairment of the mutual fund investments was attributable to the severity and duration of impairment and deterioration in projected cash flows from the underlying collateral.

# Loan Portfolio

The following table presents the composition of the loan portfolio as of the dates indicated (dollars in thousands):

			At September 30,							
	At May 2 2009	1,	2008		2007		2006		2005	
	Balance	%	Balance	%	Balance	%	Balance	%	Balance	%
Real estate loans:										
1-4 single family residential	\$ 8,993,077	83.1%\$	- , ,		10,693,832	86.3%\$			6,678,322	84.2%
Home equity loans and lines of credit	505,642	4.7%	486,467	4.1%	420,386	3.4%	355,822	3.2%	257,789	3.3%
Multi-family	129,481	1.2%	144,324	1.2%	120,058	1.0%	85,544	0.8%	111,444	1.4%
Commercial real estate	594,877	5.5%	600,261	5.1%	496,556	4.0%	413,637	3.7%	344,503	4.3%
Construction	187,333	1.7%	171,213	1.5%	146,557	1.2%	174,466	1.5%	87,113	1.1%
Land	219,736	2.0%	224,723	1.9%	303,294	2.5%	337,023	3.0%	235,829	3.0%
Total real estate loans	10,630,146	98.2%	11,543,684	98.2%	12,180,683	98.4%	11,028,405	98.1%	7,715,000	97.3%
Other loans:									_	
Commercial	181,484	1.7%	197,985	1.7%	187,951	1.5%	194,269	1.7%	199,344	2.5%
Consumer	12,179	0.1%	12,740	0.1%	16,228	0.1%	17,809	0.2%	19,415	0.2%
Total other loans	193,663	1.8%	210,725	1.8%	204,179	1.6%	212,078	1.9%	218,759	2.7%
Total loans	10,823,809	100.0%	11,754,409	100.0%	12,384,862	100.0%	11,240,483	100.0%	7,933,759	100.0%
Unearned discount, premiums and deferred costs, net	190,406		210,875		235,454		196,601		119,588	
	190,400	_	210,673	_	233,434	_	190,001	_	119,500	
Loans held in portfolio, net of discount premiums and deferred costs	11,014,215		11,965,284		12,620,316		11,437,084		8,053,347	
Allowance for loan losses	(1,227,173)		(715,917)		(58,623)		(36,378)		(25,755)	
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Total loans held in portfolio, net	\$ 9,787,042	3	5 11,249,367	3	12,561,693	\$	11,400,706	\$	8,027,592	
Loans held for sale	\$ 788	\$	10,050	\$	174,868	\$	9,542	\$	12,196	

Net loans held in portfolio decreased to \$9.8 billion at May 21, 2009 from \$11.2 billion at September 30, 2008 and \$12.6 billion at September 30, 2007. This decrease was driven by the decline in the Failed Bank's 1-4 single family residential portfolio as discussed below.

# Residential Mortgages

1-4 single family residential loans amounted to \$9.0 billion or 83.1% of total loans at May 21, 2009, compared to \$9.9 billion or 84.4% of total loans at September 30, 2008 and \$10.7 billion or 86.3% of total loans at September 30, 2007. Beginning in fiscal 2008, the Failed Bank curtailed growth of the 1-4 single family residential portfolio. Total originations of residential loans were \$22.8 million for the period ending May 21, 2009, \$1.6 billion for the year ending September 30, 2008 and \$4.0 billion for the year ending September 30, 2007.

The Failed Bank also terminated its option ARM and reduced documentation loan programs during fiscal 2008. Originations of option ARM loans totaled \$187.0 million for fiscal 2008 and \$3.1 billion for fiscal 2007, representing 11.9% and 77.5%, respectively, of total residential loan originations. Option ARM loans generally started with a below market incentive interest rate that adjusted to an applicable index rate plus a defined margin after a specified period of time. Each month, the borrower had the option to make one of several payments, including a minimum payment that may not have covered the interest accrued on the loan for the month, resulting in the deferred interest being added to the loan balance. The contractual terms of Option ARM loans limited the amount of the increase in the loan balance to 115% of the original balance. At the earlier of 5 years from origination or reaching the 115% cap, the loan was contractually reset to be repaid on a fully

amortizing basis over its remaining term. Some residential mortgage loans were also originated under "reduced-doc" and "no-doc" programs requiring reduced or no verification of the borrowers' income, employment and assets.

The following table presents a breakdown of the 1-4 single family residential mortgage portfolio categorized between fixed rate, option adjustable rate mortgages and non-option adjustable rate mortgages at the dates indicated *(dollars in thousands)*:

			At September 30,					
	At May 21, 2	2009	2008		2007			
	Total	% of	Total	% of	Total	% of		
	Loans	Total	Loans	Total	Loans	<u>Total</u>		
1-4 single family residential loans								
Fixed rate loans	\$ 1,774,598	19.7%\$	1,636,063	16.5%\$	1,574,004	14.7%		
Adjustable rate loans								
Option adjustable rate mortgages(1)	4,685,090	52.1%	6,714,460	67.7%	7,596,855	71.1%		
Non-option adjustable rate mortgages	2,533,389	28.2%	1,566,173	15.8%	1,522,973	14.2%		
Total	\$ 8,993,077	100.0%\$	9,916,696	100.0%\$	10,693,832	100.0%		

<sup>(1)</sup> Payment option loans with balances of \$3.8 billion, \$5.9 billion and \$6.7 billion representing 78.9%, 88.2% and 89% of the payment option portfolio, respectively, were negatively amortizing at May 21, 2009, September 30, 2008 and September 30, 2007, respectively. As of May 21, 2009, September 30, 2008 and September 30, 2007, negative amortization included in the payment option portfolio totaled \$265.3 million or 5.6% of the portfolio, \$374.5 million or 5.6% of the portfolio and \$270.2 million or 3.6% of the portfolio, respectively.

A breakdown of 1-4 single family residential loans by state as of the dates indicated follows (dollars in millions):

			At September 30,				
	At May 21	1, 2009	2008		2007		
	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	
Florida	\$ 5,076	56.4%\$	5,508	55.5%\$	5,966	55.8%	
California	721	8.0%	823	8.3%	851	7.9%	
Illinois	501	5.6%	542	5.5%	599	5.6%	
Arizona	500	5.6%	611	6.2%	661	6.2%	
New Jersey	480	5.3%	518	5.2%	547	5.1%	
Virginia	348	3.9%	418	4.2%	471	4.4%	
States with less than 4%	1,367	15.2%	1,497	15.1%	1,599	15.0%	
Total	\$ 8,993	100.0%\$	9,917	100.0%\$	10,694	100.0%	

# **Asset Quality**

Impaired Loans and Non-performing Assets

The following table summarizes the Company's impaired loans, including troubled debt restructurings, and other non-performing assets as of the dates indicated (dollars in thousands):

Non-performing assets to total assets 23.53% 11.13% 1.51% 0.16% 0.08% Non-performing loans and troubled debt restructurings to total loans 30.49% 12.54% 1.59% 0.18% 0.10%		At May 21,				At September 30,				
Real estate loans:				2008		2007		2006		2005
Payment option										
Payment option         \$ 1,674,325         \$ 968,647         \$ 149,749         \$ 11,757         \$ 3,286           Non-payment option         453,743         153,125         22,894         5,826         3,746           Total 1-4 single family residential         2,128,068         1,121,772         172,643         17,583         7,032           Home equity loans and lines of credit         2,128,068         1,121,772         172,643         17,583         7,032           Multi-family         21,544         10,028         2.5593         2.—        —           Commercial real estate         2,888         5,593             Land         94,493         38,465               Construction         78,403         58,549               Total real estate loans         2,352,659         1,237,680         180,487         17,641         7,106           Other loans: <td></td>										
Non-payment option         453,743         153,125         22,894         5,826         3,746           Total 1-4 single family residential         2,128,068         1,121,772         172,643         17,583         7,032           Home equity loans and lines of credit         27,263         8,866         2,251         58         74           Multi-family         21,544         10,028         —         —         —           Comercial real estate         2,888         —         5,593         —         —           Construction         78,403         58,549         —         —         —           Land         94,493         38,465         —         —         —           Total real estate loans         2,352,659         1,237,680         180,487         17,641         7,106           Other loans:         Total real estate loans         763         65         232         3,073         1,285           Consumer         23         30         91         26         —           Total other loans         786         95         323         3,093         1,285           Consumer         23         30         91         26         —           Total other loans	o v	A 4 65 4 205	Φ.	0.60 6.4	Φ.	4 40 = 40				2 200
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Construction         78,403         58,549         —         —         —           Land         94,493         38,465         —         —         —           Total real estate loans         2,352,659         1,237,680         180,487         17,641         7,106           Other loans:         Commercial         763         65         232         3,073         1,285           Consumer         23         30         91         26         —           Total other loans         786         95         323         3,099         1,285           Total nonaccrual loans         2,353,445         1,237,775         180,810         20,740         8,391           Accruing loans 90 days or more past due         —         71         493         —         —           Other impaired loans still accruing         353,903         195,073         19,771         —         —           Total non-performing loans         2,707,348         1,432,919         201,074         20,740         8,391           OREO         177,679         135,324         27,732         729         542           Total non-performing assets         2,885,027         1,568,243         228,806         21,469         <	3	,		10,028		_		_		_
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Allowance for loan losses to total loans 11.14% 5.98% 0.46% 0.32% 0.32%	Allowance for loan losses to total loans	11.14%	6	5.98%	ó	0.46%	6	0.32%	ó	0.32%
Allowance for loan losses to non-performing loans 45.33% 49.96% 29.15% 175.40% 306.94%	Allowance for loan losses to non-performing loans	45.33%	6	49.96%	ó	29.15%	6	175.40%	ó	306.94%

<sup>(1)</sup> Consists of only 1-4 single family residential loans.

The increase in total non-performing assets from \$228.8 million at September 30, 2007 to \$1.6 billion at September 30, 2008 and \$2.9 billion at May 21, 2009 resulted directly from the economic downturn, both nationally and in the Failed Bank's primary geographic markets, particularly the precipitous decline in housing prices. Non-performing loans were concentrated in the option ARM portfolio, and a significant percentage of the non-performing loans were those with higher LTV ratios, originated during periods of historically high housing prices.

Interest income foregone on nonaccrual loans amounted to \$88.9 million for the period ending May 21, 2009 as compared to \$85.9 million for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008 and \$10.0 million for fiscal 2007. Interest income reversed due to loans being placed on nonaccrual status amounted to \$20.1 million for the period ending May 21, 2009 as compared to \$39.3 million for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2008 and \$8.1 million for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2007.

Nonaccrual loans include troubled debt restructured loans of \$177.3 million, and \$65.7 million at May 21, 2009 and September 30, 2008, respectively. There were no troubled debt restructured loans included in nonaccrual loans at September 30, 2007, 2006 or 2005. Additional interest income that would have been recognized on troubled debt restructured loans not on nonaccrual status if they had been current based on their original contractual terms was \$3.3 million and \$0.5 million for the period ended May 21, 2009 and the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, respectively. Interest income recognized on these loans for the period ended May 21, 2009 and the fiscal year ended September 30, 2008 was \$14.6 million and \$2.9 million, respectively.

# Analysis of the Allowance for Loan Losses

The following table provides an analysis of the allowance for loan losses and net charge-offs for the periods indicated (dollars in thousands):

	Period from October 1, 2008		Fiscal Years Ended September 30,						
		tober 1, 2008 May 21, 2009		2008		2007	2006	2005	
Allowance for loan losses, beginning of period	\$	715,917	\$	58,623	\$	36,378	\$ 25,755	\$ 24,039	
Provision for loan losses		919,139		856,374		31,500	10,400	3,840	
Charge-offs:									
1-4 single family residential		(434,391)		(211,323)		(5,347)	(130)	(972)	
Home equity loans and lines of credit		(12,676)		(9,396)		(620)	(241)	(572)	
Multi-family		_		_		_	_	_	
Commercial real estate		_		_		_	_	_	
Construction		_		(1,218)		_	_		
Land		_		(6,647)		(2,651)	_	_	
Commercial		(879)		(1,468)		(2,425)	(902)	(1,527)	
Consumer		(1,064)		(257)		(7)		(118)	
Total charge-offs		(449,010)		(230,309)		(11,050)	(1,273)	(3,189)	
Recoveries:									
1-4 single family residential		40,825		31,079		1,407	_	—	
Home equity loans and lines of credit		111		34		73	_	43	
Multi-family		_		_		_	_	_	
Commercial real estate		_		_		_	_	298	
Construction		_		_		_	_	_	
Land		_		_		_	_	_	
Commercial		189		115		306	1,482	705	
Consumer		2		1		9	14	19	
Total recoveries		41,127		31,229		1,795	1,496	1,065	
Net charge-offs		(407,883)		(199,080)		(9,255)	223	(2,124)	
Allowance for loan losses, end of period	\$	1,227,173	\$	715,917	\$	58,623	\$ 36,378	\$ 25,755	
Ratio of net charge-offs to average loans receivable		%							
outstanding during the period		5.51(1)	_	1.58%	_	0.08%	0.00%	0.03%	

<sup>(1)</sup> Annualized.

The following table allocates the allowance for loan losses by loan category as of the dates indicated (dollars in thousands):

			At September 30,							
	At May 21, 2009		2008	2008		7	2006		2005	
	Amount	%(1)	Amount	%(1)	Amount	%(1)	Amount	%(1)	Amount	%(1)
1-4 single family residential	\$ 890,551	83.1%	\$ 616,486	84.4% \$	33,911	86.3% \$	12,917	85.9%	8,292	84.2%
Home equity loans and lines of credit	41,638	4.7%	16,055	4.1%	6,850	3.4%	3,971	3.2%	2,909	3.3%
Multi-family	1,461	1.2%	836	1.2%	960	1.0%	684	0.8%	891	1.4%
Commercial real estate	186,130	5.5%	891	5.1%	8,092	4.0%	6,316	3.7%	3,076	4.3%
Construction	53,452	1.7%	47,495	1.5%	1,173	1.2%	1,396	1.5%	697	1.1%
Land	47,986	2.0%	30,699	1.9%	2,426	2.5%	2,696	3.0%	1,886	3.0%
Commercial	5,102	1.7%	2,860	1.7%	4,331	1.5%	7,613	1.7%	7,161	2.5%
Consumer	853	0.1%	595	0.1%	880	0.1%	785	0.2%	843	0.2%
Total allowance for loan losses	\$ 1,227,173	100.0%	715,917	100.0% \$	58,623	100.0% \$	36,378	100.0%	25,755	100.0%

(1) Represents percentage of loans receivable in each category to total loans receivable.

# Other Assets

# Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets

Goodwill of \$28.4 million at May 21, 2009 and at September 30, 2008 arose from previous business combinations entered into by the Failed Bank. Goodwill impairment tests were performed as of May 21, 2009 and as of September 30, 2008. As of May 21, 2009, the carrying value of the reporting unit to which goodwill was assigned was negative, therefore, the first phase of the goodwill impairment test was passed and no impairment of goodwill was recorded. At September 30, 2008, the carrying value of the reporting unit exceeded its estimated fair value, so the first phase of the goodwill impairment test was failed, indicating potential impairment. The second phase of the goodwill impairment test consists of comparing the carrying amount of goodwill to its implied fair value, derived by performing a pro-forma purchase price allocation of the reporting unit's identifiable assets and liabilities as of the impairment testing date, based on their estimated fair values. Based on this comparison, the implied fair value of goodwill exceeded its carrying amount; therefore, no impairment was indicated.

# Other Assets

Other assets totaled \$212.3 million and \$247.1 million at May 21, 2009 and September 30, 2008, respectively. The most significant components of the decrease in other assets from September 30, 2008 to May 21, 2009 were a \$25.9 million decline in mortgage servicing rights arising from impairment charges, and a \$18.5 million decline in accrued interest receivable attributable primarily to the decline in total loans outstanding and the increase in non-performing loans.

# **Deposits**

The following table presents information about deposits for the periods indicated (dollars in thousands):

	Period f October 1,		Fiscal Years Ended September 30,							
	May 21,		200	8	2007					
	Average Balance	Average Rate Paid	Average Balance	Average Rate Paid	Average Balance	Average Rate Paid				
Demand deposits:										
Non-interest bearing	\$ 282,215	%	\$ 441,570	%	\$ 503,353	%				
Interest bearing	164,669	0.85%	199,942	1.07%	232,451	1.66%				
Savings and money market accounts	1,485,455	2.95%	1,873,728	3.61%	1,736,947	4.58%				
Time deposits	6,611,919	4.04%	4,929,198	4.53%	4,325,561	5.06%				
Total deposits	\$ 8,544,258	3.66%	\$ 7,444,438	3.93%	\$ 6,798,312	4.45%				

# **Borrowed Funds**

The following table sets forth information regarding the short-term borrowings, consisting of securities sold under agreements to repurchase and federal funds purchased, as of the dates, and for the periods, indicated (dollars in thousands):

	Ending	Weighted- Average	Maximum Amount	Yearly Weig Average	,
	Balance	Rate	At Month-End	Balance	Rate
For the period from October 1, 2008 to May 21, 2009:	\$ 1,310	0.00%	\$ 48,114	\$ 22,732	0.40%
For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2008:	\$ 56,930	0.99%	\$ 227,218	\$ 124,564	3.00%
For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2007:	\$ 143,072	4.58%	\$ 844,435	\$ 407,962	5.24%

# **Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates**

Our consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles and follow general practices within the industry in which we operate. Application of these principles requires management to make complex and subjective estimates and judgments that affect the amounts reported in the consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes. We base our estimates on historical experience and on various other assumptions that we believe to be reasonable under current circumstances. These assumptions form the basis for our judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily available from independent, objective sources. We evaluate our estimates on an ongoing basis. Use of alternative assumptions may have resulted in significantly different estimates. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

Accounting policies are an integral part of our financial statements. A thorough understanding of these accounting policies is essential when reviewing our reported results of operations and our financial position. We believe that the critical accounting policies and estimates discussed below involve additional management judgment due to the complexity and sensitivity of the methods and assumptions used.

#### Allowance for Loan Losses

The allowance for loan losses represents management's estimate of probable loan losses inherent in the Company's loan portfolio. Determining the amount of the allowance for loan losses is considered a critical accounting estimate because it requires significant judgment and the use of estimates related to the amount and timing of expected future cash flows on impaired loans, estimated losses based on risk characteristics of loans, and consideration of other qualitative factors, all of which may be susceptible to significant change. "Note 1—Summary of Significant Accounting Policies" of the notes to our audited consolidated financial statements describes the methodology used to determine the allowance for loan losses.

# Accounting for Covered Loans

A significant portion of the Company's loans acquired on May 21, 2009 and covered by Loss Sharing Agreements demonstrated evidence of deterioration of credit quality since origination. We refer to these loans as ACI Loans. The accounting for these loans and the related FDIC indemnification asset requires the Company to estimate the timing and amount of cash flow to be collected from these loans and to continually update estimates of the cash flows expected to be collected over the life of the loans. These estimates are considered to be critical accounting estimates because they involve significant judgment and assumptions as to the amount and timing of cash flows to be collected.

Covered 1-4 single family residential loans were placed into homogenous pools at Acquisition and the ongoing credit quality and performance of these loans is monitored on a pool basis. We performed a detailed analysis of the acquired loan portfolio to determine the key loan characteristics influencing performance. We determined key characteristics to include delinquency status, product type, in particular, amortizing as opposed to option ARM products, current indexed LTV ratio and original FICO score. At Acquisition, the fair value of the pools was measured based on the expected cash flows to be derived from each pool. Initial cash flow expectations incorporated significant assumptions regarding prepayment rates, frequency of default and loss severity. For ACI pools, the difference between total contractual payments due and the cash flows expected to be received at Acquisition was recognized as non-accretable difference. The excess of expected cash flows over the recorded fair value of each ACI pool at Acquisition is referred to as the accretable yield and is being recognized as interest income over the life of each pool.

We monitor the pools quarterly by updating our expected cash flows to determine whether any material changes have occurred in expected cash flows that would be indicative of impairment or necessitate reclassification between non-accretable difference and accretable yield. The analysis of expected cash flows for residential ACI pools incorporates updated pool level expected prepayment rates, default rates, and delinquency levels, and loan level loss severity given default assumptions. Prepayment, delinquency and default curves used for this purpose are derived from roll rates generated from the historical performance of the ACI residential loan portfolio observed over the immediately preceding four quarters. Generally, improvements in expected cash flows less than 2% of the UPB of a pool are not recorded. This initial threshold may be revised as we gain greater experience. Generally, commercial and commercial real estate loans are monitored individually due to their size and other unique characteristics. The expected cash flows are estimated based on factors which include loan grades established in the Bank's ongoing credit review program, likelihood of default based on observations of specific loans during the credit review process as well as applicable industry data, loss severity based on updated evaluation of cash flow from available collateral, and the contractual terms of the underlying loan agreement.

# Other Real Estate Owned

Assets acquired through, or in lieu of, loan foreclosure are held for sale and are initially recorded at the fair value of the collateral at the date of foreclosure based on estimates, including some obtained from third parties, less estimated costs to sell, establishing a new cost basis. Subsequent to foreclosure, valuations are periodically performed by management, and the assets are carried at the lower of cost or fair value, less estimated costs to sell. Significant property improvements that enhance the salability of the property are capitalized to the extent that the carrying value does not exceed estimated realizable value. Legal fees, maintenance and other direct costs of foreclosed properties are expensed as incurred. Given the large number of properties included in OREO, and the judgment involved in estimating fair value of the properties, accounting for OREO is regarded as a critical accounting policy.

#### **Profits Interest Units**

The LLC has issued equity awards in the form of PIUs to certain members of management. Compensation expense related to PIU awards is based on the fair value of the underlying unit on the date of the consolidated financial statements. Fair value of PIUs are estimated using a Black-Scholes option pricing model, which requires assumptions as to expected volatility, dividends, terms, and risk free rates. Determining the fair value of the PIUs is considered a critical accounting estimate because it requires significant judgments and the determination of fair value may be material to our consolidated financial statements. See "Note 1—Summary of Significant Accounting Policies" and "Note 15—Due to BUFH for Equity Awards Classified as Liabilities" of the notes to our audited consolidated financial statements for a description of PIUs.

# **Deferred Tax Asset**

Deferred income tax assets and liabilities result from temporary differences between assets and liabilities measured for financial reporting purposes and for income tax return purposes. Realization of tax benefits for deductible temporary differences depends on having sufficient taxable income of an appropriate character within the carryforward periods. Management must evaluate the probability of realizing the deferred tax asset and determine the need for a valuation reserve as of the date of the consolidated financial statements. Given the judgment involved and the amount of the Company's deferred tax asset, this is considered a critical accounting estimate. See "Note 16—Income taxes" in the notes to our audited consolidated financial statements for a discussion of the Company's deferred taxes.

# **Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

In June 2009, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued guidance modifying the accounting for transfers and servicing of financial assets and removing the concept of a Qualifying Special Purpose Entity. This guidance was effective for transfers of financial assets occurring after December 31, 2009 and was adopted by the Company as of January 1, 2010. The adoption of this guidance did not have a material impact on the Company's financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

In June 2009, the FASB issued guidance impacting the determination of whether an entity is a variable interest entity ("VIE") and identification of the primary beneficiary of a VIE. The objective of this guidance was to improve financial reporting by enterprises involved with VIE's. This guidance was adopted by the Company as of January 1, 2010. Adoption did not have a material impact on the Company's financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

In January 2010, the FASB issued new guidance to improve disclosures about fair value measurements. Disclosure requirements were enhanced to require additional information regarding transfers to and from Levels 1 and 2 of the fair value hierarchy and the reasons for the transfers, and a gross presentation of activity within the rollforward of Level 3 fair value measurements. The guidance clarifies existing disclosure requirements as to the level of disaggregation of classes of assets and

liabilities. In addition, enhanced disclosure is required concerning inputs and valuation techniques used to determine Level 2 and Level 3 fair value measurements. This guidance is generally effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2009; however, requirements to disclose separately purchases, sales, issuances, and settlements in the Level 3 rollforward are effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2010. The adoption of this guidance did not have a material impact on the Company's financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

In March 2010, the FASB issued new guidance clarifying that a modification of a loan that is part of a pool of loans acquired with deteriorated credit quality should not result in the removal of the loan from the pool. This guidance was effective for any modifications of loans accounted for within a pool in the first interim or annual reporting period ending after July 15, 2010. The adoption of this guidance did not have a material impact on the Company's financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

In July 2010, the FASB issued new guidance requiring expanded disclosures about the credit quality of financing receivables and the allowance for loan losses. Disclosures must be disaggregated by portfolio segment and class and include, among other things, a rollforward of the allowance for loan losses, credit qualify indicators, expanded information about past due and impaired loans and the related allowance, an aging of past due loans, and information about troubled debt restructurings. The required disclosures of information as of the end of a reporting period will be effective for the Company in its annual financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2010. Required disclosures about activity that occurs during a reporting period will be effective for the Company in the quarter ending March 31, 2011. The new guidance will result in additional financial statement disclosures but will not affect the Company's financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

# **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

To date, stockholder's equity has been influenced primarily by earnings, and to a lesser extent, changes in the unrealized gains, net of taxes, on investment securities available for sale and changes in unrealized losses, net of taxes on cash flow hedges. Stockholder's equity increased \$149.3 million, or 15.8%, from \$945.0 million at inception to \$1.1 billion at December 31, 2009, due to the retention of earnings and increase in unrealized gains on available for sale investment securities. Stockholder's equity increased \$148.6 million, or 13.6%, to \$1.2 billion at September 30, 2010, primarily due to the retention of earnings.

BankUnited must get approval by the OTS to pay dividends to its parent. Applications were filed with the OTS in August 2010 and November 2010 requesting approval to pay a quarterly dividend from BankUnited to BankUnited, Inc. Approval of the OTS was obtained via letters dated August 31, 2010 and December 3, 2010. A dividend was paid in October 2010 with another declared in December 2010.

Pursuant to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Improvement Act, or FDICIA, the OTS and FDIC have adopted regulations setting forth a five-tier system for measuring the capital adequacy of the financial institutions they supervise. At September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, BankUnited had capital levels that exceeded the well-capitalized guidelines. In addition, a condition of approval of BankUnited's application for Federal Deposit Insurance requires BankUnited to maintain a tier 1 leverage ratio at no less than eight percent throughout the first three years of operation. To date, BankUnited has exceeded that requirement.

Liquidity involves our ability to raise funds to support asset growth or reduce assets to meet deposit withdrawals and other borrowing needs, to maintain reserve requirements and to otherwise operate the Company on an ongoing basis. The Bank's liquidity needs are primarily met by its cash position, growth in core deposits, cash flow from its amortizing investment and loan portfolios, and reimbursements under the Loss Sharing Agreements. For additional information regarding our operating, investing, and financing cash flows, see "Consolidated Financial Statements—Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows."

If necessary, the Bank has the ability to raise liquidity through collateralized borrowings, FHLB advances, or the sale of its available for sale investment portfolio. The Company's asset/liability policy has established several measures of liquidity, including liquid assets (defined as cash and cash equivalents, and pledgeable securities) to total assets. The Company's liquidity is considered acceptable if liquid assets divided by total assets exceeds 2.5%. At September 30, 2010, the Company's liquid assets divided by total assets was 13.5%.

As a holding company, BankUnited, Inc. is a corporation separate and apart from our subsidiary BankUnited, and therefore, provides for its own liquidity. BankUnited, Inc.'s main sources of funding include management fees and dividends paid by its subsidiaries, and access to capital markets. There are regulatory limitations that affect the ability of BankUnited to pay dividends to BankUnited, Inc. Management believes that such limitations will not impact our ability to meet our on-going short-term cash obligations. We declared quarterly dividends of \$14.0 million on September 17 and December 9, 2010. In addition, on October 19, 2010, we declared a special one-time dividend of \$6.0 million.

We expect that after consummation of this offering, our cash and liquidity requirements will be generated by operations, including reimbursements under the Loss Sharing Agreements, and we intend to satisfy our capital requirements over the next 12 months through these sources of liquidity.

# **Interest Rate Sensitivity**

The principal component of the Company's risk of loss arising from adverse changes in the fair value of financial instruments, or market risk, is interest rate risk. The primary objective of the Company's asset/liability management activities is to maximize net interest income, while maintaining acceptable levels of interest rate risk. The Company's Asset Liability Committee, or ALCO, is responsible for establishing policies to limit exposure to interest rate risk, and to ensure procedures are established to monitor compliance with these policies. The guidelines established by ALCO are reviewed and approved by the Company's Board of Directors. However, assets and liabilities with similar repricing characteristics may not reprice at the same time or to the same degree.

Management believes that the simulation of net interest income in different interest rate environments provides the most meaningful measure of the Company's interest rate risk. Income simulation analysis is designed to capture not only the potential of all assets and liabilities to mature or reprice, but also the probability that they will do so. Income simulation also attends to the relative interest rate sensitivities of these items, and projects their behavior over an extended period of time. Finally, income simulation permits management to access the probable effects on the balance sheet not only of changes in interest rates, but also of proposed strategies for responding to them.

The Company's income simulation model analyzes interest rate sensitivity by projecting net interest income over the next twenty four months in a most likely rate scenario based on forward interest rate curves versus net interest income in alternative rate scenarios. Management continually reviews and refines its interest rate risk management process in response to the changing economic climate. Currently, the Company's model projects a plus 100, plus 200, and plus 300 basis point change (with rates increasing 25 basis points per month until the applicable limit is reached) as well as a modified flat scenario incorporating a flattened yield curve. We did not simulate a decrease in interest rates at September 30, 2010 due to the extremely low rate environment.

The Company's ALCO policy has established that interest income sensitivity will be considered acceptable if net interest income in the plus 200 basis point scenario is within 10% of forecasted net interest income in the most likely rate scenario over the next twelve months and within 12% in the second year. At September 30, 2010, the impact on projected net interest income in a plus 200 basis point scenario is 1.4% in the first twelve months and 8.8% in the second year.

These forecasts are within an acceptable level of interest rate risk per the policies established by ALCO. In the event the model indicates an unacceptable level of risk, the Company could undertake a

number of actions that would reduce this risk, including the sale of a portion of its available for sale investment portfolio or the use of risk management strategies such as interest rate swaps and caps.

Many assumptions were used by the Company to calculate the impact of changes in interest rates, including the change in rates. Actual results may not be similar to the Company's projections due to several factors including the timing and frequency of rate changes, market conditions and the shape of the yield curve. Actual results may also differ due to the Company's actions, if any, in response to the changing rates.

# **Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

# **Commitments**

We routinely enter into commitments to extend credit to our customers, including commitments to fund loans or lines of credit and commercial and standby letters of credit. The credit risk associated with these commitments is essentially the same as that involved in extending loans to customers and they are subject to our normal credit policies and approval processes. While these commitments represent contractual cash requirements, a significant portion of commitments to extend credit may expire without being drawn upon. The following table details our outstanding commitments to extend credit as of September 30, 2010 (dollars in thousands):

	Covered	Non-Covered	Total
Commitments to fund loans	\$ 4,301	\$ 181,216	\$ 185,517
Unfunded commitments under lines of credit	174,132	125,703	299,835
Commercial and standby letters of credit	1,933	6,896	8,829
Total	\$ 180,366	\$ 313,815	\$ 494,181

# **Derivative Financial Instruments**

Interest rate swaps are one of the tools we use to manage interest rate risk. These derivative instruments are used to mitigate exposure to changes in interest rates on FHLB advances and time deposits. These interest rate swaps are designated as cash flow hedging instruments. The fair value of these instruments is included in other assets or other liabilities in our consolidated balance sheets and changes in fair value are reported in accumulated other comprehensive income. At September 30, 2010, outstanding interest rate swaps designated as cash flow hedges had an aggregate notional amount of \$630.0 million. The aggregate fair value of interest rate swaps designated as cash flow hedges included in other liabilities at September 30, 2010 was \$67.7 million.

# **Contractual Obligations**

The following table contains supplemental information regarding our outstanding contractual obligations as of December 31, 2009 (dollars in thousands):

	Total	Less than 1 Y	ear 1-3 Years	3-5 Years	More than 5 Years
Long-term debt obligations	\$ 2,226,938	\$ 472,	849 \$ 1,245,083	\$ 509,006	\$ —
Operating lease obligations	51,837	8,	665 24,393	3 10,871	7,908
Service contracts and purchase obligations	_			- —	_
Certificates of deposits	4,633,823	3,677,	617 834,759	9 121,447	_
Other long-term liabilities reflected on the balance					
sheet	_				_
Total	\$ 6,912,598	\$ 4,159,	\$ 2,104,235	5 \$ 641,324	\$ 7,908

#### BUSINESS

#### Summary

BankUnited, Inc. is a savings and loan holding company with two wholly-owned subsidiaries: BankUnited, which is one of the largest independent depository institution headquartered in Florida by assets, and BankUnited Investment Services, a Florida insurance agency which provides comprehensive wealth management products and financial planning services. BankUnited is a federally-chartered, federally-insured savings association headquartered in Miami Lakes, Florida, with \$11.2 billion of assets, more than 1,100 professionals and 78 branches in 13 counties at September 30, 2010. Our goal is to build a premier, large regional bank with a low-risk, long-term value-oriented business model focused on small and medium sized businesses and consumers. We endeavor to provide personalized customer service and offer a full range of traditional banking products and financial services to both our commercial and consumer customers, who are predominantly located in Florida.

BankUnited, Inc. was organized by a management team led by our Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Kanas, on April 28, 2009 and was initially capitalized with \$945.0 million by a group of investors. On May 21, 2009, BankUnited was granted a savings association charter and the newly formed bank acquired substantially all of the assets and assumed all of the non-brokered deposits and substantially all other liabilities of the Failed Bank from the FDIC in the Acquisition. Concurrently with the Acquisition, we entered into the Loss Sharing Agreements, which cover certain legacy assets, including the entire legacy loan portfolio and OREO, and certain purchased investment securities, including private-label mortgage-backed securities and non-investment grade securities.

Since the Bank's establishment in May 2009, we have pursued our new strategy and as part of this strategy we have recruited a new executive management team and substantially enhanced our middle management team, redesigned the Bank's underwriting functions, and have begun the process of improving the Bank's information technology systems and optimizing our existing branch network. For the nine months ended September 30, 2010, the Company was one of the most profitable and well-capitalized bank holding companies in the United States, having earned 1.9% on its average assets and 17.7% on its average common stockholder's equity, and achieved a 41.9% efficiency ratio. BankUnited's tier 1 leverage ratio was 10.1% and its tier 1 risk-based capital ratio was 42.5% at September 30, 2010. The Company's tangible common equity ratio was 10.7% at September 30, 2010. We intend to invest our excess capital to grow opportunistically both organically and through acquisitions.

Our management team is led by Mr. Kanas, a veteran of the banking industry who built North Fork into a leading regional bank. At the time of its sale to Capital One in December 2006, North Fork was one of the top 25 bank holding companies in the United States. Mr. Kanas served as the Chairman of North Fork from 1986 to 2006 and President and Chief Executive Officer of North Fork from 1977 to 2006. Through organic growth and over 15 acquisitions, Mr. Kanas oversaw the growth and expansion of North Fork from less than \$1 billion in assets in 1977 to nearly \$60 billion in assets by 2006. According to FactSet Research Systems, while for the five-year period prior to its sale to Capital One, North Fork generated a total annualized return of 11.2%, which equaled the median total annualized return of the top fifty U.S. bank holding companies (excluding North Fork) by assets, for the ten-year period, North Fork generated a total annualized return of 20.5%, compared to a median total annualized return of 14.5%. North Fork distinguished itself as one of the most efficient banking companies in the United States through Mr. Kanas' vision of safe and prudent expansion, cost control and capital management. North Fork was sold to Capital One in December 2006 for \$13.2 billion, or 4.0 times tangible equity, a transaction multiple higher than both the median transaction multiple of 3.2 for sales of banks with assets between \$10 billion and \$30 billion and the median transaction multiple of 3.0 for sales in the banking industry during the period from 2000 to 2006.

#### The Acquisition

#### Overview

On May 21, 2009 BankUnited entered into the Purchase and Assumption Agreement with the FDIC, Receiver of the Failed Bank, to acquire substantially all of the assets and assume all of the non-brokered deposits and substantially all other liabilities of the Failed Bank. Excluding the effects of acquisition accounting adjustments, BankUnited acquired \$13.6 billion of assets and assumed \$12.8 billion of liabilities. The fair value of the assets acquired was \$10.9 billion and the fair value of the liabilities assumed was \$13.1 billion. BankUnited received a net cash consideration from the FDIC in the amount of \$2.2 billion.

The Acquisition consisted of assets with a fair value of \$10.9 billion, including \$5.0 billion of loans (with a corresponding UPB of \$11.2 billion), a \$3.4 billion FDIC indemnification asset, \$538.9 million of investment securities, \$1.2 billion of cash and cash equivalents, \$177.7 million of foreclosed assets, \$243.3 million of FHLB stock and \$347.4 million of other assets. Liabilities with a fair value of \$13.1 billion were also assumed, including \$8.3 billion of non-brokered deposits, \$4.6 billion of FHLB advances, and \$112.2 million of other liabilities.

Several elements of our Acquisition are favorable relative to other FDIC-assisted transactions and position the Company to generate significant value. At the time of the Acquisition, bank failures were on the rise and the U.S. Treasury's unprecedented Supervisory Capital Assessment Program for the largest U.S. bank holding companies was underway. Due in part to the distress in the banking system, economic uncertainty and poor capital markets conditions, the Covered Loans and OREO were purchased by the Bank in a bidding process for 76.5% of their \$11.4 billion in UPB as of the Acquisition date, which represented the fair market value for those assets at that time. The discount was one of the largest relative to other FDIC-assisted transactions and reflected, in addition to the above mentioned factors, the poor quality of the assets acquired as noted by the ratio of non-performing assets to total assets of 23.5% at May 21, 2009. In addition, the Company's bid included the granting of a warrant to the FDIC, allowing the FDIC to participate in the economic upside of the transaction if certain performance levels are achieved. Along with the pricing terms, the Loss Sharing Agreements and the size of the transaction enable the Company to generate significant capital even in severe loss scenarios. For example, in the worst case scenario of a 100% credit loss on all Covered Loans and OREO, we would recover no less than 89.7% of the UPB as of the Acquisition date, assuming compliance with the terms of the Loss Sharing Agreements.

Furthermore, the Loss Sharing Agreements include attractive provisions that optimize our flexibility and reduce our risk associated with the Covered Assets, including the following:

- **Ability to sell loans.** We may sell up to 2.5% of the Covered Loans based on the UPB at Acquisition, or approximately \$280.0 million, on an annual basis without prior consent of the FDIC. Any losses incurred from such loan sales are covered under the Loss Sharing Agreements.
- *No residual credit risk.* We have the right to sell any or all of the Covered Assets at the termination date of our Loss Sharing Agreements, and any losses incurred will be covered. This allows us to crystallize any residual loss that would otherwise materialize after the expiration of the Loss Sharing Agreements.
- Certain securities covered. Certain private-label mortgage-backed securities purchased in the Acquisition are covered under the Loss Sharing Agreements.
- Enhanced flexibility to execute corporate strategy opportunistically. The Bank has the ability to pursue certain strategic transactions including, after an 18-month lock-up period from the Acquisition date, this offering.

We view our relationship with the FDIC as a long-term partnership in which both parties are economically aligned to minimize credit losses on the Covered Assets.

#### Loss Sharing Agreements

Concurrently with the Acquisition, the Bank entered into the Loss Sharing Agreements with the FDIC that cover certain legacy assets, including the entire loan portfolio and OREO, and certain purchased investment securities, including private-label mortgage-backed securities and non-investment grade securities. At September 30, 2010, the Covered Assets consisted of assets with a book value of \$4.3 billion. The total UPB (or, for investment securities, unamortized cost basis) of the Covered Assets at September 30, 2010 was \$8.9 billion. The Bank acquired other BankUnited, FSB assets that are not covered by the Loss Sharing Agreements with the FDIC including cash, certain investment securities purchased at fair market value and other tangible assets. The Loss Sharing Agreements do not apply to subsequently acquired, purchased or originated assets.

Pursuant to the terms of the Loss Sharing Agreements, the Covered Assets are subject to a stated loss threshold whereby the FDIC will reimburse the Bank for 80% of losses up to the \$4.0 billion stated threshold and 95% of losses in excess of the \$4.0 billion stated threshold, calculated, in each case, based on UPB (or, for investment securities, unamortized cost basis) plus certain interest and expenses. The carrying value of the FDIC indemnification asset at September 30, 2010 was \$2.7 billion. The Bank will reimburse the FDIC for its share of recoveries with respect to losses for which the FDIC paid the Bank a reimbursement under the Loss Sharing Agreements. The FDIC's obligation to reimburse the Company for losses with respect to the Covered Assets began with the first dollar of loss incurred.

The Covered Securities acquired in connection with the Acquisition include certain private-label mortgage-backed securities and non-investment grade securities. The Covered Loans acquired in connection with the Acquisition include all:

- one-to-four family residential real estate loans (both owner occupied and investor-owned);
- home equity loans;
- all other loans (including commercial, commercial real estate and consumer loans);
- funding of assumed commitments and permitted advances and permitted amendments; and
- OREO.

The Loss Sharing Agreements consist of a single family shared-loss agreement or the Single Family Shared-Loss Agreement, and a commercial and other loans shared-loss agreement, or the Commercial Shared-Loss Agreement. The Single Family Shared-Loss Agreement provides for FDIC loss sharing and the Bank's reimbursement for recoveries to the FDIC for ten years from May 21, 2009 for single family residential loans. The Commercial Shared-Loss Agreement provides for FDIC loss sharing for five years from May 21, 2009 and the Bank's reimbursement for recoveries to the FDIC for eight years from May 21, 2009 for all other Covered Assets.

Under the Purchase and Assumption Agreement, the Bank may sell up to 2.5% of the Covered Loans based on the UPB at Acquisition, or approximately \$280.0 million, on an annual basis without prior consent of the FDIC. Any losses incurred from such loan sale are covered under the Loss Sharing Agreements. Any loan sale in excess of the annual 2.5% of the Covered Loans requires approval from the FDIC to be eligible for loss share coverage. However, if the Bank seeks to sell residential or non-residential loans in excess of the agreed 2.5% threshold in the nine months prior to the tenth anniversary or the fifth anniversary, respectively, and the FDIC refuses to consent, then the Single Family Shared-Loss Agreement and the Commercial Shared-Loss Agreement will be extended for two years after their respective anniversaries. The terms of the Loss Sharing Agreements are extended only

with respect to the loans to be included in such sales. The Bank will have the right to sell all or any portion of such loans without FDIC consent at any time within the nine months prior to the respective extended termination dates, and any losses incurred will be covered under the Loss Sharing Agreements. If exercised, this final sale mechanism ensures no residual credit risk in our Covered Loan portfolio that would otherwise arise from credit losses occurring after the five- and tenyear periods, respectively.

The Loss Sharing Agreements require us to follow specific servicing procedures and to undertake loss mitigation efforts. Additionally, the FDIC has information rights with respect to our performance under the Loss Sharing Agreements, requiring us to maintain detailed compliance records.

We have received \$997.2 million from the FDIC in reimbursements under the Loss Sharing Agreements for claims filed for losses incurred as of September 30, 2010.

# **Our Competitive Strengths**

We believe that we are especially well positioned to create value for our stockholders.

- Experienced and respected management team with a successful track record. Our management team is led by Mr. Kanas, who has attracted an entirely new executive management team and enhanced our middle management team with seasoned professionals with significant banking experience and a history of high performance at nationally recognized mid- to large-cap financial institutions. Many of our management team members have extensive experience working together at North Fork and have successfully executed operating business models similar to ours in the past. In addition, our management has a successful track record of growing bank franchises both organically and through acquisitions.
- **Strong and reliable revenue.** A majority of BankUnited's revenue is currently derived from assets that are covered by the Loss Sharing Agreements. For the nine months ended September 30, 2010, the Company earned 1.9% on its average assets and 17.7% on its average common stockholder's equity, both of which were among the leading ratios in the U.S. banking industry.
- Limited credit risk exposure for Covered Assets. At September 30, 2010, the Covered Assets were being carried at a book value of \$4.3 billion and the total UPB (or, for investment securities, unamortized cost basis) of the Covered Assets was \$8.9 billion. Since the Bank's current estimate of cumulative losses on the Covered Assets of approximately \$4.8 billion exceeds the \$4.0 billion stated loss threshold in the Loss Sharing Agreements, 95% of any incremental credit losses above our current estimates attributable to the Covered Assets would be absorbed by the FDIC and 5% of the losses would be absorbed by the Bank under the Loss Sharing Agreements.
- **Robust capital position.** At September 30, 2010, BankUnited was one of the most well-capitalized banks in the United States, affording it the financial flexibility to pursue growth opportunities and pay dividends. We had a 10.7% tangible common equity ratio and the Bank had a 10.1% tier 1 leverage ratio and a 42.5% tier 1 risk-based ratio. We declared quarterly dividends of \$14.0 million on September 17 and December 9, 2010. In addition, on October 19, 2010, we declared a special one-time dividend of \$6.0 million.
- *Ideally situated for growth and expansion.* We believe we are extremely well positioned for growth. The banking industry in our markets, Florida and the southeastern United States, is significantly distressed. We believe this distress will give us opportunities to acquire other institutions and attract talented bankers and customers from competing banks. Our strong capital position and generation, as well as scalable operating system, should allow us to take advantage of these opportunities.

• *New high-capacity operating platform.* Since May 2009, we have made significant investments in our infrastructure and technology in order to create a scalable platform for future organic and non-organic growth. We are in the midst of converting to a new core deposit system that has significant capacity and delivers comprehensive commercial and consumer products and services. We have made other significant investments in financial reporting and servicing systems. We believe we are creating a technology platform that will allow us to compete effectively with large regional banking institutions.

#### Our Market Area

We view our market as the southeast region of the United States with a current focus on Florida, and in particular the Miami MSA. We believe Florida represents a long-term attractive banking market. According to estimates from SNL Financial, from June 30, 2000 to June 30, 2010, Florida added 2.9 million new residents, the third most of any U.S. state, and, at June 30, 2010, had a total population of 18.9 million and a median household income of \$49,910. Additionally, the state has 1.9 million active businesses. We believe Florida's population provides tremendous opportunities for us to grow our business. At June 30, 2010, BankUnited ranked 11<sup>th</sup> in deposit market share in Florida and 6<sup>th</sup> in the Miami MSA, according to SNL Financial.

Florida's economy and banking industry continue to face significant challenges. Since 2007, many Florida banks have experienced capital constraints and liquidity challenges as a result of significant losses from loans with poor credit quality and investments that have had sizeable decreases in value or realized losses. The undercapitalization and increased regulation of the banking sector have caused many banks to reduce lending to new and existing clients and focus primarily on improving their balance sheets, putting pressure on commercial borrowers to look for new banking relationships. As of September 30, 2010, 40 banks with \$31.8 billion in assets have failed since 2008 in Florida. Given our competitive strengths, including an experienced management team, robust capital position and scalable platform, we believe these challenges present significant acquisition and organic growth opportunities for us.

Over time, we will look to expand our branch network outside of Florida in selected markets such as New York, where our management team has had significant experience and has the competitive advantage of having managed one of the most successful regional banks in that market. However, Mr. Kanas and Mr. Bohlsen, two of our named executive officers, are subject to non-compete agreements which expire in August 2012 and may restrict them from operating in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut.

# **Our Business Strategy**

Since the Acquisition, we have focused on the financial needs of small and medium sized businesses and consumers throughout Florida. Through BankUnited, we deliver a comprehensive range of traditional depository and lending products, online services and cash management tools for businesses. We also offer on a national basis commercial lease financing services through United Capital Business Lending and municipal leasing services through Pinnacle Public Finance. Through our non-bank subsidiary, BankUnited Investment Services, we offer a suite of products including mutual funds, annuities, life insurance, individual securities and other wealth management services.

Our goal is to build a premier, large regional bank in attractive growth markets, employing the following key elements:

 Transformation to relationship banking. Since the Acquisition, our primary strategic objective has been to transform the Bank from a pricedriven, transaction-based, mortgage lender to a service-

driven, relationship-based, business-focused bank. We have taken an active approach to accomplish this transformation, including:

- Recruitment of top talent. The entire management leadership team and a large majority of the next tier of management have been replaced
  with top performers who were recruited nationally. We have also hired teams of relationship bankers from regional competitors.
   Furthermore, given BankUnited's strong capital levels and expansion strategy, we believe we have an opportunity to continue hiring and
  developing talent for the foreseeable future.
- Shift of culture towards building relationships. We emphasize winning relationships rather than gathering accounts. As such, we have implemented new compensation practices that properly align our employees with our strategic vision by rewarding long-term profitability instead of volume, exited the broker business and focused on building long-term relationships with small business customers.
- *Investment in physical infrastructure.* In addition to our investment in people, we have been enhancing and optimizing both our facilities and branch network. We have focused on eliminating non-strategic branches and facilities, consolidated most of our non-branch operations into one location and improved the overall presentation and infrastructure of our resulting footprint.
- *Improvement of our technology platform.* We are committed to building a technology infrastructure that enables us to deliver best-in-class products and services to our clients and is also scalable to accommodate our long-term growth plans. As such, we have made and are continuing to make significant investments in our information technology infrastructure, including a conversion to a more robust core deposit platform that is scheduled for completion in early 2011.

With the changes implemented as discussed above, we have increased our core deposits since the Acquisition to September 30, 2010 from \$2.1 billion to \$3.8 billion and lowered our cost of deposits (excluding the impact of accretion from fair value adjustments due to acquisition accounting) from 3.5% to 1.6%. In addition, since the Acquisition to September 30, 2010, we have generated \$429.5 million of new commercial and commercial real estate loan commitments.

- *Multi-faceted expansion plan.* We intend to geographically expand our franchise and reinvest our excess capital by hiring talented producers, opening *de novo* branches and acquiring complementary businesses. These expansion strategies complement our overall strategic vision.
  - Hire talented producers. A key component to expanding our franchise footprint is to opportunistically hire talented individuals or teams
    with relationships in commercial banking, small business banking or our other primary business lines. For example, since the Acquisition
    to September 30, 2010, we have hired 31 lenders from various regional competitors.
  - *Open de novo branches*. As part of our strategy to broaden our branch network, BankUnited plans to expand into new markets and to broaden its footprint. We plan to open new branches and consolidate certain existing branches with those in more desirable locations within the same market. In 2009, we consolidated 9 branches and in 2010, we opened 2 new branches and currently have 7 branches under development, which will allow us to, among other things, expand our presence in Tampa and enter the Orlando market.
  - Acquire complementary businesses. We believe significant opportunities exist for additional expansion through acquisitions both in our
    current market and in other markets within the United States with similar characteristics that we may identify for expansion. Our
    acquisition strategy includes FDIC-assisted transactions, traditional whole bank acquisitions and

complementary acquisitions of select banking and banking-related businesses. For example, we recently acquired two leasing businesses, which serve as the platform for us to provide commercial financing services on a national basis.

- **Build a scalable and efficient operating model.** Our management team has a history of running highly efficient banking institutions and is focused on building a culture of expense control. Furthermore, we have made and intend to continue to make significant investments in our information technology systems to position us for future growth. For the nine months ended September 30, 2010, the Company's efficiency ratio was 41.9%, which compares favorably with other U.S. banks.
- *Maintain strong regulatory relationships.* We believe that maintaining strong relationships with regulators is an important element of any bank strategy. As such, we maintain an active dialogue with our primary regulator. Additionally, we view our relationship with the FDIC as a long-term partnership in which both parties are economically aligned to minimize credit losses on the Covered Assets. We continually collaborate with the FDIC to develop and implement new loss mitigation strategies for the Covered Assets. We have received \$997.2 million from the FDIC in reimbursements under the Loss Sharing Agreements for claims filed for losses incurred as of September 30, 2010.

# **Products and Services**

# **Loan Origination Activities**

*General.* Our primary lending focus is to serve consumers, commercial and middle-market businesses and their executives with a variety of financial products and services, while maintaining a strong and disciplined credit policy and procedures.

We offer a full array of lending products that cater to our customers' needs including small business loans, residential mortgage loans, commercial real estate loans, equipment loans, term loans, asset-backed loans, letters of credit and commercial lines of credit. Our lending products, policies and practices are not the same as that of the BankUnited, FSB. In particular, we do not originate or purchase negatively amortizing residential loans. As part of our loan activities, we also purchase performing residential loans on a national basis.

Concurrently with the Acquisition, nearly all lending was stopped until we developed a new lending policy which we implemented in October 2009. As of September 30, 2010, the loan portfolio includes \$344.3 million in loans originated or purchased since the Acquisition. This includes \$175.0 million in commercial loans, \$92.6 million in commercial real estate loans and \$76.7 million in residential and consumer loans. In addition, we have undrawn commitments of \$132.0 million, primarily on commercial loans.

*Commercial loans.* At September 30, 2010, \$175.0 million, or 50.8%, of our total new bank loan portfolio consisted of commercial loans. Our commercial loans, which are generally made to small and middle-market businesses primarily in Florida, include equipment loans, lines of credit, acquisition finance credit facilities and an array of Small Business Administration product offerings, and typically have maturities of 5 years or less.

Commercial real estate loans. At September 30, 2010, \$92.6 million, or 26.9%, of our new bank loan portfolio consisted of commercial real estate loans. We offer term financing for the acquisition or refinancing of properties, primarily rental apartments, industrial properties, retail shopping centers and free-standing buildings, office buildings and hotels located primarily in Florida. Other products that we provide include secured lines of credit, acquisition, development and construction loan facilities and construction financing.

Residential real estate loans. At September 30, 2010, \$71.2 million, or 20.7%, of our new bank loan portfolio consisted of both purchased (\$48.4 million) and originated (\$22.8 million) residential real estate loans. We have decided to purchase loans to supplement our nascent mortgage origination platform and to geographically diversify our loan portfolio given the current credit market environment of the non-agency mortgage market in Florida. While the credit parameters we use for purchased loans are substantially similar to the underwriting guidelines we use for originated loans, differences include: (i) loans are purchased on a nationwide basis, while originated loans are currently limited to Florida; (ii) purchased loans, on average, have a higher principal balance than originated loans; and (iii) we consider payment history in selecting which seasoned loans to purchase, while such information is not available for originated loans. We provide one-to-four family residential real estate loans with terms ranging from 10 to 40 years, with either fixed or adjustable interest rates. Loans are currently offered to customers primarily in Florida through BankUnited branches and loan officers. We do not originate subprime loans or option ARM loans. Loans are typically closed-end first lien loans for purposes of property purchased, or for refinancing existing loans with or without cashout. The majority of our loans are owner occupied, full documentation loans.

Consumer loans. At September 30, 2010, \$5.4 million, or 1.6%, of our total new bank loan portfolio consisted of consumer loans. We offer consumer loans to our customers primarily in Florida for personal, family and household purposes, including home equity loans, auto, boat and personal installment loans.

Lease financing. In the fourth quarter of 2010, we acquired two leasing businesses. We now provide secured loan and lease programs for small and medium sized businesses on a national basis through United Capital Business Lending. These loans and leases are typically used for equipment purchases and upgrades, business expansion and acquisition purposes. Through Pinnacle Public Finance, we also offer tax-exempt leasing to municipalities and governmental entities nationwide for the financing of essential-use assets.

# **Credit Policy and Procedures**

The fundamental principles of the Bank's credit policy and procedures are to maintain high quality credit standards, which enhance the long term value of the Bank to its customers, employees, stockholders and communities. Credit quality is a key corporate objective that is managed in concert with other key objectives including volume growth, earnings and expense management. We recognize that our credit policy and procedures are dynamic and responsive to the market place. It is the foundation of our credit culture.

The Board of Directors of the Bank is responsible for the safety and soundness of the Bank. As such, they are charged to monitor the efforts of the Bank's management activities. Since lending represents risk exposure, our Board and its duly appointed committees seek to ensure that the Bank maintains high credit quality standards.

The Bank has established asset oversight committees to administer the loan portfolio. These committees include: (i) the Enterprise Risk Management Committee; (ii) the Credit Risk Management Committee; (iii) the Asset Recovery Committee; and (iv) the Criticized Asset Committee. These committees meet at least quarterly to review and approve the lending activities of the Bank.

The credit approval process at the Bank provides for the prompt and thorough underwriting and approval or decline of loan requests. The approval method used is a hierarchy of individual lending authorities for new credits and renewals. The Credit Risk Management Committee approves loan authorities for lending and credit personnel, which are ultimately submitted to our Board for ratification. Lending authorities are based on position, capability and experience of the individuals filling these positions. Authorities are periodically reviewed and updated.

The Bank has established in-house borrower lending limits which are significantly lower than its legal lending limit of approximately \$169.4 million, at September 30, 2010. The present in-house lending limit is set at \$25.0 million based on total credit exposure of a borrower. However, exceptions to this limit may be made up to \$40.0 million of total credit exposure if approved by the Chief Lending Officer and Chief Executive Officer of the Bank. These limits are reviewed periodically by the Credit Risk Management Committee and approved annually by our Board.

#### **Deposits**

We offer traditional depository products including checking accounts, money market deposit accounts, savings accounts and certificates of deposit with a variety of rates. Our deposits are insured by the FDIC up to statutory limits. At September 30, 2010, the balance of our interest bearing deposits was \$6.8 billion, representing 93.3% of our total deposits, and the balance of our non-interest bearing deposits was \$492.5 million, representing 6.7% of our total deposits. Our strategy is to increase our mix of core deposits and reduce our time deposits portfolio. We have a service fee schedule, which is competitive with other financial institutions in our market, covering such matters as maintenance fees on checking accounts, per item processing fees on checking accounts, returned check charges and similar fees.

# Wealth Management

Through dedicated financial consultants and licensed bankers, BankUnited Investment Services provides a comprehensive wealth management product offering that includes mutual funds, annuities, life insurance, and individual securities. We also provide comprehensive succession planning, estate planning, and financial planning to individuals and business owners. We use a third-party financial services company to provide our trading platform, administrative and back office support, and provide our customers with 24-hour access to account balances and summaries, positions and portfolio views, transaction detail, customized portfolio view, and online statements.

#### **Investments**

The primary objectives of our investment policy are to provide liquidity necessary for the day-to-day operations of the Company, provide a suitable balance of high credit and diversified quality assets to the consolidated balance sheet, manage interest rate risk exposure, and generate acceptable returns given the Company's established risk parameters.

The investment policy is reviewed annually by our Board of Directors. Overall investment goals are established by our Board, Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, and members of ALCO. The Board has delegated the responsibility of monitoring our investment activities to ALCO. Day-to-day activities pertaining to the investment portfolio are conducted within the Company's Treasury Division under the supervision of the Chief Financial Officer.

As part of the Acquisition, we acquired an investment portfolio with a fair value of \$538.9 million. Of these assets, \$252.9 million consisted of private-label mortgage-backed securities and corporate securities which are covered by the Commercial Shared-Loss Agreement. The remaining \$286.0 million consisted of Treasury securities, municipal securities and mortgage-backed securities issued by the U.S. Government agency and sponsored enterprises, and are not covered by the Loss Sharing Agreements.

Our strategy for investment security purchases since the Acquisition has been to achieve the objectives noted above, with an emphasis on managing interest rate risk exposure and maintaining liquidity in the portfolio.

## **Marketing and Distribution**

We conduct our banking business through 78 branches located in 13 coastal counties throughout Florida as of September 30, 2010. Our distribution network also includes 73 ATMs, fully integrated on-line banking, and a telephone banking service. We target growing companies and commercial and middle-market businesses, as well as individual consumers throughout Florida.

In order to market our deposit products, we use local print advertising and direct mail and provide sales incentives for our employees.

## Competition

The primary market we serve is Florida. Our market is highly competitive. Our market contains not only a large number of community and regional banks, but also a significant presence of the country's largest commercial banks. We compete with other state and national financial institutions located in Florida and adjoining states as well as savings associations, savings banks and credit unions for deposits and loans. In addition, we compete with financial intermediaries, such as consumer finance companies, mortgage banking companies, insurance companies, securities firms, mutual funds and several government agencies as well as major retailers, all actively engaged in providing various types of loans and other financial services. Our largest banking competitors in our market include Bank of America, BankAtlantic, BB&T, JPMorgan Chase, Regions Bank, SunTrust Banks, TD Bank and Wells Fargo.

Interest rates, both on loans and deposits, and prices of fee-based services are significant competitive factors among financial institutions generally. Other important competitive factors include office location, office hours, quality of customer service, community reputation, continuity of personnel and services, and, in the case of larger commercial customers, relative lending limits and ability to offer sophisticated cash management and other commercial banking services. While we continue to provide competitive interest rates on both depository and lending products, we believe that we can compete most successfully by focusing on the financial needs of growing companies and their executives, consumers and commercial and middle-market businesses, and offering them a broad range of personalized services and sophisticated cash management tools tailored to their businesses. We also believe that further volatility and consolidation in the banking industry would create additional opportunities for us to enhance our competitive position.

## **Information Technology Systems**

## Information Technology and Bank Operations

We have recently made and continue to make significant investments in our information technology systems for our banking and lending operations and cash management activities. We believe this is a necessary investment in order to enhance our capabilities to offer new products and overall customer experience, and to provide scale for future growth and acquisitions. Critical enhancements include the consolidation of all residential servicing to a leading servicing platform, upgrading our general ledger system, selecting an automated anti-money laundering software solution and enhancing other ancillary systems. We are also in the process of converting our core deposit banking system to more effectively automate bank transactions for our branches, improve our commercial and consumer loan origination, electronic banking and direct response marketing processes, as well as enhance cash management, streamlined reporting, reconciliation support, and sales support.

The majority of our systems including our EFT, transaction processing and our online banking services are hosted by third-party service providers. Additionally, we rely on a leading third-party provider to provide a comprehensive, fully integrated solution that gives us the ability to automate areas of our residential loan servicing, including loan set-up and maintenance, customer service,

cashiering, escrow administration, investor accounting, default management, corporate accounting and federal regulatory reporting. The scalability of this new infrastructure will support our growth strategy. In addition, the capability of these vendors to automatically switch over to standby systems allows us to recover our systems and provide business continuity very quickly in case of a disaster.

## Loan Servicing

Substantially all of our loans are serviced by us. Since the Acquisition, we have invested heavily in our loan servicing platform to ensure we are taking best efforts in minimizing losses on the Covered Loans. Additionally, we have been an active participant in HAMP since 2009, which focuses on helping at-risk homeowners avoid foreclosure by reducing payments through interest rate reduction, term extension, principal forbearance and principal forgiveness. As of September 30, 2010, 8,860 borrowers have been counseled regarding their participation in HAMP, resulting in 1,878 permanent loan modifications and 225 active trial modifications.

## **Employees**

At September 30, 2010, we employed 1,145 full-time employees and 24 part-time employees. None of our employees are parties to a collective bargaining agreement. We believe that our relations with our employees are good.

## **Facilities**

We currently lease 120,672 square feet of office and operations space in Miami Lakes, Florida. This space includes our principal executive offices, operations center and a retail branch. At September 30, 2010, we provided banking services at 78 branch locations in 13 Florida counties. Of the 78 branch properties, we leased 75 locations and owned 3 locations.

At September 30, 2010, we also dedicated approximately 2,100 square feet of office and operations space in Miami Lakes, Florida to house BankUnited Investment Services, 10,619 square feet of office and operations space in Hunt Valley, Maryland to house United Business Capital Lending, and 5,488 square feet of office and operations space in Scottsdale, Arizona to house Pinnacle Public Finance.

We believe that our facilities are in good condition and are adequate to meet our operating needs for the foreseeable future.

## **Legal Proceedings**

From time to time we are a party to various litigation matters incidental to the conduct of our business. We are not presently party to any legal proceedings the resolution of which we believe would have a material adverse effect on our business, operating results, financial condition or cash flow.

#### REGULATION AND SUPERVISION

The U.S. banking industry is highly regulated under federal and state law. These regulations affect the operations of the Company and its subsidiaries. You should understand that the primary objective of the U.S. bank regulatory system is the protection of depositors, not the protection of stockholders.

Statutes, regulations and policies limit the activities in which we may engage and the conduct of our permitted activities. Further, the regulatory system imposes reporting and information collection obligations. We incur significant costs relating to compliance with these laws and regulations. Banking statutes, regulations and policies are continually under review by federal and state legislatures and regulatory agencies, and a change in them, including changes in how they are interpreted or implemented, could have a material adverse effect on our business.

The material statutory and regulatory requirements that are applicable to us are summarized below. The description below is not intended to summarize all laws and regulations applicable to us.

## **BankUnited as a Federal Savings Association**

BankUnited is a federal savings association organized under the federal Home Owners' Loan Act, or HOLA. A federal savings association is commonly referred to as a federal thrift. As a federal thrift, BankUnited is currently subject to ongoing and comprehensive supervision, regulation, examination and enforcement by the OTS. Recent changes in the law will, in the future, shift principal regulatory jurisdiction over BankUnited from the OTS to the OCC. We are in the process of evaluating the potential practical implications of this shift in regulatory jurisdiction, such as possible changes in how the Bank's regulators will examine it and what new or different standards they may apply to the Bank. To date, the Bank's regulators have not announced any details about their plans for the shift in regulatory jurisdiction and, consequently, we are not in a position at this time to know or ascertain what the actual practical implications of the shift will be for the Bank. Because BankUnited does not have plans to convert to a national bank, the existing OTS regulations will continue to apply to BankUnited, although the OCC may decide to modify these regulations.

# The Company as a Savings and Loan Holding Company

Any entity that acquires direct or indirect control of a thrift must obtain prior approval of the OTS to become a savings and loan holding company, or SLHC. The Company, which controls BankUnited, received OTS approval on May 21, 2009, to become a SLHC. As a SLHC, the Company is currently subject to ongoing and comprehensive supervision, regulation, examination and enforcement by the OTS. This OTS jurisdiction also extends to any company that is directly or indirectly controlled by us. Recent changes in the law will, in the future, shift principal regulatory jurisdiction over the Company to the Federal Reserve. We are in the process of evaluating the potential practical implications of this shift in regulatory jurisdiction, such as possible changes in how the Company's regulators will examine it and what new or different standards they may apply to the Company; however, as a result of this shift, we expect that BankUnited, Inc. will be subject to specific minimum capital ratios for the first time. To date, the Company's regulators have not announced any details about their plans for the shift in regulatory jurisdiction and, consequently, we are not in a position at this time to know or ascertain what the actual practical implications of the shift will

# **FDIC Deposit Insurance**

The FDIC is an independent federal agency that insures the deposits of federally insured depository institutions up to applicable limits. The FDIC also has certain regulatory, examination and enforcement powers with respect to FDIC-insured institutions. The deposits of BankUnited are insured by the FDIC up to applicable limits. As a general matter, the maximum deposit insurance amount is \$250,000 per depositor.

## **Broad Supervision, Examination and Enforcement Powers**

A principal objective of the U.S. bank regulatory system is to protect depositors by ensuring the financial safety and soundness of banks. To that end, the banking regulators have broad regulatory, examination, and enforcement authority. The regulators regularly examine the operations of federal thrifts and SLHCs. In addition, federal thrifts and SLHCs are subject to periodic reporting requirements.

The regulators have various remedies available if they determine that the financial condition, capital resources, asset quality, earnings prospects, management, liquidity or other aspects of a banking organization's operations are unsatisfactory. The regulators may also take action if they determine that the banking organization or its management is violating or has violated any law or regulation. The regulators have the power to, among other things:

- enjoin "unsafe or unsound" practices;
- require affirmative actions to correct any violation or practice;
- issue administrative orders that can be judicially enforced;
- direct increases in capital;
- direct the sale of subsidiaries or other assets;
- limit dividends and distributions;
- · restrict growth;
- assess civil monetary penalties;
- · remove officers and directors; and
- terminate deposit insurance.

The FDIC may terminate a depository institution's deposit insurance upon a finding that the institution's financial condition is unsafe or unsound or that the institution has engaged in unsafe or unsound practices or has violated any applicable rule, regulation, order or condition enacted or imposed by the institution's regulatory agency. Engaging in unsafe or unsound practices or failing to comply with applicable laws, regulations and supervisory agreements could subject the Company, and subsidiaries of the Company, or their officers, directors, and institution-affiliated parties to the remedies described above and other sanctions.

## **Conditions of Approval Orders**

On May 21, 2009, we received approvals from the OTS and FDIC for the organization of BankUnited as a federal thrift, for the Company to become a SLHC, and for BankUnited to obtain federal deposit insurance. Those approval orders contained conditions related to the conduct of our business. Those conditions include, among other things, the following requirements:

- during our first three years of operation, BankUnited must maintain a tier 1 capital to adjusted total assets leverage ratio at not less than eight percent;
- during our first three years of operation, we must operate within the parameters of our business plan and obtain prior written regulatory consent to any material change in our business plan; and
- during our first two years of operation, we must obtain regulatory consent to the appointment of any new director or senior executive officer.

## The Dodd-Frank Act

On July 21, 2010, President Obama signed the Dodd-Frank Act into law. The Dodd-Frank Act will have a broad impact on the financial services industry, imposing significant regulatory and compliance changes, including the designation of certain financial companies as systemically significant, the imposition of increased capital, leverage, and liquidity requirements, and numerous other provisions designed to improve supervision and oversight of, and strengthen safety and soundness within, the financial services sector. Additionally, the Dodd-Frank Act establishes a new framework of authority to conduct systemic risk oversight within the financial system to be distributed among new and existing federal regulatory agencies, including the Financial Stability Oversight Council, or Council, the Federal Reserve, the OCC, and the FDIC. Of particular relevance to the Company, the Dodd-Frank Act makes fundamental changes to the federal supervisory oversight structure for federal thrifts and SLHCs.

The following items provide a brief description of certain provisions of the Dodd-Frank Act.

- Principal changes for federal thrifts and SLHCs. The Dodd-Frank Act preserves the charter for federal thrifts, but will eliminate the OTS as the primary federal regulator for federal thrifts and SLHCs. The OTS will be abolished by April 2012 and its functions and personnel distributed among the OCC, FDIC, and the Federal Reserve. Primary jurisdiction for the supervision and regulation of federal thrifts, including BankUnited, will be transferred to the OCC; supervision and regulation of SLHCs, including the Company, will be transferred to the Federal Reserve. Although the Dodd-Frank Act maintains the federal thrift charter, it eliminates certain benefits of the charter and imposes new penalties for failure to comply with the qualified thrift lender, or QTL, test. Under the Dodd-Frank Act, the risk-based and leverage capital standards currently applicable to U.S. insured depository institutions will be imposed on U.S. bank holding companies and SLHCs, and depository institutions and their holding companies will be subject to minimum risk-based and leverage capital requirements on a consolidated basis. In addition, the Dodd-Frank Act requires that SLHCs be well-capitalized and well managed in the same manner as bank holding companies in order to engage in the expanded financial activities permissible only for a financial holding company.
- Source of strength. The Dodd-Frank Act requires all companies, including SLHCs, that directly or indirectly control an insured depository
  institution to serve as a source of strength for the institution. Under this requirement, the Company in the future could be required to provide
  financial assistance to BankUnited should BankUnited experience financial distress.
- *Limitation on federal preemption.* The Dodd-Frank Act significantly reduces the ability of national banks and federal thrifts to rely upon federal preemption of state consumer financial laws. Although the OCC, as the new primary regulator of federal thrifts, will have the ability to make preemption determinations where certain conditions are met, the broad rollback of federal preemption has the potential to create a patchwork of federal and state compliance obligations. This could, in turn, result in significant new regulatory requirements applicable to us, with potentially significant changes in our operations and increases in our compliance costs. It could also result in uncertainty concerning compliance, with attendant regulatory and litigation risks.
- Mortgage loan origination and risk retention. The Dodd-Frank Act contains additional regulatory requirements that may affect our operations and result in increased compliance costs. For example, the Dodd-Frank Act imposes new standards for mortgage loan originations on all lenders, including banks and thrifts, in an effort to require steps to verify a borrower's ability to repay. In addition, the Dodd-Frank Act generally requires lenders or securitizers to retain an economic interest in the credit risk relating to loans the lender sells or mortgage and other asset-backed securities that the securitizer issues. The risk retention requirement generally will be 5%, but could be increased or decreased by regulation.

- Imposition of restrictions on certain activities. The Dodd-Frank Act requires new regulations for the over-the-counter derivatives market, including requirements for clearing, exchange trading, capital, margin, and reporting. Additionally, the Dodd-Frank Act requires that certain swaps and derivatives activities be "pushed out" of insured depository institutions and conducted in non-bank affiliates, significantly restricts the ability of a member of a depository institution holding company group to invest in or sponsor certain private funds, and broadly restricts such entities from engaging in "proprietary trading," subject to limited exemptions. These restrictions may affect our ability to manage certain risks in our business.
- Expanded FDIC resolution authority. While insured depository institutions have long been subject to the FDIC's resolution process, the Dodd-Frank Act creates a new mechanism for the FDIC to conduct the orderly liquidation of certain "covered financial companies," including bank and thrift holding companies and systemically significant non-bank financial companies. Upon certain findings being made, the FDIC may be appointed receiver for a covered financial company, and would be tasked to conduct an orderly liquidation of the entity. The FDIC liquidation process is modeled on the existing Federal Deposit Insurance Act, or FDI Act, bank resolution regulations, and generally gives the FDIC more discretion than in the traditional bankruptcy context.
- Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB). The Dodd-Frank Act creates a new independent CFPB within the Federal Reserve. The CFPB is tasked with establishing and implementing rules and regulations under certain federal consumer protection laws with respect to the conduct of providers of certain consumer financial products and services. The CFPB has rulemaking authority over many of the statutes governing products and services offered to bank and thrift consumers. For banking organizations with assets of \$10 billion or more, the CFPB has exclusive rule making and examination, and primary enforcement authority under federal consumer financial law. In addition, the Dodd-Frank Act permits states to adopt consumer protection laws and regulations that are stricter than those regulations promulgated by the CFPB. Compliance with any such new regulations would increase our cost of operations.
- Deposit insurance. The Dodd-Frank Act makes permanent the general \$250,000 deposit insurance limit for insured deposits. The Dodd-Frank Act also extends until January 1, 2013, federal deposit coverage for the full net amount held by depositors in non-interest bearing transaction accounts. Amendments to the FDI Act also revise the assessment base against which an insured depository institution's deposit insurance premiums paid to DIF will be calculated. Under the amendments, the assessment base will no longer be the institution's deposit base, but rather its average consolidated total assets less its average tangible equity. Additionally, the Dodd-Frank Act makes changes to the minimum designated reserve ratio of the DIF, increasing the minimum from 1.15 percent to 1.35 percent of the estimated amount of total insured deposits, and eliminating the requirement that the FDIC pay dividends to depository institutions when the reserve ratio exceeds certain thresholds. Several of these provisions could increase the FDIC deposit insurance premiums paid by BankUnited.
- Transactions with affiliates and insiders. The Dodd-Frank Act generally enhances the restrictions on transactions with affiliates under Section 23A and 23B of the Federal Reserve Act, including an expansion of the definition of "covered transactions" and an increase in the amount of time for which collateral requirements regarding covered credit transactions must be satisfied. Insider transaction limitations are expanded through the strengthening of loan restrictions to insiders and the expansion of the types of transactions subject to the various limits, including derivatives transactions, repurchase agreements, reverse repurchase agreements and securities lending or borrowing transactions. Restrictions are also placed on certain asset sales to and from an insider to an institution, including requirements that such sales be on market terms and, in certain circumstances, approved by the institution's board of directors.

- Enhanced lending limits. The Dodd-Frank Act strengthens the existing limits on a depository institution's credit exposure to one borrower. Federal banking law currently limits a federal thrift's ability to extend credit to one person (or group of related persons) in an amount exceeding certain thresholds. The Dodd-Frank Act expands the scope of these restrictions to include credit exposure arising from derivative transactions, repurchase agreements, and securities lending and borrowing transactions.
- Corporate governance. The Dodd-Frank Act addresses many investor protection, corporate governance and executive compensation matters that will affect most U.S. publicly traded companies, including the Company. The Dodd-Frank Act (1) grants stockholders of U.S. publicly traded companies an advisory vote on executive compensation; (2) enhances independence requirements for compensation committee members; (3) requires companies listed on national securities exchanges to adopt incentive-based compensation clawback policies for executive officers; and (4) provides the SEC with authority to adopt proxy access rules that would allow stockholders of publicly traded companies to nominate candidates for election as a director and have those nominees included in a company's proxy materials.

Many of the requirements of the Dodd-Frank Act will be implemented over time and most will be subject to regulations implemented over the course of several years. Given the uncertainty associated with the manner in which the provisions of the Dodd-Frank Act will be implemented by the various regulatory agencies and through regulations, the full extent of the impact such requirements will have on our operations is unclear. The changes resulting from the Dodd-Frank Act may impact the profitability of our business activities, require changes to certain of our business practices, impose upon us more stringent capital, liquidity and leverage requirements or otherwise adversely affect our business. These changes may also require us to invest significant management attention and resources to evaluate and make any changes necessary to comply with new statutory and regulatory requirements. Failure to comply with the new requirements may negatively impact our results of operations and financial condition. While we cannot predict what effect any presently contemplated or future changes in the laws or regulations or their interpretations would have on us, these changes could be materially adverse to our investors.

## Notice and Approval Requirements Related to Control

Banking laws impose notice, approval, and ongoing regulatory requirements on any stockholder or other party that seeks to acquire direct or indirect "control" of an FDIC-insured depository institution. These laws include the Savings and Loan Holding Company Act, the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 and the Change in Bank Control Act. Among other things, these laws require regulatory filings by a stockholder or other party that seeks to acquire direct or indirect "control" of an FDIC-insured depository institution. The determination whether an investor "controls" a depository institution is based on all of the facts and circumstances surrounding the investment. As a general matter, a party is deemed to control a depository institution or other company if the party owns or controls 25% or more of any class of voting stock. Subject to rebuttal, a party may be presumed to control a depository institution or other company if the investor owns or controls 10% or more of any class of voting stock. Ownership by affiliated parties, or parties acting in concert, is typically aggregated for these purposes. If a party's ownership of the Company were to exceed certain thresholds, the investor could be deemed to "control" the Company for regulatory purposes. This could subject the investor to regulatory filings or other regulatory consequences.

## **Permissible Activities and Investments**

Banking laws generally restrict the ability of the Company and its subsidiaries from engaging in activities other than those determined by the Federal Reserve to be so closely related to banking as to be a proper incident thereto. The Gramm-Leach-Bliley Financial Modernization Act of 1999, or GLB

Act, expanded the scope of permissible activities for a bank holding company that qualifies as a financial holding company. Under the regulations implementing the GLB Act, a financial holding company may engage in additional activities that are financial in nature or incidental or complementary to a financial activity. Those activities include, among other activities, certain insurance and securities activities. Qualifications for becoming a financial holding company include, among other things, meeting certain specified capital standards and achieving certain management ratings in examinations. Under the Dodd-Frank Act, SLHCs like the Company must be well-capitalized and well managed in the same manner as bank holding companies in order to engage in the expanded financial activities permissible only for a financial holding company.

In addition, as a general matter, the establishment or acquisition by the Company of a depository institution or, in certain cases, a non-banking financing entity, requires prior regulatory approval.

## **Regulatory Capital Requirements and Prompt Corrective Action**

The regulators view capital levels as important indicators of an institution's financial soundness. As a general matter, FDIC-insured depository institutions and their holding companies are required to maintain minimum capital relative to the amount and types of assets they hold. The final supervisory judgment on an institution's capital adequacy is based on the regulator's individualized assessment of numerous factors.

BankUnited is subject to various regulatory capital adequacy requirements. The FDICIA requires that the federal regulatory agencies adopt regulations defining five capital tiers for depository institutions: well-capitalized, adequately capitalized, undercapitalized, significantly undercapitalized and critically undercapitalized. Failure to meet minimum capital requirements can initiate certain mandatory, and possibly additional discretionary, actions by regulators that could have a direct material adverse effect on our financial condition.

The regulators have established quantitative measures that require that an FDIC-insured depository institution (such as BankUnited) to maintain minimum ratios of capital to risk-weighted assets. There are two main categories of capital under the guidelines. Tier 1 capital includes common equity holders' equity, qualifying preferred stock and trust preferred securities, less goodwill and certain other deductions (including a portion of servicing assets and the unrealized net gains and losses, after taxes, on securities available for sale). Tier 2 capital includes preferred stock not qualifying as tier 1 capital, subordinated debt, the allowance for credit losses and net unrealized gains on marketable equity securities, subject to limitations by the guidelines. Tier 2 capital is limited to the amount of tier 1 capital (i.e., at least half of the total capital must be in the form of tier 1 capital). Under the risk-based guidelines, capital is compared with the relative risk related to the balance sheet. To derive the risk included in the balance sheet, a risk weighting is applied to each balance sheet asset and off-balance sheet item, primarily based on the relative credit risk of the counterparty. For example, claims guaranteed by the U.S. government or one of its agencies are risk-weighted at 0% and certain real-estate related loans risk-weighted at 50%. Off-balance sheet items, such as loan commitments and derivatives, are also applied a risk weight after calculating balance sheet equivalent amounts.

In order to be deemed well-capitalized, FDIC-insured depository institutions (such as BankUnited) currently are required to (i) maintain a total risk-based capital ratio of 10% or greater, a tier 1 risk-based capital ratio of 6% or greater and a tier 1 leverage ratio of 5% or greater (measured as tier 1 capital to adjusted total assets) and (ii) not be subject to any written agreement, order, capital directive or prompt corrective action issued by its banking regulator(s) to meet and maintain a specific capital level for any capital measure. The regulators may set higher capital requirements for an individual institution when particular circumstances warrant. The OTS requires BankUnited to maintain a tier 1 capital to adjusted total assets leverage ratio of not less than 8% for the first three years of its operation. At September 30, 2010, the Bank's tier 1 leverage ratio was equal to 10.1%.

By January 2012, the OCC will assume the OTS' powers with respect to federal savings associations (like BankUnited), as well as rulemaking authority over all savings associations (except for the limited rulemaking authority transferred to the Federal Reserve). Although the federal banking agencies have substantially similar capital adequacy standards and utilize the same accounting standards, some differences in capital standards exist, such as the regulatory treatment of noncumulative perpetual preferred stock and the risk-weightings assigned to certain assets. The OCC also limits the amount of subordinated debt and intermediate-term preferred stock that may be treated as part of tier 2 capital to 50% of tier 1 capital, whereas the OTS does not prescribe such a restriction. Finally, the OCC recognizes an additional category, "tier 3 capital," consisting of forms of unsecured, subordinated debt that can be allocated for market risk and is included in the total risk-based capital ratio numerator.

At this time the bank regulatory agencies are more inclined to impose higher capital requirements in order to meet well-capitalized standards, and future regulatory change could impose higher capital standards as a routine matter. The regulators may also set higher capital requirements for holding companies whose circumstances warrant it. For example, holding companies experiencing internal growth or making acquisitions are expected to maintain strong capital positions substantially above the minimum supervisory levels, without significant reliance on intangible assets.

As an additional means to identify problems in the financial management of depository institutions, the FDI Act requires federal bank regulatory agencies to establish certain non-capital safety and soundness standards for institutions for which they are the primary federal regulator. The standards relate generally to operations and management, asset quality, interest rate exposure and executive compensation. The agencies are authorized to take action against institutions that fail to meet such standards.

OTS regulations do not require savings and loan holding companies, such as the Company, to maintain specific minimum capital ratios. As a result of the Dodd-Frank Act, the risk-based and leverage capital standards currently applicable to U.S. insured depository institutions and U.S. bank holding companies will in the future become applicable to savings and loan holding companies (such as the Company). The Dodd-Frank Act generally authorizes the Federal Reserve to promulgate capital requirements for savings and loan holding companies.

The Federal Reserve requires bank holding companies to maintain a minimum tier 1 leverage ratio, tier 1 risk-based capital ratio and total risk-based capital ratio. In addition, the Federal Reserve requires bank holding companies that engage in trading activities to adjust their risk-based capital ratios to take into consideration market risks that may result from movements in market prices of covered trading positions in trading accounts, or from foreign exchange or commodity positions, whether or not in trading accounts, including changes in interest rates, equity prices, foreign exchange rates or commodity prices. Any capital required to be maintained under these provisions may consist of tier 3 capital. Also, the Federal Reserve considers a "tangible tier 1 leverage ratio" (deducting all intangibles) and other indications of capital strength in evaluating proposals for expansion or engaging in new activities.

In addition, the Dodd-Frank Act further requires the federal banking agencies to adopt capital requirements which address the risks that the activities of an institution poses to the institution and the public and private stakeholders, including risks arising from certain enumerated activities. The federal banking agencies will likely change existing capital guidelines or adopt new capital guidelines in the future pursuant to the Dodd-Frank Act, the implementation of Basel III (described below) or other regulatory or supervisory changes.

The FDI Act requires federal bank regulatory agencies to take "prompt corrective action" with respect to FDIC-insured depository institutions that do not meet minimum capital requirements. A depository institution's treatment for purposes of the prompt corrective action provisions will depend

upon how its capital levels compare to various capital measures and certain other factors, as established by regulation. Under this system, the federal banking regulators have established five capital categories, well-capitalized, adequately capitalized, undercapitalized, significantly undercapitalized and critically undercapitalized, in which all institutions are placed. The federal banking regulators have also specified by regulation the relevant capital levels for each of the other categories. Federal banking regulators are required to take various mandatory supervisory actions and are authorized to take other discretionary actions with respect to institutions in the three undercapitalized categories. The severity of the action depends upon the capital category in which the institution is placed. Generally, subject to a narrow exception, the banking regulator must appoint a receiver or conservator for an institution that is critically undercapitalized.

### Basel, Basel II and Basel III Accords

The current risk-based capital guidelines that apply to the Bank are based on the 1988 capital accord of the International Basel Committee on Banking Supervision, a committee of central banks and bank supervisors, as implemented by the OTS. In 2008, the OTS began to phase-in capital standards based on a second capital accord, referred to as Basel II, for large or "core" international banks (total assets of \$250 billion or more or consolidated foreign exposures of \$10 billion or more). Basel II emphasizes internal assessment of credit, market and operational risk, as well as supervisory assessment and market discipline in determining minimum capital requirements.

On September 12, 2010, the Group of Governors and Heads of Supervision, the oversight body of the Basel Committee, announced agreement on the calibration and phase-in arrangements for a strengthened set of capital requirements, known as Basel III. Basel III increases the minimum tier 1 common equity ratio to 4.5%, net of regulatory deductions, and introduces a capital conservation buffer of an additional 2.5% of common equity to risk-weighted assets, raising the target minimum common equity ratio to 7%. Basel III increases the minimum tier 1 capital ratio to 8.5% inclusive of the capital conservation buffer, increases the minimum total capital ratio to 10.5% inclusive of the capital buffer and introduces a countercyclical capital buffer of up to 2.5% of common equity or other fully loss absorbing capital for periods of excess credit growth. Basel III also introduces a non-risk adjusted tier 1 leverage ratio of 3%, based on a measure of total exposure rather than total assets, and new liquidity standards. The Basel III capital and liquidity standards will be phased in over a multi-year period. The final package of Basel III reforms will be submitted to the Seoul G20 Leaders Summit in November, 2010 for endorsement by G20 leaders, and then will be subject to individual adoption by member nations, including the United States. The federal banking agencies will likely implement changes to the capital adequacy standards applicable to the insured depository institutions and their holding companies in light of Basel III.

## **Qualified Thrift Lender Test**

Federal banking laws require a thrift to meet the QTL test by maintaining at least 65% of its "portfolio assets" in certain "qualified thrift investments," such as residential housing related loans, certain consumer and small business loans and residential mortgage-backed securities, on a monthly average basis in at least nine months out of every twelve months. A thrift that fails the QTL test must either operate under certain restrictions on its activities or convert to a bank charter. The Dodd-Frank Act imposes additional restrictions on the ability of any thrift that fails to become or remain a QTL to pay dividends. Specifically, the thrift is not only subject to the general dividend restrictions as would apply to a national bank (as under prior law), but also is prohibited from paying dividends at all (regardless of its financial condition) unless required to meet the obligations of a company that controls the thrift, permissible for a national bank and specifically approved by the OCC and the Federal Reserve. In addition, violations of the QTL test now are treated as violations of federal banking laws

subject to remedial enforcement action. At September 30, 2010, BankUnited was in compliance with the QTL test.

HOLA limits the amount of non-residential mortgage loans a federal savings association, such as BankUnited, may make. Separate from the QTL test, the law limits a federal savings association to a maximum of 20% of its total assets in commercial loans not secured by real estate, however, only 10% can be large commercial loans not secured by real estate (defined as loans in excess of \$2 million). Commercial loans secured by real estate can be made in an amount up to four times an institution's total capital. An institution can also have leases, in addition to the above items, up to 10% of its assets. Commercial paper, corporate bonds, and consumer loans taken together cannot exceed 35% of a savings association's assets. For this purpose, however, residential mortgage loans and credit card loans are not considered consumer loans, and are both unlimited in amount. The foregoing limitations are established by statute, and cannot be waived by the OTS. At September 30, 2010, BankUnited was in compliance with all these limits.

## **Regulatory Limits on Dividends and Distributions**

Federal law currently impose limitations upon certain capital distributions by thrifts, such as certain cash dividends, payments to repurchase or otherwise acquire its shares, payments to stockholders of another institution in a cash-out merger and other distributions charged against capital. The OTS regulates all capital distributions by BankUnited directly or indirectly to us, including dividend payments. BankUnited currently must file an application to receive the approval of the OTS for any proposed capital distribution.

BankUnited may not pay dividends to us if, after paying those dividends, it would fail to meet the required minimum levels under risk-based capital guidelines and the minimum leverage and tangible capital ratio requirements, or in the event the OTS notified BankUnited that it was in need of more than normal supervision. Under the FDI Act, an insured depository institution such as BankUnited is prohibited from making capital distributions, including the payment of dividends, if, after making such distribution, the institution would become "undercapitalized." Payment of dividends by BankUnited also may be restricted at any time at the discretion of the appropriate regulator if it deems the payment to constitute an unsafe and unsound banking practice. Additionally, the Dodd-Frank Act imposes additional restrictions on the ability of any thrift that fails to become or remain a QTL to pay dividends.

## Reserve Requirements

Pursuant to regulations of the Federal Reserve, all banks and thrifts are required to maintain average daily reserves at mandated ratios against their transaction accounts. In addition, reserves must be maintained on certain non-personal time deposits. These reserves must be maintained in the form of vault cash or in an account at a Federal Reserve Bank.

# Limits on Transactions with Affiliates and Insiders

Banks and thrifts are subject to restrictions on their ability to conduct transactions with affiliates and other related parties. Section 23A of the Federal Reserve Act imposes quantitative limits, qualitative requirements, and collateral requirements on certain transactions by a bank or thrift with, or for the benefit of, its affiliates. Transactions covered by Section 23A include loans, extensions of credit, investment in securities issued by an affiliate, and acquisitions of assets from an affiliate. Section 23B of the Federal Reserve Act requires that most types of transactions by a bank or thrift with, or for the benefit or, an affiliate be on terms at least as favorable to the bank or thrift as if the transaction were conducted with an unaffiliated third party.

The Dodd-Frank Act generally enhances the restrictions on transactions with affiliates under Section 23A and 23B of the Federal Reserve Act, including an expansion of the definition of "covered transactions" and an increase in the amount of time for which collateral requirements regarding covered credit transactions must be satisfied. The ability of the Federal Reserve to grant exemptions from these restrictions is also narrowed by the Dodd-Frank Act, including by requiring coordination with other bank regulators.

The Federal Reserve's Regulation O and OTS regulations impose restrictions and procedural requirements in connection with the extension of credit by a bank or thrift to directors, executive officers, principal stockholders, and their related interests.

## **Examination Fees**

The OTS currently charges fees to recover the costs of examining federal thrifts and their affiliates, processing applications and other filings, and covering direct and indirect expenses in regulating thrifts and their affiliates. The Dodd-Frank Act provides various agencies with the authority to assess additional supervision fees.

## **Deposit Insurance Assessments**

FDIC-insured depository institutions are required to pay deposit insurance assessments to the FDIC. The amount of a particular institution's deposit insurance assessment is based on that institution's risk classification under an FDIC risk-based assessment system. An institution's risk classification is assigned based on its capital levels and the level of supervisory concern the institution poses to the regulators. Deposit insurance assessments fund the DIF, which is currently under-funded. The FDIC recently raised assessment rates to increase funding for the DIF.

The Dodd-Frank Act changes the way an insured depository institution's deposit insurance premiums are calculated. The assessment base will no longer be the institution's deposit base, but rather its average consolidated total assets less its average tangible equity. The Dodd-Frank Act also makes changes to the minimum designated reserve ratio of the DIF, increasing the minimum from 1.15 percent to 1.35 percent of the estimated amount of total insured deposits, eliminating the upper limit for the reserve ratio designated by the FDIC each year, and eliminating the requirement that the FDIC pay dividends to depository institutions when the reserve ratio exceeds certain thresholds.

Continued action by the FDIC to replenish the DIF as well as the changes contained in the Dodd-Frank Act may result in higher assessment rates, which could reduce our profitability or otherwise negatively impact our operations.

### **Depositor Preference**

The FDI Act provides that, in the event of the "liquidation or other resolution" of an insured depository institution, the claims of depositors of the institution (including the claims of the FDIC as subrogee of insured depositors) and certain claims for administrative expenses of the FDIC as a receiver will have priority over other general unsecured claims against the institution. If we invest in or acquire an insured depository institution that fails, insured and uninsured depositors, along with the FDIC, will have priority in payment ahead of unsecured, non-deposit creditors, including us, with respect to any extensions of credit they have made to such insured depository institution.

## Federal Home Loan Bank System

BankUnited is a member of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta, which is one of the twelve regional FHLB's composing the FHLB system. Each FHLB provides a central credit facility primarily for its member institutions as well as other entities involved in home mortgage lending. Any advances

from a FHLB must be secured by specified types of collateral, and all long-term advances may be obtained only for the purpose of providing funds for residential housing finance. As a member of the FHLB of Atlanta, BankUnited is required to acquire and hold shares of capital stock in the FHLB of Atlanta. BankUnited has always been in compliance with this requirement with an investment in FHLB of Atlanta stock.

## **Anti-Money Laundering and OFAC**

Under federal law, financial institutions must maintain anti-money laundering programs that include established internal policies, procedures and controls; a designated compliance officer; an ongoing employee training program; and testing of the program by an independent audit function. Financial institutions are also prohibited from entering into specified financial transactions and account relationships and must meet enhanced standards for due diligence and customer identification in their dealings with foreign financial institutions and foreign customers. Financial institutions must take reasonable steps to conduct enhanced scrutiny of account relationships to guard against money laundering and to report any suspicious transactions, and law enforcement authorities have been granted increased access to financial information maintained by financial institutions. Bank regulators routinely examine institutions for compliance with these obligations and they must consider an institution's compliance in connection with the regulatory review of applications, including applications for banking mergers and acquisitions. The regulatory authorities have imposed "cease and desist" orders and civil money penalty sanctions against institutions found to be violating these obligations.

The Office of Foreign Assets Control, or OFAC, is responsible for helping to insure that U.S. entities do not engage in transactions with certain prohibited parties, as defined by various Executive Orders and Acts of Congress. OFAC sends bank regulatory agencies lists of persons and organizations suspected of aiding, harboring or engaging in terrorist acts, known as Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons. If the Company or BankUnited find a name on any transaction, account or wire transfer that is on an OFAC list, the Company or BankUnited must freeze such account, file a suspicious activity report and notify the appropriate authorities.

## **Consumer Laws and Regulations**

Thrifts and other financial institutions are subject to numerous laws and regulations intended to protect consumers. These laws include, among others:

- Truth in Lending Act;
- Truth in Savings Act;
- Electronic Funds Transfer Act;
- Expedited Funds Availability Act;
- Equal Credit Opportunity Act;
- Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act;
- Fair Housing Act;
- Fair Credit Reporting Act;
- Fair Debt Collection Act;
- Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act;
- Home Mortgage Disclosure Act;
- Right to Financial Privacy Act;

- Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act:
- laws regarding unfair and deceptive acts and practices; and
- usury laws.

Many states and local jurisdictions have consumer protection laws analogous, and in addition, to those listed above. These federal, state and local laws regulate the manner in which financial institutions deal with customers when taking deposits, making loans, or conducting other types of transactions. Failure to comply with these laws and regulations could give rise to regulatory sanctions, customer rescission rights, action by state and local attorneys general, and civil or criminal liability. The creation of the CFPB by the Dodd-Frank Act is likely to lead to enhanced and strengthened enforcement of consumer financial protection laws.

## The Community Reinvestment Act

The CRA is intended to encourage banks to help meet the credit needs of their service areas, including low and moderate-income neighborhoods, consistent with safe and sound operations. The bank regulators examine and assign each bank a public CRA rating. The CRA then requires bank regulators to take into account the federal banking bank's record in meeting the needs of its service area when considering an application by a bank to establish or relocate a branch or to conduct certain mergers or acquisitions. The Federal Reserve is required to consider the CRA records of a bank holding company's (BHC) controlled banks when considering an application by the BHC to acquire a bank or thrift or to merge with another BHC. When the Company or BankUnited applies for regulatory approval to make certain investments, the regulators will consider the CRA record of target institutions and the Company's depository institution subsidiaries. An unsatisfactory CRA record could substantially delay approval or result in denial of an application. The regulatory agency's assessment of the institution's record is made available to the public. Since the Acquisition, bank regulators have not conducted a CRA exam of BankUnited.

## Changes in Laws, Regulations or Policies

Federal, state and local legislators and regulators regularly introduce measures or take actions that would modify the regulatory requirements applicable to banks, thrifts, their holding companies and other financial institutions. Changes in laws, regulations or regulatory policies could adversely affect the operating environment for the Company in substantial and unpredictable ways, increase our cost of doing business, impose new restrictions on the way in which we conduct our operations or add significant operational constraints that might impair our profitability. We cannot predict whether new legislation will be enacted and, if enacted, the effect that it, or any implementing regulations, would have on our business, financial condition or results of operations. The Dodd-Frank Act imposes substantial changes to the regulatory framework applicable to us and our subsidiaries. The majority of these changes will be implemented over time by various regulatory agencies. The full effect that these changes will have on us remains uncertain at this time and may have a material adverse effect on our business and results of operations.

#### MANAGEMENT

#### **Executive Officers and Directors**

The following table sets forth information regarding our directors and executive officers as of January 10, 2011.

Name	Age	Position
John A. Kanas	64	Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer
John Bohlsen	68	Vice Chairman, Chief Lending Officer and Director
Douglas J. Pauls	52	Chief Financial Officer
Rajinder P. Singh	40	Chief Operating Officer
Chinh E. Chu	44	Director
Ambassador Sue M. Cobb	73	Director
Eugene F. DeMark	63	Director
Richard S. LeFrak	63	Director
Wilbur L. Ross, Jr.	73	Director
Pierre Olivier Sarkozy	41	Director
Lance N. West	49	Director

John A. Kanas has served on our Board since its inception in May 2009. He has also served as our Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer since May 2009. Mr. Kanas serves as the Committee Chairman of our Executive Committee. Prior to joining BankUnited, Mr. Kanas was President and Chief Executive Officer of North Fork Bancorporation, Inc. from 1977 until its acquisition by Capital One in December 2006, at which time North Fork was one of the top 25 bank holding companies in the United States. He also served as Chairman of North Fork from 1986 to 2006. In December 2006, he became President of Capital One's banking segment, which included North Fork, the former Hibernia Bank in Louisiana and Texas and Capital One Direct Bank in Richmond, Virginia. Mr. Kanas retired from that position in August 2007. Between August 2007 and May 2009, Mr. Kanas was an independent consultant. Mr. Kanas holds a B.A. degree from Long Island University. He is a past president of the New York State Bankers Association. Mr. Kanas was also a member of the NYSE Listed Company Advisory Committee and is currently a member of the board of trustees of Long Island University and Weill Cornell Medical College. In 2005, Mr. Kanas was recognized by "Institutional Investor" as the best regional bank CEO in America. In May 2007, Mr. Kanas received the Woodrow Wilson Award for Corporate Citizenship and was also conferred an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters by Dowling College. Mr. Kanas' qualifications to serve on our Board include his 29-year career at North Fork, his extensive experience in the banking industry and his long-standing relationships within the business, political and charitable communities.

John Bohlsen has served on our Board since its inception in May 2009. He is also our Vice Chairman and has served as Chief Lending Officer since May 2009. From December 2006 until August 2007, Mr. Bohlsen led the Commercial Banking division for Capital One's banking subsidiary, which included North Fork, the former Hibernia Bank in Louisiana and Texas and Capital One Direct Bank in Richmond, Virginia. Mr. Bohlsen was a part of North Fork's management team when they were acquired by Capital One in December 2006. During his tenure at North Fork from January 1986 to December 2006, he served on the board of directors, and became Vice Chairman in 1989. Mr. Bohlsen also served as Chairman of several bank management committees during that time. Between August 2007 and May 2009, Mr. Bohlsen was active in other business activities involving restaurants and other real estate endeavors. He is active in various outside businesses involving real estate and construction, and is president of a restaurant operating company doing business in the New York metropolitan area. Mr. Bohlsen has a B.S. and a M.B.A. from Michigan State University. In addition, he is a veteran of

the U.S. Navy, having served as an officer during the Vietnam War. Mr. Bohlsen has served on many professional, academic and community boards and organizations, and he and his family are well known for their philanthropic endeavors. Mr. Bohlsen's qualifications to serve on our Board include his extensive experience in the banking industry and his previous experience serving as a director on the board of a public company.

Douglas J. Pauls has been our Chief Financial Officer since September 2009. Between March 2009 and August 2009, Mr. Pauls was self-employed as a consultant. From April 2008 until February 2009, Mr. Pauls served as Executive Vice President of Finance for TD Bank, NA following TD Bank's acquisition of Commerce Bancorp, Inc. in March 2008. Mr. Pauls served as Chief Financial Officer of Commerce Bancorp from March 2002 up until the acquisition by TD Bank in April 2008. Mr. Pauls was a member of the three person Office of the Chairman, responsible for overall management, policy making and strategic direction of Commerce Bancorp. From October 1995 to March 2002, Mr. Pauls served as the Chief Accounting Officer of Commerce Bancorp, its Senior Vice President from January 1999 to April 2006 and its Executive Vice President from April 2006 to April 2008. Earlier in his career, Mr. Pauls was a Senior Manager in the Audit Department of Ernst & Young in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Mr. Pauls received a B.A. in Economics magna cum laude from Dickinson College. Mr. Pauls currently serves on the board of trustees of Dickinson College and as a Member of the Committees on Finance, Budget and Audit, and Student Life.

Rajinder P. Singh is our Chief Operating Officer and has been with us since our inception in May 2009. Prior to joining us, Mr. Singh led the financial services practice of WL Ross & Co., a private equity firm and investor in BankUnited from April 2008 to May 2009. From December 2006 through April 2008, Mr. Singh served as Executive Vice President for Capital One's banking segment which includes retail, small business and commercial banking businesses in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Louisiana and Texas and a national direct deposit gathering franchise. Mr. Singh was a member of Capital One's Bank Leadership Team and chaired the Deposit Pricing Committee. He also served on Capital One's ALCO and brand board. Previously, Mr. Singh served as Head of Corporate Development and Strategy for North Fork from February 2005 to December 2006. During his tenure, North Fork was acquired by Capital One for \$13.2 billion. Prior to joining North Fork in February 2005, Mr. Singh spent nine years at FleetBoston Financial Corporation and last served as Managing Director of Corporate Development and Strategy. Mr. Singh earned his M.B.A. from Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh and his B.S. in chemical engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology in New Delhi.

Chinh E. Chu has served on our Board since its inception in May 2009. He is a Senior Managing Director in the Blackstone Private Equity Group, or Blackstone, one of our principal investors. Since joining Blackstone in 1990, Mr. Chu has led Blackstone's investments in Stiefel Laboratories, ReAble Therapeutics' acquisition of DJ Orthopedics, Biomet, Catalent Pharma Solutions, Alliant, ReAble Therapeutics, Celanese, Nalco, SunGard Data Systems, Nycomed and LIFFE. He has also been involved in Blackstone's investments in FGIC, Sirius Satellite Radio, StorageApps, Haynes International, Prime Succession/Rose Hills, Interstate Hotels, HFS and Alco Holdings. Mr. Chu is currently a director of Alliant, Graham Packaging Company Inc., Healthmarkets, DJO Incorporated, Catalent Pharma Solutions, SunGard Data Systems, Allied Barton and Bayview, and previously served on the board of directors of Celanese Corporation. Before joining Blackstone, Mr. Chu worked at Salomon Brothers in the Mergers and Acquisitions Department. Mr. Chu received a B.S. in Finance from the University of Buffalo, where he graduated summa cum laude. Mr. Chu's qualifications to serve on our Board include his significant experience overseeing the business of Blackstone's numerous portfolio companies, including significant public company experience, and his significant financial, investment and strategic business planning experience.

Sue M. Cobb, Ambassador of the United States of America, ret., has served on our Board since January 2010. Since February 2007, Ambassador Cobb has been engaged in private sector business

activities with Cobb Partners, Inc., a privately held Florida-based investment firm. From September 2001 to February 2005, she served as the United States Ambassador to Jamaica. Ambassador Cobb was Secretary of State of Florida from December 2005 to January 2007. From 2002 to 2008, Ambassador Cobb was engaged at the U.S. Department of State's Leadership and Management School as co-chair of periodic mandatory seminars for newly designated U.S. ambassadors. Ambassador Cobb served seven years as chair of the board of the Federal Reserve Bank, Miami Branch. She was the founding partner of the Public Finance Department of the Greenberg Traurig law firm where she practiced as a public finance attorney. She currently sits on the board of directors of the Durango Mountain Resort and Kirkwood Associates Inc., both private resort development companies. Ambassador Cobb is President of the American Friends of Jamaica, a New York-based charitable institution, and President of Miami-based Cobb Family Foundation. She is an active member of the Center for Strategic and International Studies, The Council of American Ambassadors, and the Council on Foreign Relations. Ambassador Cobb has also been an officer and director of many civic and charitable organizations and has received numerous awards including national honors from the nations of Jamaica and Iceland. Previously, she has been the University of Miami Alumnus of the year, the Red Cross Humanitarian of the Year and the Silver Medallion Awardee from the National Conference of Christians and Jews for contributions to civic causes and humanity. Ambassador Cobb received a B.A. from Stanford University and a J.D. from the University of Miami School of Law. Ambassador Cobb's qualifications to serve on our Board include her broad and diverse background in leadership and management, including experience with public companies as the Audit Committee Chair of the LNR Property Corporation, a public real estate investment, finance and management company.

Eugene F. DeMark has served on our Board since September 2010. From June 1969 until his retirement in October 2009, Mr. DeMark worked for KPMG LLP, a global professional services firm. Mr. DeMark served as the Advisory Northeast Area Managing Partner at KPMG LLP from October 2005 until his retirement. Since his retirement, Mr. DeMark has been an independent consultant. Starting in January 2010, Mr. DeMark has advised our Audit and Compensation Committees. Between 1988 and 2001, Mr. DeMark had been the Northeast Area Managing Partner of the Information, Communications and Entertainment Practice and the KPMG's Long Island Office Managing Partner. During his career at KPMG, Mr. DeMark has had responsibilities to lead a number of specialized practices in Banking, High Technology, Media and Entertainment and Aerospace and Defense. He joined the Firm in 1969 and was elected to its partnership in 1979. On special assignments, he worked on the research staff of the Commission on Auditor's Responsibilities, the predecessor to the Treadway Commission, formed to assess increases in fraudulent financial reporting. Mr. DeMark also developed the firm's first study guide on SEC reporting. Mr. DeMark holds a B.B.A. degree from Hofstra University and is a Certified Public Accountant and is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) and the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants. Mr. DeMark has served as chairman of the Long Island chapter of multiple sclerosis, president of the Nassau County council of the Boy Scouts of America and Northeast Regional board member of the National organization, president of the Nassau Chapter of the National Association of Accountants, Treasurer of the New Long Island Partnership and chairman of the Economic Development Task Force—Project Long Island. Mr. DeMark also was active in the United Way on Long Island and New York and served on its board of directors and chaired the nominating committee. Mr. DeMark's qualifications to serve on our Board inc

*Richard S. LeFrak* has served on our Board since its inception in May 2009. He also serves as the Committee Chairman of our Compensation Committee. Mr. LeFrak is currently the Chairman and CEO of the LeFrak Organization, a privately held real estate and development company. He joined the LeFrak Organization in 1968, was appointed its President in 1975, and was elected Chairman of its board of directors and CEO in 2003. Mr. LeFrak serves on the board of a number of organizations, including the board of trustees of Amherst College, and the board of trustees of the Prostate Cancer

Foundation. He also has served as a member of the board of trustees of the American Museum of Natural History, the board of trustees of the Trinity School, and as a Member of the New York State Banking board. Mr. LeFrak also presides over the LeFrak Foundation, a private philanthropy whose mission encompasses a broad, but focused agenda, including the support of charitable organizations, institutions of higher learning, hospitals, research facilities and cultural programs that sustain and encourage literary, performing and visual arts. Mr. LeFrak graduated cum laude from Amherst College in 1967, and went on to study law at Columbia University, from which he received his J.D. in 1970. In 1998, Mr. LeFrak received an Honorary Doctorate Degree from Amherst College. Mr. LeFrak's qualifications to serve on our Board include his 35 years of experience in the development, rehabilitation and marketing of real estate as well as his long-standing relationships within the business, political and charitable communities.

Wilbur L. Ross, Jr. has served on our Board since its inception in May 2009. Mr. Ross is the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of WL Ross & Co. LLC, or WL Ross, a private equity firm and one of our principal investors, a position he has held since April 2000. Mr. Ross is also the managing member of the general partner of WL Ross Group, L.P., which in turn is the managing member of the general partner of WLR Recovery Fund L.P., WLR Recovery Fund II L.P., WLR Recovery Fund III L.P., WLR Recovery Fund IV L.P., Asia Recovery Fund L.P., Asia Recovery Co-Investment Fund L.P., Absolute Recovery Hedge Fund L.P., India Asset Recovery Fund and Japan Real Estate Recovery Fund, the Chairman of the Investment Committee of the Taiyo Fund and the Chairman of Invesco Private Capital. Mr. Ross is also non-executive Chairman of: International Coal Group, Inc., a leading producer of coal in Northern and Central Appalachia and the Illinois basin; International Textile Group, Inc., a global, diversified textile provider that produces automotive safety, apparel, government uniform, technical and specialty textiles; Nano-Tex, Inc., a fabric innovations company located in the United States; IPE-Ross Management Ltd., an investment partnership investing in middle market European buyouts; and the International Automotive Components Group SL, a joint venture company with interests in automotive interior plastics. Mr. Ross is also an executive officer of Invesco Private Equity; American Home Mortgage Services, Inc. and Plascar Participacoes SA. Mr. Ross is a board member of: Arcelor Mittal N.V.; Compagnie Européenne de Wagons SARL in Luxembourg; Insuratex, Ltd., an insurance company in Bermuda; Plascar Participacoes SA; Phoenix International Insurance Company; The Greenbrier Companies, a supplier of transportation equipment and services to the railroad industry: IAC Acquisition Corporation Limited: IAC Group SARL; and Masters Capital Nanotechnology Fund. Mr. Ross is also a member of the Business Roundtable. Previously, Mr. Ross served as the Executive Managing Director at Rothschild Inc., an investment banking firm, from October 1974 to March 2000. Mr. Ross was previously a director of Mittal Steel Co. N.V. from April 2005 to June 2006, a director of International Steel Group from February 2002 to April 2005, a director of Montpelier Re Holdings Ltd. from 2006 to March 2010, and a director of Syms Corp. from 2000 through 2007. Mr. Ross was also formerly Chairman of the Smithsonian Institution National board and currently is a board member of Whitney Museum of American Art, the Japan Society, the Yale University School of Management and Chairman of the Palm Beach Fire Fighters Retirement Fund. He holds an A.B. from Yale University and an M.B.A., with distinction, from Harvard University. Mr. Ross' qualifications to serve on our Board include his significant experience in finance and his knowledge of the capital markets.

Pierre Olivier Sarkozy has served on our Board since its inception in May 2009. Since March 2008, Mr. Sarkozy has served as Managing Director of the Carlyle Group, or Carlyle, one of our principal investors, and head of the Carlyle Global Financial Services Partners fund, one of the Carlyle affiliated funds that has invested in us. From January 2003 until March 2008, Mr. Sarkozy was Global Co-Head of the Financial Institutions Group at UBS Investment Bank. Prior to joining UBS, Mr. Sarkozy worked for 11 years at Credit Suisse First Boston, where he was the Managing Director in charge of the Depository Institutions Group. Mr. Sarkozy received his Masters in Medieval History (with Honors) from St. Andrews University in Scotland. Mr. Sarkozy's qualifications to serve on our Board include his

extensive experience working with depository institutions and his expertise in structuring bank mergers and acquisitions.

Lance N. West has served on our Board since its inception in May 2009. Since May 2006, Mr. West has been a Partner and Senior Managing Director of Centerbridge Partners LP, or Centerbridge, a \$10 billion multi-strategy, private investment management company that focuses on distressed debt and private equity opportunities and one of our principal investors. From January 1999 until May 2006, Mr. West was a Partner and Managing Director at Goldman, Sachs & Co., where he was head of the firm's Principal Finance Group, a proprietary investment platform focusing on a variety of private and public equity and debt investments in the Americas, with a particular emphasis on real estate and financial institutions. Mr. West was a member of Goldman's Asian Special Situations Group and was a member of the Investment Committees for Goldman's American Special Situations and Specialty Lending Groups. From January 1992 until January 1999, Mr. West served as Chairman and CEO of Greenthal Realty Partners LP and GRP Financial in New York, which Mr. West founded as a Resolution Trust Company Standard Asset Management and Disposition Contracts Asset Manager providing real estate asset management, special servicing and distressed debt investment management. Prior to founding GRP, Mr. West was an executive vice president with The Charles H. Greenthal Group, Inc., a real estate asset management and investment company, and a member of the technical staff at AT&T Bell Laboratories from 1982 to 1984. Mr. West earned his M.S. in Electrical Engineering from the California Institute of Technology in 1983 and graduated magna cum laude with a B.S. in Electrical Engineering from Tufts University in 1982. Mr. West is currently chairman of Green Tree Investment Holdings LLC, a credit focused mortgage loan servicer. Mr. West is a member of the board of overseers of Tufts University, and a member of the Chair's Council for the Humanities and Social Sciences division at the California Institute of Technology. Mr. West's qualifications to serve on our

## **Composition of Board**

The Board currently consists of nine members, Messrs. Kanas, Bohlsen, Chu, DeMark, LeFrak, Ross, Sarkozy and West and Ambassador Cobb. Following the completion of this offering, our Board will consist of nine directors, seven of whom will qualify as independent directors under the corporate governance standards of the New York Stock Exchange, or the NYSE.

Each member of the Board will hold office for a one year term until the next annual meeting or until their successor has been elected and qualified.

See "Certain Relationships and Related Party Transactions—Director Nomination Agreement." The Board has determined that our Chief Executive Officer will continue to serve as the Chairman of our Board of Directors.

# **Risk Management and Oversight**

Our Board oversees our risk management process, including the company-wide approach to risk management, carried out by our management. Our full Board determines the appropriate risk for us generally, assesses the specific risks faced by us, and reviews the steps taken by management to manage those risks. While our full Board maintains the ultimate oversight responsibility for the risk management process, its committees oversee risk in certain specified areas. In particular, our compensation committee is responsible for overseeing the management of risks relating to our executive compensation plans and arrangements, and the incentives created by the compensation awards it administers. Our audit committee oversees management of enterprise risks as well as financial risks and, effective upon the consummation of this offering, will also be responsible for overseeing potential conflicts of interests. Effective upon the listing of our common stock on an exchange, our nominating and corporate governance committee will be responsible for overseeing the management of

risks associated with the independence of our Board. Pursuant to our Board's instruction, management regularly reports on applicable risks to the relevant committee or the full Board, as appropriate, with additional review or reporting on risks conducted as needed or as requested by our Board and its committees.

#### **Committees of Our Board of Directors**

Upon completion of this offering, the standing committees of our Board will include the executive committee, audit committee, compensation committee, and nominating and corporate governance committee.

*Executive Committee.* The executive committee acts on behalf of our Board between regularly scheduled Board meetings, usually when time is critical. At the time of this offering, the members of the committee will be Messrs. Kanas (Chairman), Bohlsen, Chu, Ross, Sarkozy and West.

Audit Committee. The audit committee will assist our Board in its oversight of the integrity of our financial statements, our independent registered public accounting firm's qualifications and independence and the performance of our independent registered public accounting firm. The audit committee will review the audit plans and findings of our independent registered public accounting firm and our internal audit and risk review staff, as well as the results of regulatory examinations, and track management's corrective action plans where necessary; review our financial statements, including any significant financial items and/or changes in accounting policies, with our senior management and independent registered public accounting firm; review our financial risk and control procedures, compliance programs and significant tax, legal and regulatory matters; and have the sole discretion to appoint annually our independent registered public accounting firm, and set clear hiring policies for employees or former employees of the independent registered public accounting firm. Our audit committee will also review and approve all related party transactions and review reports and disclosures regarding the Company's compliance with applicable laws, rules and regulations. At the time of this offering, the members of the committee will be Messrs. DeMark (Chairman) and Ross and Ambassador Cobb, each of whom qualifies as an "independent" director as defined under the NYSE rules and Rule 10A-3 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, or the Exchange Act. All of the members of the audit committee are financially literate and have accounting or related financial management expertise within the meaning of the NYSE rules. The Board also has determined that Mr. DeMark qualifies as an "audit committee financial expert" as defined by the SEC.

Compensation Committee. The compensation committee reviews and recommends policies relating to compensation and benefits of our officers and directors and is further responsible for determining the compensation of the Chief Executive Officer. The compensation committee reviews and approves corporate goals and objectives relevant to compensation of our Chief Executive Officer and other executive officers, evaluates the performance of these officers in light of those goals and objectives, and recommends the compensation of these officers based on such evaluations. The compensation committee also administers the issuance of stock options and other awards under our stock plans. The compensation committee will review and evaluate, at least annually, the performance of the compensation committee with its charter. At the time of this offering, the members of the committee will be Messrs. LeFrak (Chairman), Sarkozy and West and Ambassador Cobb, each of whom qualifies as an "independent" director as defined under the applicable rules and regulations of the SEC, the NYSE and the Internal Revenue Service.

Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. The nominating and corporate governance committee will be responsible for making recommendations to our Board regarding candidates for directorships and the size and composition of our Board. In addition, the nominating and corporate governance committee will be responsible for overseeing our corporate governance guidelines and

reporting and making recommendations to our Board concerning governance matters. At the time of this offering, the members of the committee will be Messrs. Chu, Ross, Sarkozy and West, each of whom qualifies as an "independent" director as defined under the applicable rules and regulations of the SEC, the NYSE and the Internal Revenue Service.

## **Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation**

During 2009, our compensation committee consisted of Messrs. LeFrak, Sarkozy, West and Ambassador Cobb. None of them has at any time in the last fiscal year been one of our officers or employees, and none has had any relationships with our company of the type that is required to be disclosed under Item 404 of Regulation S-K. None of our executive officers serves or has served as a member of the board of directors, compensation committee or other board committee performing equivalent functions of any entity that has one or more executive officers serving as one of our directors or on our compensation committee.

## Corporate Governance Guidelines, Code of Conduct and Code of Ethics

Our Board has adopted Corporate Governance Guidelines, which set forth a flexible framework within which our Board, assisted by Board committees, directs the affairs of the Company. The Guidelines address, among other things, the composition and functions of the Board, director independence, compensation of directors, management succession and review, Board committees and selection of new directors.

We have a Code of Conduct, which is applicable to all directors, officers, employees, agents (including consultants and contractors) and temporary personnel of the Company. We have a separate Code of Ethics for Principal Executive and Senior Financial Officers, which contains provisions specifically applicable to our principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer and controller (or persons performing similar functions).

The Corporate Governance Guidelines, the Code of Conduct and the Code of Ethics for Principal Executive and Senior Financial Officers will be available on our website at www.bankunited.com. We expect that any amendments to these codes, or any waivers of their requirements, will be disclosed on our website.

#### COMPENSATION DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

## **Executive Compensation**

The following Compensation Discussion and Analysis provides information regarding the objectives and elements of our compensation philosophy, policies and practices with respect to the compensation of our executive officers who appear in the "—Summary Compensation Table" below (referred to collectively throughout this section as our "named executive officers"). Our named executive officers for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010 were:

- John A. Kanas, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer
- Douglas J. Pauls, Chief Financial Officer
- John Bohlsen, Vice Chairman and Chief Lending Officer
- Rajinder P. Singh, Chief Operating Officer

Messrs. Kanas and Pauls are named executive officers based on their roles as our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, respectively, and Messrs. Bohlsen and Singh are named executive officers by reason of being our two most highly compensated executive officers (other than our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer) who were serving as executive officers at the end of the last fiscal year.

## **Objectives of Our Executive Compensation Program**

Our executive compensation philosophy is primarily based on pay-for-performance. Accordingly, our executive compensation programs are designed to achieve the following objectives:

- Align the interests of our executives with those of our stockholders. We link a meaningful portion of compensation to the achievement of our long-term goals by rewarding executive officers if and when stockholder value increases. To that end, a significant portion of the compensation awarded to our executives is in the form of equity-based compensation.
- Retain management. Compensation for executives is designed such that we retain them by having meaningful vesting long-term equity compensation.
- Motivate through ownership. We believe that the best way to inspire leadership and performance is by distributing ownership in the form of
  equity-based compensation throughout our ranks and requiring executive management to retain meaningful exposure to our Company's stock.

# **Setting Executive Compensation**

Our current executive compensation program is largely based on arrangements that were negotiated at the time that our Company was founded. BankUnited, Inc. was organized by a management team led by Messrs. Kanas, Singh, Bohlsen and our former Chief Financial Officer on April 28, 2009. At that time, the founding members of the management team directly negotiated the terms of their compensation with the investors. Mr. Pauls replaced our former Chief Financial Officer, and as a result, Mr. Pauls' compensation components are similar to those provided to our former Chief Financial Officer prior to his departure. The level of Mr. Pauls' compensation was negotiated by him and the Company and was ultimately subject to approval by our Board.

# **Role of Compensation Committee**

Since our inception, our compensation committee has been responsible for such matters as the determination of discretionary bonus amounts, if any, to be paid to our named executive officers, the implementation of our Stock Option Plan in which executives other than our named executive officers

participate, including the determination of grant amounts, vesting terms and exercise prices and the approval of a new Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan to be implemented in connection with this offering. In addition, our compensation committee was responsible for vetting and approving our 401(k) plan and Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Plan.

## **Role of Compensation Consultant**

We have not engaged any compensation consultants. However, we may revisit the use of a compensation consultant following completion of this offering.

## Risk Oversight

The audit committee of our Board, which is comprised of non-employee directors, is currently responsible for risk oversight within our Company, including with respect to compensation practices. Our Enterprise Risk Officer has been mandated to develop an Enterprise Risk Management framework to identify, manage and mitigate risks across our Company. This framework, which involves ongoing participation and oversight by our Board, captures compensation-related risk amongst various other dimensions of risk. In addition, our Company is subject to oversight by the OTS. To date, the OTS has played a role in our executive compensation practice, including reviewing and commenting on the employment agreements we have entered into with our named executive officers, and going forward, we will comply with the rules and regulations developed by the OTS. We do not believe that our overall compensation policies and practices create risks that are reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on our Company.

# **Executive Officer Compensation**

# **Principal Components of Compensation of Our Named Executive Officers**

The compensation package offered to our executive officers, including our named executive officers, consists of:

- Base salary. Base salaries for our executive officers are designed to compensate the executive for the experience, education, personal qualities and
  other qualifications of that individual that are essential for the specific role the executive serves within our Company, while remaining competitive
  with the market.
- Discretionary cash bonuses. Our executives, including our named executive officers, are eligible to receive discretionary cash bonuses as determined by our Board. To date, our Board has not awarded any discretionary cash bonuses to our named executive officers. To the extent that bonuses are awarded in the future, the determination of the amounts of such bonuses will be determined in accordance with the BankUnited, Inc. Policy on Incentive Compensation Arrangements, which provides that bonus amounts are to be based upon the following: overall individual performance, organizational performance, individual contribution to organizational performance, business segment performance, and level of individual responsibilities. To date, our Board has not awarded discretionary cash bonuses to our named executive officer and has not established any performance targets for such awards.
- Long-term equity-based compensation. In general, we provide a significant portion of the compensation due to our named executive officers in the form of long-term equity-based compensation. We believe that providing compensation that is contingent on our long-term performance and that is at-risk serves to align the long-term interests of our named executive officers with the long-term interests of our stockholders. To date, long-term equity-based compensation has been granted to our executives upon commencement of employment.

• *Limited perquisites and other benefits.* Our executive officers, including our named executive officers, are eligible to participate in our 401(k) retirement plan and Messrs. Kanas, Pauls, Bohlsen and Singh are also eligible to participate in our Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Plan. Messrs. Kanas, Pauls, Bohlsen and Singh receive a car allowance and, in addition, Messrs. Kanas and Bohlsen are provided with a company-paid driver.

## **Compensation Mix**

Our current compensation package is designed to provide a strong link between the compensation of our executives and the success of our Company and our stockholders generally. The cash components—base salary and discretionary cash bonus compensation—collectively represent what we believe is appropriate pay for expected performance during the year. The equity-based compensation component is designed to encourage high performance by closely aligning an executive's pay with the interests of our stockholders. The allocation between different elements of compensation with respect to our named executive officers has been a product of individual negotiations to date.

## **Employment Agreements**

We have entered into employment agreements with each of our named executive officers. The employment agreements set forth the compensatory terms of each of our named executive officers' employment. For additional information regarding each named executive officer's employment agreement see "— Employment Agreements with Named Executive Officers."

## **Base Salary**

We provide our executive officers and other employees with base salary to compensate them for services rendered during the year. We believe that, with respect to our named executive officers, base salary should compensate the executives for their service and performance but that superior contributions and performance should be rewarded by other forms of compensation, including long-term equity-based compensation. The base salary for each of our named executive offers was set in his employment agreement when the named executive officer commenced employment with us. To date, we have not granted any increase in base salary for any of our named executive officers.

## **Discretionary Cash Bonuses**

Pursuant to their employment agreements, Messrs. Kanas, Pauls, Bohlsen and Singh are eligible to receive discretionary cash bonuses, as determined in the sole discretion of our Board. To date, our Board has not awarded bonuses to these executives and has not established any performance targets for such awards. To the extent that bonuses are awarded in the future, the determination of the amounts of such bonuses will be determined in accordance with the BankUnited, Inc. Policy on Incentive Compensation Arrangements, which provides that bonus amounts are to be based upon the past, present, and expected future contributions of an employee or group of employees to the overall success, safety, and soundness of the organization. Factors considered in evaluating those contributions will include, among other things: overall individual performance, organizational performance, individual contribution to organizational performance, business segment performance, and level of individual responsibilities. The BankUnited, Inc. Policy on Incentive Compensation Arrangements is designed to balance risk and financial results in a manner that does not encourage employees to expose the Company to imprudent risks.

## **Equity-Based Compensation**

#### **Profits Interest Units**

Pursuant to the LLC Agreement and related award agreements, Messrs. Kanas, Pauls, Bohlsen and Singh each received equity-based compensation in the form of PIUs in the LLC upon commencement of employment with us. The PIUs represent the right of the holder to share in distributions from the LLC after our investors have received certain returns on their investment. At the time of the inception of our Company, PIUs representing the right to receive an amount equal to ten percent of the increase in the value of our Company after returns to our investors have been made were allocated to a pool for grants to the founding members of our management team. Mr. Pauls, who was not employed by us at the time of our inception, received his PIUs when he commenced employment with us in September 2009.

The PIUs are divided into two equal types of profits interests units. Half of the PIUs are Time-based PIUs and the remaining half of the PIUs are IRR-based PIUs. All of the PIUs available for grant under the LLC Agreement have been granted to Messrs. Kanas, Pauls, Bohlsen and Singh.

The Time-based PIUs generally vest in equal annual installments on each of the first three anniversaries of the date of grant. One-third of the Time-based PIUs granted to each of Messrs. Kanas, Pauls, Bohlsen and Singh are currently vested. With respect to Messrs. Kanas, Bohlsen and Singh, one-third of their Time-based PIUs will become vested in accordance with their terms on each of May 21, 2011 and May 21, 2012, if such individuals remain employed by us as of such date. With respect to Mr. Pauls, one-third of his Time-based PIUs will become vested in accordance with their terms on each of September 1, 2011 and September 1, 2012, if he remains employed by us as of such date. The unvested Time-based PIUs would vest on an accelerated basis upon the occurrence of certain events, such as change in control.

The IRR-based PIUs generally vest after our investors have received certain returns on their investment. In addition, pursuant to the terms of the LLC Agreement, following an initial public offering, the IRR-based PIUs would become eligible to vest commencing on the date that is four months after the initial public offering based on the trading price of our common stock four months after the effective date of this offering. Based on the anticipated offering price and the implied equity value of the Company resulting from such offering price, the Board of Directors of the LLC determined that the IRR-based PIUs would vest in accordance with their terms on the date that is four months after the consummation of this offering and as a result no longer provided a significant retention benefit. As a result, the Board of Directors of the LLC approved, contingent upon consummation of this offering, the vesting in full of IRR-based PIUs that were issued pursuant to the LLC Agreement and related award agreements such that, immediately prior to the consummation of the Reorganization, all IRR-based PIUs will be vested.

The PIUs are described further below following "—Grants of Plan-Based Awards—2010 Grants of Plan-Based Awards."

Immediately prior to the consummation of this offering, as part of the Reorganization, our named executive officers will receive a combination of common stock (both shares not subject to vesting schedules and restricted shares that are subject to vesting schedules) and options to purchase common stock (both vested and unvested) as well as certain dividend equivalent rights, in each case, in respect of the PIUs held by our named executive officers. Such shares of common stock to be received by our named executive officers will not be newly issued shares that are dilutive to stockholders, but will be allocated from the pool of shares currently held by the LLC that would otherwise have been distributed pro rata to certain funds affiliated with Blackstone, Carlyle, Centerbridge and WL Ross, whom we refer to as the Sponsors, as well as the other unit holders of the LLC in respect of their units as part of the liquidation of the LLC. Any such shares later forfeited by our named executive officers would be

distributed pro rata back to the then-unit holders and not to us. Such shares have not been registered under the Securities Act and may only be sold pursuant to registration under the Securities Act or an exemption therefrom. The shares issuable upon exercise of options will be newly issued shares that will be issued under the BankUnited, Inc. 2010 Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan described below, which will be covered by a registration statement on Form S-8 that we intend to file upon consummation of this offering.

In addition, in connection with the IPO, the BankUnited, Inc. 2010 Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan, which is more suitable for a public company, will become effective and post-IPO we will no longer issue new options under the BankUnited, Inc. 2009 Stock Option Plan.

The Board of Directors of the LLC approved, contingent upon consummation of this offering, the vesting in full of the IRR-based PIUs that are held by our named executive officers such that, immediately prior to the consummation of the Reorganization, all IRR-based PIUs will be vested. In addition, each of our named executive officers will be permitted to sell the same fractional amount of common stock (including shares to be received upon the liquidation of the LLC and the corresponding conversion of PIUs to stock and options) as the Sponsors are permitted to sell in connection with this offering.

## **Holdback Agreements**

Post-offering, each of (1) Mr. Kanas and certain funds affiliated with Blackstone, Carlyle, Centerbridge and WL Ross have separately agreed during the 18 months from the date of this prospectus and (2) our other executive officers have separately agreed during the 12 months from the date of this prospectus not to effect any sales pursuant to Rule 144 under the Securities Act of any of our equity securities. See "Description of Our Capital Stock—Registration Rights."

## Liquidation of the LLC and Treatment of Interests in the LLC

Any liquidation of the LLC in connection with, or in order to facilitate, an initial public offering of our common stock must be implemented in accordance with the terms of the LLC Agreement, which contemplates the Reorganization. In accordance with the terms of the LLC Agreement, the following transactions will occur immediately prior to the consummation of this offering in connection with the liquidation of the LLC (based on an assumed initial offering price of \$24.00 per share, the midpoint of the price range set forth on the cover of this prospectus, and after deducting estimated underwriting discounts and commissions):

- 3,348,357 shares of our common stock held by the LLC will be distributed to our named executive officers in respect of their common equity investment in the LLC at the time of its formation (or, in the case of Mr. Pauls, at the time his employment with us commenced);
- in respect of the vested IRR-based PIUs (after giving effect to the acceleration of vesting described above) and vested Time-based PIUs held by our named executive officers, our named executive officers will receive:
  - 3,571,662 shares of our common stock held by the LLC;
  - fully vested and exercisable options under the Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan to acquire 3,315,142 shares of our common stock, which options will have an exercise price per share equal to the initial public offering price per share in this offering and will expire on the tenth anniversary of the date of grant; and
  - a dividend equivalent right that will entitle the holder thereof to receive the economic benefit, for a period of ten years following the date of grant, of any dividends paid with respect to our common stock after this offering as though such holder owned the number of

shares of our common stock that would be issuable upon exercise of the options received by such holder described above; and

- in respect of the unvested Time-based PIUs held by our named executive officers, our named executive officers will receive:
  - 1,785,831 shares of our common stock held by the LLC that will be restricted shares of common stock, which vesting restrictions will lapse and cease to exist in accordance with the same time-based vesting schedule as existed for the corresponding Time-based PIUs as described above;
  - a payment from us at the time the vesting restrictions applicable to the restricted shares received by our named executive officers described
    above lapse in an amount equal to the amount of all dividends that would have been paid to such restricted shares between the date of this
    offering and the date that the vesting restrictions lapse had such restricted shares not been subject to such vesting restrictions and were
    instead entitled to participate in dividends on the same basis as our common stock;
  - unvested and unexercisable options under the Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan to acquire 1,657,571 shares of our common stock, which options will (i) have an exercise price per share equal to the initial public offering price per share in this offering, (ii) expire on the tenth anniversary of the date of grant and (iii) vest in accordance with the same time-based vesting schedule as existed for the corresponding Time-based PIUs as described above; and
  - a dividend equivalent right that will only entitle the holder thereof to an aggregate payment from us at the time the unvested options vest in accordance with their terms in an amount equal to the amount of all dividends that would have been paid in respect of such unvested options after the date of this offering and prior to such vesting date as though such holder owned the number of shares of our common stock that would be issuable upon the vesting and exercise of the options.

The allocation between shares of our common stock (whether or not restricted) and options (but not the aggregate number of shares of our common stock and shares subject to options) will be different from what is set forth above to the extent the actual initial public offering price per share in this offering, after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions, differs from the assumed initial public offering price, after deducting estimated underwriting discounts and commissions. In general, the higher the actual initial offering price, our named executive officers will be allocated more shares and less options; the lower the actual initial offering price, less shares and more options. If the actual initial public offering price per share in this offering, after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions, is \$1.00 greater than the assumed initial public offering price, after deducting estimated underwriting discounts and commissions:

- 3,342,223 shares of our common stock held by the LLC would be distributed to our named executive officers in respect of their common equity
  investment in the LLC at the time of its formation (or, in the case of Mr. Pauls, at the time his employment with us commenced);
- in respect of the vested IRR-based PIUs and vested Time-based PIUs held by our named executive officers, our named executive officers would receive:
  - 3,676,720 shares of our common stock held by the LLC;
  - fully vested and exercisable options under the Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan to acquire 3,210,084 shares of our common stock, which
    options will have an exercise price per share equal to the initial public offering price per share in this offering and will expire on the tenth
    anniversary of the date of grant; and

- a dividend equivalent right that will entitle the holder thereof to receive the economic benefit, for a period of ten years following the date of grant, of any dividends paid with respect to our common stock after this offering as though such holder owned the number of shares of our common stock that would be issuable upon exercise of the options received by such holder described above; and
- in respect of the unvested Time-based PIUs, our named executive officers would receive:
  - 1,838,360 shares of our common stock held by the LLC that will be restricted shares of common stock, which vesting restrictions will lapse and cease to exist in accordance with the same time-based vesting schedule as existed for the corresponding Time-based PIUs as described above;
  - payment from us at the time the vesting restrictions applicable to the restricted shares received by our named executive officers described above lapse in an amount equal to the amount of all dividends that would have been paid to such restricted shares between the date of this offering and the date that the vesting restrictions lapse had such restricted shares not been subject to such vesting restrictions and were instead entitled to participate in dividends on the same basis as our common stock;
  - unvested and unexercisable options under the Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan to acquire 1,605,042 shares of our common stock, which options will (i) have an exercise price per share equal to the initial public offering price per share in this offering, (ii) expire on the tenth anniversary of the date of grant and (iii) vest in accordance with the same time-based vesting schedule as existed for the corresponding Time-based PIUs as described above; and
  - a dividend equivalent right that will only entitle the holder thereof to an aggregate payment from us at the time the unvested options vest in accordance with their terms in an amount equal to the amount of all dividends that would have been paid in respect of such unvested options after the date of this offering and prior to such vesting date as though such holder owned the number of shares of our common stock that would be issuable upon the vesting and exercise of the options.

If the actual initial public offering price per share in this offering, after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions, is \$1.00 less than the assumed initial public offering price per share in this offering, after deducting estimated underwriting discounts and commissions:

- 3,355,025 shares of our common stock held by the LLC would be distributed to our named executive officers in respect of their common equity investment in the LLC at the time of its formation (or, in the case of Mr. Pauls, at the time his employment with us commenced);
- in respect of the vested IRR-based PIUs and vested Time-based PIUs held by our named executive officers, our named executive officers would receive:
  - 3,457,468 shares of our common stock held by the LLC;
  - fully vested and exercisable options under the Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan to acquire 3,429,336 shares of our common stock, which options will have an exercise price per share equal to the initial public offering price per share in this offering and will expire on the tenth anniversary of the date of grant; and

- a dividend equivalent right that will entitle the holder thereof to receive the economic benefit, for a period of ten years following the date of grant, of any dividends paid with respect to our common stock after this offering as though such holder owned the number of shares of our common stock that would be issuable upon exercise of the options received by such holder described above; and
- in respect of the unvested Time-based PIUs, our named executive officers would receive:
  - 1,728,734 shares of our common stock held by the LLC that will be restricted shares of common stock, which vesting restrictions will
    lapse and cease to exist in accordance with the same time-based vesting schedule as existed for the corresponding Time-based PIUs as
    described above;
  - a payment from us at the time the vesting restrictions applicable to the restricted shares received by our named executive officers described
    above lapse in an amount equal to the amount of all dividends that would have been paid to such restricted shares between the date of this
    offering and the date that the vesting restrictions lapse had such restricted shares not been subject to such vesting restrictions and were
    instead entitled to participate in dividends on the same basis as our common stock;
  - unvested and unexercisable options under the Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan to acquire 1,714,668 shares of our common stock, which options will (i) have an exercise price per share equal to the initial public offering price per share in this offering, (ii) expire on the tenth anniversary of the date of grant and (iii) vest in accordance with the same time-based vesting schedule as existed for the corresponding Time-based PIUs as described above; and
  - a dividend equivalent right that will only entitle the holder thereof to an aggregate payment from us at the time the unvested options vest in accordance with their terms in an amount equal to the amount of all dividends that would have been paid in respect of such unvested options after the date of this offering and prior to such vesting date as though such holder owned the number of shares of our common stock that would be issuable upon the vesting and exercise of the options.

## **Equity Ownership Requirements**

In connection with the formation of our Company, certain of our named executive officers were required to invest a portion of their personal assets in our Company. Mr. Kanas invested \$23,500,000, Mr. Bohlsen invested \$10,000,000 and Mr. Singh invested \$1,000,000. Mr. Pauls invested \$1,000,000 in our Company in connection with the commencement of his employment. The amounts that our named executive officers were initially required to invest vary and each executive's investment amount is in relation to his net worth.

In connection with this offering and in exchange for the PIU vesting described above, we adopted a policy to which our named executive officers agreed relating to the minimum amount of equity securities that such named executive officers must retain for so long as they are employed by us. This policy, which may be waived from time to time by the Compensation Committee, will provide that so long as Mr. Kanas is CEO, he will not sell equity if, after giving effect to such sale, his retained equity (including vested and unvested equity, including options) has a value that is less than twelve times his base salary. Additionally, for Messrs. Pauls, Bohlsen and Singh, so long as they are employed and are named executive officers of the Company, they will not sell equity if, after giving effect to such sale, their respective retained equity (including vested and unvested equity, including options) has a value that is less than five times their respective base salary. We believe that requiring members of our senior management to invest and maintain ownership in our Company serves to align their interests with the interests of our stockholders generally.

## Tax and Accounting Implications

The employment agreement of each of Messrs. Kanas, Pauls, Bohlsen, and Singh provides that prior to the time our Company undergoes an initial public offering, we and the applicable executive agree to discuss the structure of his base salary and bonus compensation in order to maintain the deductibility of compensation under Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code. In addition, transition provisions under Section 162(m) may apply for a period of three years following the consummation of this offering to certain compensation arrangements that were entered into by a corporation before it was publicly held.

## **Summary Compensation Table**

The following summary compensation table sets forth the total compensation paid or accrued for the year ended December 31, 2010, to our Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer and our two other most highly compensated executive officers who were serving as executive officers on December 31, 2010. We refer to these officers as our "named executive officers."

Change

Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary (\$)	Bonus (\$)	Stock Awards (\$)(5)	In Pension Value and Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Earnings (\$)(6)	All Other Compensation (\$)(7)	Total (\$)
John A. Kanas,	2010	2,250,000	_	131,276	7,139	107,283	2,495,698
Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer(1)	2009	1,377,620	_	35,763,663	238	83,980	37,225,501
Douglas J. Pauls,	2010	650,000	_	10,592	2,044	44,250	706,886
Chief Financial Officer(2)	2009	267,941	_	2,914,076	62	59,521	3,241,600
John Bohlsen,	2010	1,250,000	_	67,338	3,071	62,283	1,382,692
Vice Chairman and Chief Lending Officer(3)	2009	765,345	_	18,279,207	102	50,886	19,095,540
Rajinder P. Singh,	2010	1,000,000	_	58,448	3,071	55,218	1,116,737
Chief Operating Officer(4)	2009	612,276	_	15,894,969	102	23,302	16,530,649

- (1) Mr. Kanas receives an annual base salary of \$1,125,000 pursuant to the terms of his amended and restated employment agreement with BankUnited and an annual base salary of \$1,125,000 pursuant to the terms of his employment agreement with the LLC and BankUnited, Inc.
- (2) Mr. Pauls receives an annual base salary of \$552,500 pursuant to the terms of his amended and restated employment agreement with BankUnited and an annual base salary of \$97,500 pursuant to the terms of his employment agreement with the LLC and BankUnited, Inc.
- (3) Mr. Bohlsen receives an annual base salary of \$1,062,500 pursuant to the terms of his amended and restated employment agreement with BankUnited and an annual base salary of \$187,500 pursuant to the terms of his employment agreement with the LLC and BankUnited, Inc.
- (4) Mr. Singh receives an annual base salary of \$750,000 pursuant to the terms of his amended and restated employment agreement with BankUnited and an annual base salary of \$250,000 pursuant to the terms of his employment agreement with the LLC and BankUnited. Inc.
- (5) Represents the value of the PIUs granted to the named executive officers in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718.

- (6) Represents the value of above-market earnings on nonqualified deferred compensation amounts credited with respect to each applicable named executive officer. Pursuant to our Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Plan, amounts deferred thereunder are credited with interest at a rate of 6% per annum. According to IRS guidelines, as of December 2010, interest above 2.45% is considered above market.
- (7) \$11,025 and \$78,975 represent contributions made by us on Mr. Kanas' behalf to our 401(k) plan and Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Plan, respectively, \$4,283 for an automobile allowance and \$13,000 for a driver allowance. \$11,025 and \$18,225 represent contributions made by us on Mr. Pauls' behalf to our 401(k) plan and Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Plan, respectively, and \$15,000 for an automobile allowance. \$11,025 and \$33,975 represent contributions made by us on Mr. Bohlsen's behalf to our 401(k) plan and Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Plan, respectively, \$4,283 for an automobile allowance and \$13,000 for a driver allowance. \$11,025 and \$33,975 represent contributions made by us on Mr. Singh's behalf to our 401(k) plan and Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Plan, respectively, and \$10,218 for an automobile allowance.

## **Grants of Plan-Based Awards**

The following table sets forth certain information with respect to the plan-based awards granted to each of our named executive officers during 2010:

#### 2010 Grants of Plan-Based Awards

<u>Name</u>	Grant Date	All Other Stock Awards: Number of Shares of Stock or Units (#)(1)	Closing Price on Date of Grant (\$/Sh)(2)	Grant Date Fair Value of Stock and Option Awards (\$)(3)
Mr. Kanas	3/11/2010	134	850	113,940
	9/30/2010	14	1,238	17,336
Mr. Pauls	3/11/2010	11	850	9,354
	9/30/2010	1	1,238	1,238
Mr. Bohlsen	3/11/2010	69	850	58,671
	9/30/2010	7	1,238	8,667
Mr. Singh	3/11/2010	60	850	51,018
	9/30/2010	6	1,238	7,430

<sup>(1)</sup> Represents grants of PIUs to the named executive officers pursuant to the anti-dilution protection described below. Each of these anti-dilution grants vest in accordance with the same vesting schedule as the original PIU grants described below.

<sup>(2) \$850</sup> represents the price per PIU as of December 31, 2009, which was the most recent date the PIUs were valued prior to the March 11, 2010 grants, and \$1,238 represents the price per PIU as of September 30, 2010.

<sup>(3)</sup> Represents the value of the PIUs granted to the applicable named executive officer on March 11, 2010 based on a PIU valuation as of December 31, 2009, which was the most recent date the PIUs were valued prior to the March 11, 2010 grants, and as of September 30, 2010 with respect to the grants on such date in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718.

#### **Management Profits Interest Units**

On May 21, 2009, we granted management PIUs to certain of our named executive officers. Each PIU represents the right of the holder to share in distributions from the LLC after certain preferred allocations have been made. Mr. Pauls received his PIUs on September 1, 2009, after commencing employment with us on August 4, 2009. Half of the PIUs vest with the passage of time and half vest upon attainment of certain investment returns.

With regard to the Time-based PIUs, in general: one-third vested on May 21, 2010, and one-third will become vested on each of May 21, 2011 and May 21, 2012. With respect to Mr. Pauls' PIUs, one-third vested on September 1, 2010, and one-third will become vested on each of September 1, 2011 and September 1, 2012.

IRR-based PIUs will become vested pursuant to the terms of LLC Agreement.

In the event of a change of control, all of the unvested Time-based PIUs will vest. "Change of control" means either: the sale or disposition of substantially all of our assets to persons other than our investor members and outside members and their respective affiliates; or the date upon which persons other than our investor members or outside members gain 50% or more of the voting power of our Company. In the event that a named executive officer's (other than Mr. Pauls) employment is terminated without cause or he resigns for good reason, 100% of his Time-based PIUs will vest as of the termination date.

If a named executive officer's employment with us terminates due to his death or disability and, in the case of Mr. Pauls, due to his termination without cause or resignation for good reason, he shall become entitled to the number of Time-based PIUs that would have vested over the twelve-month period following the termination date.

Each named executive officer who holds PIUs is subject to certain anti-dilution protection whereby he will receive additional grants of PIUs upon the issuance of additional units in the LLC. The anti-dilution protection ensures that the economic value of the PIUs granted to the executive remains unaffected by subsequent events.

## **Employment Agreements with Named Executive Officers**

On July 10, 2009, Messrs. Kanas, Bohlsen, and Singh entered into employment agreements with the LLC, BankUnited, Inc. and BankUnited, which set forth the terms of their employment. On September 1, 2009, Mr. Pauls entered into employment agreements with the LLC, BankUnited, Inc. and BankUnited, which set forth the terms of his employment. On August 18, 2010, we amended and restated the original employment agreements with each of our named executive officers to remove the LLC and BankUnited, Inc. as parties to the agreement, leaving BankUnited as the sole employer. In addition, on August 18, 2010, each of our named executive officers entered into new employment agreements with the LLC and BankUnited, Inc. Our named executive officers did not become entitled to new or additional compensation as a result of the amendments and entry into the new employment agreements; rather the compensation and benefits provided to our named executive officers under the original employment agreements was allocated between the amended and restated employment agreements with BankUnited and the new employment agreements with the LLC and BankUnited, Inc.

In general, the initial term of employment provided under each named executive officer's amended and restated employment agreement with BankUnited and employment agreement with the LLC and BankUnited, Inc. expires on July 10, 2012 (in the case of Mr. Pauls, who commenced his employment later than our other named executive officers, the initial term of employment expires on September 1, 2012). The Board of BankUnited or the LLC and BankUnited, Inc., as applicable, may elect to extend the term of employment for additional one-year periods unless either BankUnited, the LLC and

BankUnited, Inc., as applicable, or the named executive officer gives the other party at least ninety days' notice of intent not to renew.

In addition, each named executive officer's amended and restated employment agreement with BankUnited contains certain regulatory language required by the OTS, which provides for the suspension or termination of BankUnited's obligations under the agreement in the event of certain events affecting the executive's ability to work for BankUnited or if BankUnited is in default of certain of its regulatory obligations.

Each named executive officer's employment agreement with BankUnited, as amended and restated, and new employment agreement with the LLC and BankUnited, Inc. are summarized below.

#### John Kanas

Amended and Restated Agreement with BankUnited

The agreement provides Mr. Kanas an annual base salary of \$1,125,000, which may be increased (but not decreased) at the sole discretion of the board of directors of BankUnited. During each full fiscal year, Mr. Kanas will be eligible to earn a discretionary bonus as determined by the board of directors of BankUnited.

Mr. Kanas is entitled to participate in BankUnited's employee benefit plans (other than annual bonus and incentive plans) on the same basis as those benefits are available to BankUnited's other senior executives. Those benefits include: participation in group life, hospitalization, medical, dental, health, accident and short and long term disability plans, four weeks annual paid vacation, and reimbursement for reasonable business expenses. In addition, Mr. Kanas is eligible for payment of professional dues and professional membership fees, participation in an excess 401(k) plan, an automobile allowance, and a driver (at market cost).

Agreement with the LLC and BankUnited, Inc.

The agreement provides Mr. Kanas an annual base salary of \$1,125,000, which may be increased (but not decreased) at the sole discretion of the board of directors of the LLC and BankUnited, Inc. During each full fiscal year, Mr. Kanas will be eligible to earn a discretionary bonus as determined by the board of directors of the LLC and BankUnited, Inc.

## **Douglas Pauls**

Amended and Restated Agreement with BankUnited

The agreement provides Mr. Pauls an annual base salary of \$552,500, which may be increased (but not decreased) at the sole discretion of the board of directors of BankUnited. During each full fiscal year, Mr. Pauls will be eligible to earn a discretionary bonus as determined by the board of directors of BankUnited.

Mr. Pauls is entitled to participate in BankUnited's employee benefit plans (other than annual bonus and incentive plans) on the same basis as those benefits are available to BankUnited's other senior executives. In addition, Mr. Pauls is eligible to participate in our excess 401(k) plan and to receive an automobile allowance.

Agreement with the LLC and BankUnited, Inc.

The agreement provides Mr. Pauls an annual base salary of \$97,500, which may be increased (but not decreased) at the sole discretion of the board of directors of the LLC and BankUnited, Inc. During each full fiscal year, Mr. Pauls will be eligible to earn a discretionary bonus as determined by the board of directors of the LLC and BankUnited, Inc.

#### John Bohlsen

Amended and Restated Agreement with BankUnited

The agreement provides Mr. Bohlsen an annual base salary of \$1,062,500, which may be increased (but not decreased) at the sole discretion of the board of directors of BankUnited. During each full fiscal year, Mr. Bohlsen will be eligible to earn a discretionary bonus as determined by the board of directors of BankUnited.

Mr. Bohlsen will be entitled to participate in BankUnited's employee benefit plans (other than annual bonus and incentive plans) on the same basis as those benefits are available to BankUnited's other senior executives. In addition, Mr. Bohlsen is eligible for payment of professional dues and professional membership fees, participation in an excess 401(k) plan, an automobile allowance, and a driver (at market cost).

Agreement with the LLC and BankUnited, Inc.

The agreement provides Mr. Bohlsen an annual base salary of \$187,500, which may be increased (but not decreased) at the sole discretion of the board of directors of the LLC and BankUnited, Inc. During each full fiscal year, Mr. Bohlsen will be eligible to earn a discretionary bonus as determined by the board of directors of the LLC and BankUnited, Inc.

## Rajinder Singh

Amended and Restated Agreement with BankUnited

The agreement provides Mr. Singh an annual base salary of \$750,000, which may be increased (but not decreased) at the sole discretion of the board of directors of BankUnited. During each full fiscal year, Mr. Singh will be eligible to earn a discretionary bonus as determined by the board of directors of BankUnited.

Mr. Singh will be entitled to participate in BankUnited's employee benefit plans (other than annual bonus and incentive plans) on the same basis as those benefits are available to BankUnited's other senior executives. In addition, Mr. Singh is eligible for payment of professional dues and professional membership fees, participation in an excess 401(k) plan, and an automobile allowance.

Agreement with the LLC and BankUnited, Inc.

The agreement provides Mr. Singh an annual base salary of \$250,000, which may be increased (but not decreased) at the sole discretion of the board of directors of the LLC and BankUnited, Inc. During each full fiscal year, Mr. Singh will be eligible to earn a discretionary bonus as determined by the board of directors of the LLC and BankUnited. Inc.

For a description of severance payments and benefits made available under the employment agreements, see the section below entitled "—Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change-in-Control."

## BankUnited, Inc. 2010 Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan

In connection with this offering, we have adopted the BankUnited, Inc. 2010 Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan, or the Plan, which will become effective upon the later to occur of the effectiveness of this offering and our common stock being listed and approved for listing upon notice of issuance on the New York Stock Exchange, and will continue in effect until the tenth anniversary of that date.

#### Purpose

The purposes of the Plan are to provide additional incentives to selected employees, directors, or independent contractors of and consultants to us or certain of our affiliates, in order to strengthen their commitment, motivate them to faithfully and diligently perform their responsibilities and to attract and retain competent and dedicated persons who are essential to the success of our business and whose efforts will impact our long-term growth and profitability.

The Plan provides for the grant of share options (all share options granted under the Plan are intended to be non-qualified share options and are not intended to qualify as "incentive stock options" within the meaning of Section 422 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Internal Revenue Code")), share appreciation rights ("SARs"), restricted shares, deferred shares, performance shares, unrestricted shares and other share-based awards.

# Plan Administration

The Plan may be administered by our Board or by a committee of directors designated by our Board (the "*Administrator*"). The Administrator has broad administrative authority to interpret the Plan and may prescribe, amend and rescind rules and make all other determinations necessary or desirable for the administration of the Plan. Pursuant to its administrative authority, the Administrator may, among other things: select the persons who will receive awards and determine the types of awards to be granted; determine the terms and conditions of those awards, and amend the terms and conditions of outstanding awards.

## Shares of Common Stock Subject to Awards

The number of shares of our common stock available for issuance under the Plan is 7,500,000. Once the Plan becomes subject to Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code, the aggregate awards granted during any single year to a person who is likely to be a "covered employee" (within the meaning of Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code) may not exceed 1,000,000 shares of our common stock.

The shares of our common stock issued under the Plan may consist of authorized but unissued shares or shares that we may reacquire in the open market, in private transactions, or otherwise. If any shares of common stock subject to an award granted under the Plan are forfeited, cancelled, exchanged or surrendered or if an award otherwise terminates or expires without a distribution of shares to the participant, those shares will again be available for awards under the Plan.

The Plan provides that, in the event of a merger, consolidation, recapitalization, share dividend or other change in corporate structure affecting our common stock, the Administrator will make, in its sole discretion, an equitable substitution or proportional adjustment in (i) the aggregate number of shares of common stock reserved for issuance under the Plan, (ii) the maximum number of shares of common stock that may be subject to awards granted to a participant in any calendar year, (iii) the kind, number and exercise price subject to outstanding share options and SARs granted under the Plan, and (iv) the kind, number and purchase price of shares of common stock subject to outstanding awards of restricted shares, deferred shares, performance shares or other share-based awards granted under the Plan. In addition, in the event of a merger, amalgamation, consolidation, reclassification, spin-off, spin-out, repurchase, reorganization, recapitalization, share dividend or other change in corporate structure affecting the common stock, the Administrator may, in its discretion, terminate all awards in exchange for the payment of cash or in-kind consideration.

#### Awards

*General.* The terms and conditions of each award granted under the Plan will be set forth in an award agreement in a form to be determined by the Administrator.

*Share Options.* The exercise period of a share option may not exceed ten years from the date of grant and the exercise price may not be less than 100% of the fair market value of a share of common stock on the date of grant.

An optionee will have no rights to dividends or distributions or other rights of a stockholder with respect to the shares of common stock subject to a share option until the optionee has given written notice of exercise and paid the exercise price and applicable withholding taxes.

Unless the award agreement provides otherwise, in the event of an optionee's termination of employment or service for any reason other than for cause, retirement, disability or death, the optionee's share options (to the extent exercisable at the time of such termination) generally will remain exercisable until 90 days after such termination and will then expire. Unless the applicable share option agreement provides otherwise, in the event of an optionee's termination of employment or service due to retirement, disability or death, the optionee's share options (to the extent exercisable at the time of such termination) generally will remain exercisable until one year after such termination and will then expire. Share options that were not exercisable on the date of termination of the optionee's employment or service for any reason other than for cause will expire at the close of business on the date of such termination. In the event of an optionee's termination of employment or service for cause, the optionee's outstanding share options will expire at the commencement of business on the date of such termination.

Share Appreciation Rights. SARs may be granted under the Plan either alone ("free-standing SAR") or in conjunction with all or part of any share option granted under the Plan ("tandem SAR"). A free-standing SAR granted under the Plan will entitle its holder to receive, at the time of exercise, an amount per share equal to the excess of the fair market value (at the date of exercise) of a share of common stock over a specified price fixed by the Administrator on the date of grant (which shall be no less than fair market value at the date of grant). A tandem SAR granted under the Plan will entitle its holder to receive, at the time of exercise of the SAR and surrender of the applicable portion of the related share option, an amount per share equal to the excess of the fair market value (at the date of exercise) of a share of common stock over the exercise price of the related share option. The exercise price of a SAR may not be less than 100% of the fair market value of a share of common stock on the date of grant. The exercise period of a free-standing SAR may not exceed ten years from the date of grant. The exercise period of a tandem SAR will expire upon the expiration of its related award.

Participants who are granted SARs shall have no rights as stockholders of BankUnited, Inc. with respect to the grant or exercise of such rights.

In the event of a participant's termination of employment or service, free-standing SARs will be exercisable at such times and subject to such terms and conditions as determined by the Administrator in the applicable award agreement, while tandem SARs will be exercisable at such times and subject to the terms and conditions applicable to the related share option.

Restricted Shares, Deferred Shares and Performance Shares. Restricted shares, deferred shares and performance shares may be issued either alone or in addition to other awards granted under the Plan. The Administrator will determine the purchase price and performance objectives, if any, with respect to the grant of restricted shares, deferred shares and performance shares. Subject to the provisions of the Plan and the applicable award agreement, the Administrator has the sole discretion to provide for the lapse of restrictions in installments or the acceleration or waiver of restrictions (in whole or part) under

certain circumstances, including the attainment of certain performance goals, a participant's termination of employment or service or a participant's death or disability.

Unless the award agreement provides otherwise, participants with restricted shares and performance shares will generally have all of the rights of a shareholder, including dividend or distribution rights. Participants with deferred shares will generally not have the rights of stockholders, but, during the restricted period, deferred shares may be credited with dividend or distribution equivalent rights, if the award agreement so provides.

The rights of a participant with respect to restricted shares, deferred shares and performance shares upon termination of the participant's employment or service will be set forth in the applicable award agreement.

Performance shares may be subject to the achievement of one or more of the following performance goals: (i) earnings, including one or more of operating income, earnings before or after taxes, earnings before or after interest, depreciation, amortization, adjusted EBITDA, economic earnings, or extraordinary or special items or book value per share (which may exclude nonrecurring items); (ii) pre-tax income or after-tax income; (iii) earnings per share (basic or diluted); (iv) operating profit; (v) revenue, revenue growth or rate of revenue growth; (vi) return on assets (gross or net), return on investment, return on capital, or return on equity; (vii) operating expenses; (viii) share price or total shareholder return; (ix) implementation or completion of critical projects or processes; (x) cumulative earnings per share growth; (xi) net interest margin, operating margin or profit margin; (xii) efficiency ratio, cost targets, reductions and savings, productivity and efficiencies; (xiii) strategic business criteria, consisting of one or more objectives based on meeting specified market penetration, geographic business expansion, customer satisfaction, employee satisfaction, human resources management, supervision of litigation, information technology, and goals relating to acquisitions, divestitures, joint ventures and similar transactions, and budget comparisons; (xiv) personal professional objectives, including any of the foregoing performance goals, the implementation of policies and plans, the negotiation of transactions, the development of long term business goals, formation of joint ventures, and the completion of other corporate transactions; and (xv) any combination of, or a specified increase in, any of the foregoing. Performance goals not specified in the Plan may be used to the extent that an award is not intended to comply with Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code, no payment shall be made to a participant that is likely to be a "covered employee" (within the meaning of Section 162(m) of the Int

Other Share-Based Awards. The Administrator may grant other share-based awards upon terms and conditions determined by the Administrator at the date of grant or thereafter.

#### Treatment of Outstanding Awards upon a Change in Control

The Plan provides that, unless otherwise determined by the Administrator and evidenced in an award agreement, if a change in control occurs, then (i) any unvested or unexercisable portion of an award carrying a right to exercise shall become fully vested and exercisable and (ii) the restrictions, deferral limitations, payment conditions and forfeiture conditions applicable to any other award granted under the Plan will lapse and such unvested awards will be deemed fully vested and any performance conditions imposed with respect to such awards will be deemed to be fully achieved.

For purposes of the Plan a "change in control" means, in general: (i) a person or entity acquires securities representing 50% or more of our voting power; (ii) certain mergers or amalgamations involving us or any of our subsidiaries and another corporation; (iii) an unapproved change in the majority membership of our Board; (iv) the approval by stockholders of a plan of complete liquidation or dissolution of our company; or (v) the consummation of an agreement for certain sales or dispositions of all or substantially all of our assets.

# **Determination of Fair Market Value**

The fair market value of a share of common stock will be determined by the Administrator in its sole discretion, subject to certain limitations, including if our common stock is admitted to trading on a national securities exchange, the fair market value of a share of common stock will be the closing sales price per share on the applicable date, or if no sale was reported on that date, for the last preceding date on which there was a sale of shares of common stock on the exchange.

# BankUnited, Inc. 2009 Stock Option Plan

We also maintain the BankUnited, Inc. 2009 Stock Option Plan, pursuant to which awards of stock options have been granted to employees other than our named executive officers. In connection with this offering and the adoption of the BankUnited, Inc. 2010 Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan, all future grants of stock options will be made under the new plan.

### **Option Exercises and Stock Vested**

The following table contains information regarding PIUs held by our named executive officers, which vested during fiscal year 2010:

# 2010 Option Exercises and Stock Vested

	Stock Awa	rds
<u>Name</u>	Number of Shares Acquired on Vesting (#)(1)	Value Realized on Vesting (\$)(2)
Mr. Kanas	8,444	7,123,821
Mr. Pauls	688	708,514
Mr. Bohlsen	4,316	3,640,999
Mr. Singh	3,753	3,166,190

- (1) For Messrs. Kanas, Bohlsen, and Singh, one-third of the Time-based PIUs, including the 2010 grants of PIUs, pursuant to the anti-dilution protection described above, vested on May 21, 2010. For Mr. Pauls, one-third of the Time-based PIUs, including the 2010 grants, vested on September 1, 2010.
- (2) For Messrs. Kanas, Bohlsen, and Singh, based on the March 31, 2010 value of \$844, the most recent valuation date prior to vesting. For Mr. Pauls, based on the June 30, 2010 value of \$1,030, the most recent valuation date prior to vesting.

#### **Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End**

The following table shows grants of equity awards outstanding on December 31, 2010 for each of our named executive officers:

#### **Outstanding Equity Awards at 2010 Fiscal Year-End**

	Stock A	Awards
	Number of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested	Market Value of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested
Name_	(#)(1)	(\$)(2)
Mr. Kanas	42,268	52,338,911
Mr. Pauls	3,444	4,264,560
Mr. Bohlsen	21,603	26,750,517
Mr. Singh	18,786	23,262,082

- (1) One-half of the PIUs granted to each named executive officer is comprised of Time-based PIUs and the other half is comprised of IRR-based PIUs. With regard to the Time-based PIUs, in general: one-third vested on May 21, 2010, and one-third will become vested on each of May 21, 2011 and May 21, 2012. With respect to Mr. Pauls' PIUs, one-third vested on September 1, 2010, and one-third will become vested on each of September 1, 2011 and September 1, 2012. IRR-based PIUs will become vested pursuant to the terms of LLC Agreement.
- (2) Based on the value of the PIUs at September 30, 2010, the most recent available valuation date.

#### **Nonqualified Deferred Compensation**

Messrs. Kanas, Pauls, Bohlsen and Singh are eligible to participate in our Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Plan, which allows each executive the ability to defer compensation in excess of annual IRS limits (for 2009 and 2010, the limit is \$16,500) that are applicable to our qualified 401(k) plan. Each executive is also eligible to receive company matching contributions under the plan. For the 2010 plan year, we contributed an amount equal to four and one-half percent of each executive's eligible compensation to the plan on his behalf. For subsequent plan years, we will contribute one hundred percent of the first one percent plus seventy percent of the next five percent of eligible compensation that the executive elects to defer under the plan. Amounts deferred by the executive are vested at all times and amounts that we contribute on his behalf will become vested upon the earlier to occur of a change in control (as defined in the plan), the executive's death, disability, attainment of "Normal Retirement Age" under our 401(k) plan or completion of two years of service. Amounts deferred under our Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Plan are distributed upon a date specified by the executive, which may be no earlier than January 1 of the third plan year following the plan year in which the compensation would have otherwise been paid to the executive, or upon the earliest to occur of the executive's separation from service, disability or a change in control.

The table below shows contributions to our Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Plan by our named executive officers and by us on behalf of our named executive officers during 2010.

#### **Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Table**

<u>Name</u>	Executive Contributions in Last FY (\$)	Registrant Contributions in Last FY (\$)	Aggregate Earnings in Last FY (\$)	Aggregate Withdrawals/ Distributions (\$)	Aggregate Balance at Last FYE (\$)
Mr. Kanas	105,300	78,975	12,087	_	309,619
Mr. Pauls	40,500	18,225	3,446	_	91,498
Mr. Bohlsen	45,300	33,975	5,200	_	133,198
Mr. Singh	45,300	33,975	5,200	_	133,198

#### Potential Payments upon Termination or Change-in-Control

Each named executive officer's amended and restated employment agreement with BankUnited and new employment agreement with the LLC and BankUnited, Inc. provide for severance payments and benefits, to the extent applicable, in the event of a termination of employment. The following description of the severance payments and benefits apply generally with respect to each named executive officer's amended and restated employment agreement with BankUnited and employment agreement with the LLC and BankUnited, Inc. except as specifically noted.

A named executive officer's employment may be terminated at any time and for any reason upon at least thirty days' notice. A named executive officer's employment may also be terminated for "cause" (as defined below).

If a named executive officer's employment is terminated for cause, or if he resigns at a time when grounds for cause exist, or if he resigns without "good reason" (as defined below) he is entitled to receive:

- (A) the base salary accrued through the date of termination, which must be paid within fifteen days following the date of such termination;
- (B) any annual bonus awarded but unpaid at the time of the termination for the preceding fiscal year (unless payment is otherwise deferred, in which case it will be paid at the earliest possible time); and
  - (C) any fully vested employee benefits to which he is entitled.

Together, (A)-(C) will be referred to as the "accrued rights."

In the event that a named executive officer dies, his employment will automatically terminate. If he becomes disabled, BankUnited or the LLC and BankUnited, Inc., as applicable, may terminate his employment. For purposes of the employment agreement, "disability" means the failure of a named executive officer to perform his duties for six consecutive months, or for an aggregate of nine months in any consecutive twelve-month period.

In the event that a named executive officer's employment is terminated due to death or disability, his estate is entitled to receive the accrued rights. In addition, the named executive officer (to the extent applicable) and his dependents are generally entitled to receive continued coverage under the group health plans of BankUnited or the LLC and BankUnited, Inc., as applicable, at the sole expense of BankUnited or the LLC and BankUnited, Inc., as applicable, for twenty-four months following his disability or death. If the continued coverage cannot be provided for longer than eighteen months, BankUnited or the LLC and BankUnited, Inc., as applicable, shall pay the named executive officer or his estate, on the first business day of every month, an amount equal to the premium we would

otherwise have paid. In the case of Mr. Pauls, he (to the extent applicable) and his dependents are entitled to receive continued coverage under the group health plans of BankUnited or the LLC and BankUnited, Inc., as applicable, at the sole expense of BankUnited or the LLC and BankUnited, Inc., as applicable, for six months following the disability or death.

A named executive officer's employment may be terminated by BankUnited or the LLC and BankUnited, Inc., as applicable, without cause or voluntarily by him for good reason.

If Messrs. Kanas' or Bohlsen's employment is terminated without cause or for good reason, he is entitled to receive:

- (A) the accrued rights;
- (B) two times the sum of his base salary and any bonus paid to him for the preceding fiscal year (minus \$250,000 under the amended and restated employment agreement with BankUnited), minus the present value of any other cash severance benefits, payable within sixty days following his termination: and
- (C) continued coverage under the group health plans of BankUnited or the LLC and BankUnited, Inc., as applicable, for the named executive officer and his dependents until the earlier of twenty-four months from his date of termination, and the date upon which the named executive officer becomes eligible for comparable coverage from another employer. If coverage cannot be provided for longer than eighteen months, the named executive officer will receive the premium amounts in cash on the first business day of every month.
- If Mr. Pauls' employment is terminated without cause or if he resigns for good reason, he is entitled to receive:
  - (A) the accrued rights;
  - (B) the number of months, up to a maximum of twelve, in which Mr. Pauls was employed with us, multiplied by his monthly base salary, minus the present value of any other cash severance benefits, payable within sixty days following his termination; and
  - (C) continued coverage under the group health plans of BankUnited or the LLC and BankUnited, Inc., as applicable, for Mr. Pauls and his dependents until the earlier of six months from his date of termination, and the date upon which Mr. Pauls becomes eligible for comparable coverage from another employer.
- If Mr. Singh's employment is terminated without cause or if he resigns for good reason, he is entitled to receive:
  - (A) the accrued rights;
  - (B) two times the sum of Mr. Singh's base salary and any bonus paid to him for the preceding fiscal year, minus the present value of any other cash severance benefits, payable within sixty days following his termination; and
  - (C) continued coverage under the group health plans of BankUnited or the LLC and BankUnited, Inc., as applicable, for Mr. Singh and his dependents until the earlier of twenty-four months from his date of termination, and the date upon which Mr. Singh becomes eligible for comparable coverage from another employer. If coverage cannot be provided for longer than eighteen months, Mr. Singh will receive the premium amounts in cash on the first business day of every month.

Payment of the amounts other than the accrued rights are contingent upon the named executive officer executing a general release of claims in favor of BankUnited or the LLC and BankUnited, Inc., as applicable.

If any compensation paid to a named executive officer becomes subject to the excise tax under Section 4999 of the Internal Revenue Code, BankUnited will pay the named executive officer an amount equal to half of the amount that would be necessary to put him in the same position as he would have been in had he not been subject to the excise tax.

Each named executive officer is subject to non-competition and non-solicitation covenants for eighteen months post-termination. In addition, he is subject to perpetual non-disparagement and confidentiality covenants.

For purposes of the employment agreements, "cause" generally means a named executive officer's: (A) personal dishonesty, (B) incompetence or willful misconduct, (C) willful or intentional failure to perform certain duties, (D) willful violation of any law, rule, or regulation or (E) willful and material breach of any material provision of the employment agreement.

"Good reason" generally means a material reduction in the named executive officer's salary or benefits, a material diminution in his reporting relationship or responsibilities (in the case of Messrs. Bohlsen or Singh, such a diminution will not constitute good reason so long as Mr. Kanas is the Chief Executive Officer of the Company or Chairman of our Board if the diminution was approved by Mr. Kanas), the failure of BankUnited or the LLC and BankUnited, Inc., as applicable, to pay compensation, or notice by BankUnited or the LLC and BankUnited, Inc., as applicable, that it or they will not be extending his term. In the case of Mr. Kanas, "good reason" also includes his removal as Chief Executive Officer or Chairman of our Board (except, in the case of the latter, for regulatory reasons). In order for any of the above events to constitute "good reason," the named executive officer must provide notice of his intention to resign within sixty days of the occurrence of the event.

The following tables show the severance payments and benefits that would have become payable to each named executive officer assuming the termination of his employment or a change in control occurred as of December 31, 2010.

#### Mr. Kanas

	Cash Severance (\$)(1)	Continued Benefits (\$)(2)	Value of Accelerated Equity (\$)(3)	Excise Tax Gross-Up (\$)(4)	Total (\$)
Death/Disability		30,121	10,467,782		10,497,903
For Cause/Without Good Reason	_			_	_
Without Cause/For Good Reason	4,000,000	30,121	20,935,564	_	24,965,685
Change in Control	_	_	52,338,911	_	52,338,911

#### Mr. Pauls

			Value of		
	Cash Severance (\$)(1)	Continued Benefits (\$)(2)	Accelerated Equity (\$)(3)	Excise Tax Gross-Up (\$)(4)	Total (\$)
Death/Disability	_	7,530	852,912	_	860,442
For Cause/Without Good Reason	_	_	_	_	_
Without Cause/For Good Reason	650,000	7,530	852,912	_	1,510,442
Change in Control			4,264,560	_	4,264,560

#### Mr. Bohlsen

	Cash Severance (\$)(1)	Continued Benefits (\$)(2)	Value of Accelerated Equity (\$)(3)	Excise Tax Gross-Up (\$)(4)	Total (\$)
Death/Disability	_	30,121	5,350,103	_	5,380,224
For Cause/Without Good Reason					_
Without Cause/For Good Reason	2,000,000	30,121	10,700,207	_	12,730,328
Change in Control		_	26,750,517	_	26,750,517

# Mr. Singh

	Cash Severance (\$)(1)	Continued Benefits (\$)(2)	Value of Accelerated Equity (\$)(3)	Excise Tax Gross-Up (\$)(4)	Total (\$)
Death/Disability	_	30,121	4,652,416	_	4,682,537
For Cause/Without Good Reason	_	_	_	_	_
Without Cause/For Good Reason	2,000,000	30,121	9,304,833	_	11,334,954
Change in Control	_	_	23,262,082	_	23,262,082

- (1) The cash severance provided to each named executive officer is described in each of named executive officer's employment agreements.
- (2) Each named executive officer's employment agreements for continued coverage under the group health plans of BankUnited or the LLC and BankUnited, Inc., as applicable, at its or their sole expense, as described above.
- (3) For a description of equity acceleration upon certain terminations and a change in control, see the above section entitled "—Grants of Plan-Based Awards." We have assumed that performance conditions applicable to the vesting of IRR-based PIUs would have been met assuming a change in control occurred as of December 31, 2010 and that as of such date, the value of each PIU was \$1,238.25.
- (4) Assuming a termination of employment or a change in control occurred as of December 31, 2010, we would have sought the requisite stockholder approval such that none of our named executive officers would have become liable for payment of any excise tax. Accordingly, we did not include any amount for excise tax gross-up.

# **Director Compensation**

The following table shows compensation paid, earned or awarded to each of the non-employee members of our Board for 2010.

#### **Director Compensation Tables**

<u>Name</u> Chinh E. Chu	Fees Earned or Paid in Cash (\$)	Stock Awards (\$)	Option Awards (\$)	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation (\$)	Change in Pension Value and Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Earnings (\$)	All Other Compensation (\$)	Total (\$)
Richard S. LeFrak	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Wilbur L. Ross, Jr.	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
P. Olivier Sarkozy	<u> </u>	_	_	_	_	_	_
Lance N. West	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Eugene F. DeMark	32,917	_	_	_	_	_	32,917
Ambassador Sue M. Cobb.	50,000	_	_	_	_	_	50,000
Steven J. Saiontz(1)	45,695	_	_	_	_	_	45,695

<sup>(1)</sup> Mr. Saiontz served on our Board from May 21, 2009 until July 20, 2010 when he resigned from our Board for personal reasons. The amount reported represents a *pro rata* portion of the \$75,000 annual retainer fee to which Mr. Saiontz was entitled to receive, based on his time served during 2010.

In general, the members of our Board are either investors or agents of investors in our Company and, other than Mr. DeMark and Ambassador Cobb, they do not receive any compensation from us for service on our Board. Mr. DeMark is entitled to receive an annual retainer fee equal to \$100,000 and Ambassador Cobb is entitled to receive an annual retainer fee equal to \$50,000. Mr. Kanas and Mr. Bohlsen are also members of our Board but do not receive any additional compensation for their services on our Board.

The following table sets forth the compensation for future services expected to be paid to our non-employee directors following the completion of this offering.

Name	Retainer Fees
Chinh E. Chu	_
Ambassador Sue M. Cobb	50,000
Eugene F. DeMark	100,000
Richard S. LeFrak	_
Wilbur L. Ross, Jr.	_
Pierre Olivier Sarkozy	_
Lance N. West	_

Directors who are also our employees have not received and will not receive any compensation from us for service on our Board or Board committees.

#### CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

In addition to the director and executive officer compensation arrangements discussed above under "Compensation Discussion and Analysis—Executive Officer Compensation," the following is a summary of material provisions of various transactions we have entered into with our executive officers, directors (including nominees), 5% or greater stockholders and any of their immediate family members since April 28, 2009, the date BankUnited, Inc. was incorporated. We believe the terms and conditions set forth in such agreements are reasonable and customary for transactions of this type.

# Registration Rights Agreement

The LLC Agreement entered into in connection with the Acquisition contains registration rights provisions with respect to sales of shares of the applicable holding company of BankUnited that is used as the public vehicle in connection with any initial public offering. In accordance with the LLC Agreement, in connection with this offering, BankUnited, Inc., the Sponsors, and Messrs. Kanas, Bohlsen, Singh and Pauls, who we collectively refer to as the Management Members, expect to enter into a registration rights agreement that will, among other things, amend and restate these registration rights provisions. For a further description of these rights, see "Description of Our Capital Stock—Registration Rights."

# Transaction Fee Agreement

In connection with the Acquisition, we entered into a Transaction Fee Agreement with each of our Sponsors. In consideration for the Sponsors conducting financial and structural analysis, due diligence investigations and negotiations related to the Acquisition, the following transaction fees were paid to each of the Sponsors at the closing of the Acquisition on May 21, 2009:

- to Blackstone a fee of \$5.3 million;
- to Carlyle a fee of \$5.3 million;
- to Centerbridge a fee of \$4.1 million; and
- to WL Ross a fee of \$5.3 million.

We also reimbursed our Sponsors for certain expenses related to the Acquisition in an aggregate amount of \$2.5 million.

## **Director Nomination Agreement**

In connection with this offering, we will enter into a director nomination agreement with each of our Sponsors and Mr. Kanas that will provide for the rights of our Sponsors and Mr. Kanas to nominate individuals to our Board. The Sponsors and Mr. Kanas will have the right to nominate individuals to our Board at each meeting of stockholders where directors are to be elected and, subject to limited exceptions, we will include in the slate of nominees recommended to our stockholders for election as directors the number of individuals designated by the Sponsors and Mr. Kanas as follows:

- so long as Blackstone owns more than 40% of the common stock owned by Blackstone immediately prior to the consummation of this offering, one individual nominated by Blackstone;
- so long as Carlyle owns more than 40% of the common stock owned by Carlyle immediately prior to the consummation of this offering, one individual nominated by Carlyle;
- so long as WL Ross owns more than 40% of the common stock owned by WL Ross immediately prior to the consummation of this offering, one individual nominated by WL Ross;

- so long as Centerbridge owns more than 40% of the common stock owned by Centerbridge immediately prior to the consummation of this offering, one individual nominated by Centerbridge; and
- so long as Mr. Kanas is our Chief Executive Officer, two individuals (one of which will be Mr. Kanas) nominated by Mr. Kanas.

In addition, each of Blackstone, Carlyle, WL Ross and Centerbridge has the right to appoint one non-voting observer to attend all meetings of our Board until such time as such Sponsor ceases to own 5% of our outstanding common stock.

#### **Statement of Policy Regarding Transactions with Related Persons**

Transactions by us with related parties are subject to a formal written policy, as well as regulatory requirements and restrictions. These requirements and restrictions include Sections 23A and 23B of the Federal Reserve Act (which govern certain transactions by BankUnited with its affiliates) and the Federal Reserve's Regulation O (which governs certain loans by BankUnited to its executive officers, directors, and principal stockholders). We have adopted policies to comply with these regulatory requirements and restrictions. In addition, certain of our investors entered into Rebuttal of Control Agreements with the OTS in connection with their initial investments in us. The Rebuttal of Control Agreements limit the ability of these investors to conduct transactions with us or our affiliates. We have adopted a policy to assist these investors in complying with this aspect of their respective Rebuttal of Control Agreements.

Our Board has also adopted a written policy governing the approval of related party transactions that complies with all applicable requirements of the SEC and the NYSE concerning related party transactions. Related party transactions are transactions in which our Company is a participant, the amount involved exceeds \$120,000 and a related party has or will have a direct or indirect material interest. Related parties of our Company include directors (including nominees for election as directors), executive officers, 5% stockholders of our Company and the immediate family members of these persons. The General Counsel of BankUnited, in consultation with management and outside counsel, as appropriate, will review potential related party transactions to determine if they are subject to our Related Party Transactions Policy. If so, the transaction will be referred for approval or ratification to the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. In determining whether to approve a related party transaction, the Corporate Governance Committee will consider, among other factors, the fairness of the proposed transaction, the direct or indirect nature of the director's, executive officer's or related party's interest in the transaction, the transaction, the director or indirect nature of the director's, executive officer or related party's interest in the transaction of the director, executive officer or related party, whether the transaction would impair an outside director's independence, the acceptability of the transaction to the Company's regulators and the potential violations of other Company policies. Our Related Party Transactions Policy will be available on our website at www.bankunited.com, as Annex B to our Corporate Governance Guidelines.

#### PRINCIPAL AND SELLING STOCKHOLDERS

The following table sets forth information about the beneficial ownership of our common stock at January 10, 2011 and as adjusted to reflect the sale of the shares of common stock by us and the selling stockholders in this offering, for:

- each person known to us to be the beneficial owner of more than 5% of our common stock;
- each named executive officer;
- each of our directors;
- · all of our executive officers and directors as a group; and
- each selling stockholder.

Unless otherwise noted below, the address of each beneficial owner listed on the table is c/o BankUnited, Inc., 14817 Oak Lane, Miami Lakes, FL 33016. We have determined beneficial ownership in accordance with the rules of the SEC. Except as indicated by the footnotes below, we believe, based on the information furnished to us, that the persons and entities named in the tables below have sole voting and investment power with respect to all shares of common stock that they beneficially own, subject to applicable community property laws. We have based our calculation of the percentage of beneficial ownership on 92,971,850 shares of common stock outstanding on January 10, 2011, and 96,971,850 shares of common stock outstanding after the completion of this offering.

In computing the number of shares of common stock beneficially owned by a person and the percentage ownership of that person, we deemed outstanding shares of common stock subject to options or warrants held by that person that are currently exercisable or exercisable within sixty days of January 10, 2011. We, however, did not deem these shares outstanding for the purpose of computing the percentage ownership of any other person. Beneficial ownership representing less than 1% is denoted with an asterisk (\*).

The LLC is currently our sole stockholder. Immediately prior to the consummation of this offering, the LLC will be liquidated and all interests in us will be distributed to the members of the LLC in accordance with the LLC Agreement. This section, including the column "Shares Beneficially Owned Before the Offering", gives effect to the Reorganization (including any shares of common stock and options to purchase shares of our common stock to be received in respect of PIUs held by our named executive officers), which information (including the allocation between shares of common stock and options to be received by our named executive officers in respect of their PIUs and the number of shares to be distributed to the unit holders of the LLC as part of the liquidation of the LLC) depends on the actual initial public offering price per share in this offering. See "Reorganization" and "Compensation Discussion and Analysis—Executive Officer Compensation—Equity-Based Compensation."

		Shares Beneficially Owned Before the Offering		Shares Benefic After the C	
Name of beneficial owner	Number	%	being offered	Number	%
Executive Officers and Directors:					
John A. Kanas(1)	6,473,993	6.8%	988,662	5,485,331	5.6%
John Bohlsen(2)	3,119,242	3.3%	458,076	2,661,166	2.7%
Douglas J. Pauls(3)	441,225	*	59,069	382,156	*
Rajinder P. Singh(4)	1,986,531	2.1%	217,560	1,768,971	1.8%
Chinh E. Chu(5)	_	_	_	_	_
Ambassador Sue M. Cobb(6)	170,206	*	42,388	127,818	*
Eugene F. DeMark	24,709	*	6,154	18,555	*
Richard S. LeFrak(7)	1,935,364	2.1%	481,984	1,453,380	1.5%
Wilbur L. Ross, Jr.(8)	20,551,724	22.1%	5,118,216	15,433,508	15.9%

	Shares Beneficially Owned Before the Offering				eneficially Owned the Offering	
Name of beneficial owner	Number	%	offered	Number	%	
Pierre Olivier Sarkozy(9)			_		_	
Lance N. West(10)	_				_	
All executive officers and directors as a group						
(11 persons)(11)	34,702,995	36.0%	7,372,109	27,330,885	27.3%	
Greater than 5% Stockholders:						
Investment funds affiliated with						
WL Ross & Co. LLC(8)	20,551,724	22.1%	5,118,216	15,433,508	15.9%	
Investment funds affiliated with The Carlyle Group:						
DBD Cayman Holdings, Ltd.(12)	11,335,704	12.2%	2,823,052	8,512,652	8.8%	
TCG Holdings, L.L.C.(13)	9,216,020	9.9%	2,295,164	6,920,856	7.1%	
Investment funds affiliated with Centerbridge						
Partners, L.P.(14)	16,128,035	17.3%	4,016,537	12,111,498	12.5%	
Investment funds affiliated with The Blackstone						
Group(15)	20,551,724	22.1%	5,118,216	15,433,508	15.9%	
Other Selling Stockholders:	4 00= 004	2.40/	101.001	4 450 000	4 =0/	
LF Moby LLC(7)	1,935,364	2.1%	481,984	1,453,380	1.5%	
Cobb Family Twenty-Second Century Fund I(6)	59,572	*	14,836	44,736	*	
Cobb Family Foundation(6)	25,531	*	6,358	19,173	*	
Investment funds affiliated with East Rock						
Capital, LLC:	4.650.004	4.007	440.400	1015 551	1.00/	
EREF Special Situations, LLC(16)	1,658,884	1.8%	413,130	1,245,754	1.3%	
East Rock Focus Fund, L.P(17)	184,320	*	45,903	138,417	*	
Davy Global Opportunities Fund(18)	460,801	*	114,758	346,043	*	
Rishi Bansal(19)	172,314	*	35,234	137,080	*	
Scott J. Skorobohaty(20)	50,261	*	10,597	39,664	*	
Raymond Barbone(21)	28,986	*	5,299	23,687	*	

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes options to purchase 1,627,434 shares of common stock to be received in the Reorganization.

Also includes 1,250,000 shares of common stock held by the Kanas 2010 Annuity Trust, which is a grantor retained annuity trust. Mr. Kanas is the trustee of the Kanas 2010 Annuity Trust. Mr. Kanas disclaims any beneficial ownership of these shares except to the extent of his pecuniary interests therein, if any. The Kanas 2010 Annuity Trust is not expected to be a selling stockholder in this offering. Mr. Kanas intends to sell shares in this offering from shares of common stock he directly holds and shares of vested common stock he will receive in respect of his PIUs in the Reorganization. The Kanas 2010 Annuity Trust may only be a selling stockholder to the extent the number of shares Mr. Kanas will sell in this offering exceeds the number of shares he directly holds and shares of vested common stock and options he will receive in respect of his PIUs in the Reorganization. The address of the Kanas 2010 Annuity Trust is 32 Adelaide Ave., East Moriches, NY 11940.

(2) Includes options to purchase 831,799 shares of common stock to be received in the Reorganization.

Also includes 1,000,000 shares of common stock held by the Bohlsen 2010 Annuity Trust, which is a grantor retained annuity trust. Mr. Bohlsen is the trustee of the Bohlsen 2010 Annuity Trust.

Mr. Bohlsen disclaims any beneficial ownership of these shares except to the extent of his pecuniary interests therein, if any. The Bohlsen 2010 Annuity Trust is not expected to be a selling stockholder in this offering. Mr. Bohlsen intends to sell shares in this offering from shares of vested common stock he will receive in respect of his PIUs in the Reorganization. The Bohlsen 2010 Annuity Trust may only be a selling stockholder to the extent the number of shares Mr. Bohlsen will sell in this offering exceeds the number of shares of vested common stock and options he will receive in respect of his PIUs in the Reorganization. The address of the Bohlsen 2010 Annuity Trust is 135 The Helm, East Islip, NY 11730.

- (3) Includes options to purchase 132,606 shares of common stock to be received in the Reorganization.
- (4) Includes options to purchase 723,304 shares of common stock to be received in the Reorganization.
- (5) Does not include shares of common stock held by investment funds affiliated with The Blackstone Group. Mr. Chu is a member of our Board and is a Senior Managing Director of The Blackstone Group. Mr. Chu disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by investment funds affiliated with The Blackstone Group.
- (6) Includes 59,572 shares of common stock held by the Cobb Family Twenty-Second Century Fund I and 25,531 shares of common stock held by the Cobb Family Foundation. Ambassador Cobb is a member of our Board and Ambassador Cobb is a voting director of the Cobb Family Foundation and a trustee of the Cobb Twenty-Second Century Fund. Ambassador Cobb disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares. The address of each of the entities and persons identified in this note is c/o Cobb Partners Limited, 355 Alhambra Circle, Suite 1500, Coral Gables, FL 33134.
- (7) Includes 1,935,364 shares of common stock held by LF Moby LLC. LF Moby LLC is beneficially owned by Richard S. LeFrak and his sons Harrison T. LeFrak and James T. LeFrak via various LLCs and trusts. Richard LeFrak is a member of our Board. The address of each of the entities and persons identified in this note is c/o The LeFrak Organization, 40 West 57th Street, New York, NY 10019.
- (8) Includes 18,633,686 shares of common stock held by WLR Recovery Fund IV, L.P., 74,834 shares of common stock held by WLR IV Parallel ESC, L.P., and 1,843,204 shares of common stock held by WLR/GS Master Co-Investment, L.P. (collectively, the "WL Ross Funds"). WLR Recovery Associates IV, LLC is the general partner of WLR Recovery Fund IV, L.P. Invesco WLR IV Recovery Associates, LLC is the general partner of WLR Master Co-Investment GP, LLC, is the general partner of WLR/GS Master Co-Investment, L.P. Mr. Ross is a member of the investment committee of each WL Ross Fund's general partner, which has investment and voting control over the shares held or controlled by each of the WL Ross Funds. Mr. Ross disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares except for his pecuniary interest therein. Mr. Ross is a member of our Board and Mr. Ross is the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of WL Ross & Co. LLC. The address of each of the entities and persons identified in this note is c/o WL Ross & Co. LLC, 1166 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10036.
- (9) Does not include shares of common stock held by investment funds affiliated with The Carlyle Group. Mr. Sarkozy is a member of our Board and is a Managing Director of The Carlyle Group. Mr. Sarkozy disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by investment funds affiliated with The Carlyle Group.
- (10) Does not include shares of common stock held by investment funds affiliated with Centerbridge Partners, L.P. Mr. West is a member of our Board and Mr. West is a Senior Managing Director of Centerbridge Partners, L.P. Mr. West disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by investment funds affiliated with Centerbridge Partners, L.P.

- (11) Includes shares beneficially owned by WL Ross & Co. LLC. See footnote 8 above.
- (12) Includes 9,216,020 shares of common stock held by Carlyle Financial Services BU, L.P., 2,048,480 shares of common stock held by Carlyle Strategic Partners II, L.P., and 71,204 shares of common stock held by CSP II Co-Investment, L.P. (collectively, the "DBD Cayman Holdings Shares"). DBD Cayman Holdings, Ltd. ("DBD Cayman Holdings") is the sole shareholder of DBD Cayman, Ltd. ("DBD Cayman"), which is the general partner of TCG Holdings Cayman II, L.P., which is the general partner of TC Group Cayman Investment Holdings, L.P. ("TCGIH"). TCGIH is the sole shareholder of Carlyle Financial Services, Ltd., which is the general partner of TCG Financial Services, L.P., which is the general partner of Carlyle Financial Services BU, L.P. TCGIH is also the managing member of TC Group CSP II, LLC, which is the general partner of CSP II General Partner, L.P., which is the general partner of Carlyle Strategic Partners II, L.P. and CSP II Co-Investment, L.P. DBD Cayman Holdings is controlled by its ordinary members, William E. Conway, Jr., Daniel A. D'Aniello and David M. Rubenstein and all action relating to the investment and disposition of the DBD Cayman Holdings Shares requires their approval. William E. Conway, Jr., Daniel A. D'Aniello and David M. Rubenstein each disclaim beneficial ownership of the DBD Cayman Holdings Shares. The address of each of the entities and persons identified in this note is c/o The Carlyle Group, 1001 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 220 South, Washington, D.C. 20004.
- (13) Includes 8,673,951 shares of common stock held by Carlyle Partners V, L.P., 345,969 shares of common stock held by CP V Coinvestment A, L.P., 21,586 shares of common stock held by CP V Coinvestment B, L.P., and 174,515 shares of common stock held of record by Carlyle Partners V-A, L.P. (the "TCG Holdings Shares"). TCG Holdings, L.L.C. is the managing member of TC Group, L.L.C., which is the sole managing member of TC Group V Managing GP, L.L.C., which is the sole general partner of TC Group V, L.P., which is the sole general partner of Carlyle Partners V, L.P., Carlyle Partners V-A, L.P., CP V Coinvestment A, L.P and CP V Coinvestment B, L.P. TCG Holdings, L.L.C. is managed by a three person managing board, consisting of William E. Conway, Jr., Daniel A. D'Aniello and David M. Rubenstein, and all board action relating to the voting or disposition of the TCG Holdings Shares requires approval of a majority of the board. William E. Conway, Jr., Daniel A. D'Aniello and David M. Rubenstein each disclaim beneficial ownership of the TCG Holdings Shares. The address of each of the entities and persons identified in this note is c/o The Carlyle Group, 1001 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 220 South, Washington, D.C. 20004.
- (14) Includes 13,754,128 shares of common stock held by Centerbridge Capital Partners, L.P., 508,065 shares of common stock held by Centerbridge Capital Partners Strategic, L.P., 22,638 shares of common stock Centerbridge Capital Partners SBS, L.P., 875,522 shares of common stock held by CB BU Investors, LLC., 506,881 shares of common stock held by CB BU Investors II, LLC and 460,801 shares of common stock held by CB BU Investors III, LLC (collectively, the "Centerbridge Funds"). Centerbridge Associates, L.P. is the general partner of each of such entities. Mr. West is a member of Centerbridge Associates, L.P., which has investment and voting control over the shares held or controlled by each of the Centerbridge Funds. Mr. West disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares. Mr. West is a member of our Board and Mr. West is a Senior Managing Director of Centerbridge Partners, L.P. The address of each of the entities and persons identified in this note is c/o Centerbridge Partners, L.P., 375 Park Avenue, 12th Floor, New York, NY 10152.
- (15) Includes 15,623,215 shares of common stock held by Blackstone Capital Partners V L.P., 4,885,350 shares of common stock held by Blackstone Capital Partners V-AC, L.P., 27,296 shares of common stock held by Blackstone Family Investment Partnership V, L.P. and 15,862 shares of common stock held by Blackstone Participation Partnership V, L.P. Blackstone Management Associates V L.L.C. is the general partner of Blackstone Capital Partners V L.P. and Blackstone Capital Partners V-AC L.P. BCP V Side-by-Side GP L.L.C. is the general partner of Blackstone Family Investment

Partnership V, L.P. and Blackstone Participation Partnership V, L.P. Mr. Chu is a member of Blackstone Management Associates V L.L.C., which has investment and voting control over the shares held or controlled by Blackstone Capital Partners V L.P. and Blackstone Capital Partners V-AC L.P., and Mr. Chu is a member of BCP V Side-by-Side GP L.L.C., which has investment and voting control over the shares held or controlled by Blackstone Family Investment Partnership V, L.P. and Blackstone Participation Partnership V, L.P. Mr. Chu disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares. Mr. Chu is a member of our Board and Mr. Chu is a Senior Managing Director of The Blackstone Group. The address of each of the entities and persons identified in this note is c/o The Blackstone Group, 345 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10154.

- Includes 1,658,884 shares of common stock held of record by EREF Special Situations, LLC ("EREF SS"). EREF SS is a wholly owned subsidiary of the East Rock Endowment Fund, LP ("EREF"). The general partner of EREF is East Rock Capital GP, LLC ("ERC GP") and its investment advisor and manager is East Rock Capital, LLC ("ERC"). The managing member of ERC GP and ERC is D Partners Management, LLC. The managing principals of ERC GP and ERC are Adam Shapiro and Graham Duncan and all action relating to the investment and disposition of the shares held by EREF SS requires their approval. Graham Duncan is the sole owner of D Partners Management, LLC. Adam Shapiro and Graham Duncan each disclaim beneficial ownership of the shares held by EREF SS except to the extent of their pecuniary interest therein. Steven Saiontz served on our Board from May 21, 2009 until his resignation on July 20, 2010 and Mr. Saiontz is one of the beneficial owners of the family vehicle that owns 99% of EREF SS. The address of each of the entities and persons identified in this note is c/o East Rock Capital, LLC, 10 East 53rd Street, 31st Floor, New York, NY 10022.
- (17) Includes 184,320 shares of common stock held of record by East Rock Focus Fund, LP ("ERFF"). The general partner of ERFF is East Rock Focus Fund GP, LLC ("ERFF GP") and its investment advisor and manager is East Rock Focus Fund Management, LLC ("ERFF Management"). The managing member of ERFF GP and ERFF Management is Graham Duncan. The managing principals of ERFF GP and ERFF Management are Adam Shapiro and Graham Duncan and all action relating to the investment and disposition of the shares held by ERFF requires their approval. Adam Shapiro and Graham Duncan each disclaim beneficial ownership of the shares held by ERFF except to the extent of their pecuniary interest therein. The address of each of the entities and persons identified in this note is c/o East Rock Capital, LLC, 10 East 53rd Street, 31st Floor, New York, NY 10022.
- (18) Davy Global Opportunities Fund Plc is an investment company with variable capital incorporated in Ireland and authorized and regulated by the Financial Regulator as a designated investment company pursuant to Section 256 of Part XIII of the Companies Act 1990. The company as part of its assets includes 460,801 shares of common stock of BankUnited, Inc. (formerly JAK Holdings) within its portfolio. J&E Davy is the appointed Investment Manager to the company and the registered address of the company is Davy House, 49 Dawson Street, Dublin 2, Ireland. This opportunity was initially reviewed by Greenaap Consultants on behalf of Davy Global Opportunities Fund Plc. The address of Davy Global Opportunities Fund is c/o Greenaap Consultants, 66 Merrion Square, Dublin 2, Ireland.
- (19) Consists of (i) 141,480 shares of our common stock and (ii) options to purchase 30,834 shares of our common stock that are currently exercisable. Mr. Bansal is an Executive Vice President at BankUnited, Inc.
- (20) Consists of (i) 42,551 shares of our common stock and (ii) options to purchase 7,710 shares of our common stock that are currently exercisable. Mr. Skorobohaty is an Executive Vice President at BankUnited.
- (21) Consists of (i) 21,276 shares of our common stock and (ii) options to purchase 7,710 shares of our common stock that are currently exercisable. Mr. Barbone is an Executive Vice President at BankUnited.

#### DESCRIPTION OF OUR CAPITAL STOCK

The following descriptions include summaries of the material terms of our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and by-laws, which will become effective prior to completion of this offering. Reference is made to the more detailed provisions of, and the descriptions are qualified in their entirety by reference to, the amended and restated certificate of incorporation and by-laws, copies of which are filed with the SEC as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part, and applicable law. The descriptions of the common stock and preferred stock reflect changes to our capital structure that will occur upon the closing of this offering.

#### General

Upon the closing of this offering, our amended and restated certificate of incorporation will authorize us to issue up to 400,000,000 shares of common stock, \$0.01 par value per share, and 100,000,000 shares of preferred stock, \$0.01 par value per share.

At January 10, 2011, there were outstanding:

- 92,971,850 shares of our common stock held by approximately 36 stockholders; and
- zero shares of our preferred stock.

Upon completion of this offering, there will be outstanding 96,971,850 shares of common stock and no outstanding shares of preferred stock.

#### Common Stock

#### **Voting Rights**

Each holder of our common stock is entitled to one vote for each share on all matters submitted to a vote of the holders of our common stock, voting together as a single class, including the election of directors. Our stockholders do not have cumulative voting rights in the election of directors. Accordingly, holders of a majority of the voting shares are able to elect all of the directors.

#### Dividends

Subject to the prior rights of holders of preferred stock, holders of our common stock are entitled to receive dividends, if any, as may be declared from time to time by our Board.

#### Liquidation

Subject to the prior rights of our creditors and the satisfaction of any liquidation preference granted to the holders of any then outstanding shares of preferred stock, in the event of our liquidation, dissolution or winding up, holders of our common stock will be entitled to share ratably in the net assets legally available for distribution to stockholders.

# Preferred Stock

Our Board has the authority, without action by our stockholders, to issue preferred stock and to fix voting powers for each class or series of preferred stock, and to provide that any class or series may be subject to redemption, entitled to receive dividends, entitled to rights upon dissolution, or convertible or exchangeable for shares of any other class or classes of capital stock. The rights with respect to a series or class of preferred stock may be greater than the rights attached to our common stock. It is not possible to state the actual effect of the issuance of any shares of our preferred stock on the rights of holders of our common stock until our Board determines the specific rights attached to that preferred

stock. The effect of issuing preferred stock could include, among other things, one or more of the following:

- restricting dividends with respect to our common stock;
- diluting the voting power of our common stock or providing that holders of preferred stock have the right to vote on matters as a class;
- · impairing the liquidation rights of our common stock; or
- delaying or preventing a change of control of us.

# **Registration Rights**

The LLC Agreement contains registration rights provisions with respect to sales of shares of the applicable holding company of BankUnited that is used as the public vehicle in connection with any initial public offering. In accordance with the LLC Agreement and in connection with this offering, BankUnited, Inc., the Sponsors and the Management Members expect to enter into a registration rights agreement that will, among other things, amend and restate these registration rights provisions.

Pursuant to the registration rights agreement, Blackstone, Carlyle, Centerbridge and WL Ross will be provided with demand registration rights, which will be exercisable after expiration of the lockup provisions applicable to them described in the section entitled "Underwriters." The demand registration rights require us to register the shares of common stock beneficially owned by the demanding Sponsor with the SEC for sale by it to the public, provided that the value of the registrable securities proposed to be sold by such demanding Sponsor is at least the lesser of \$50.0 million or the value of all registrable securities held by such Sponsor. The registration rights provisions also provide that we may be required under certain circumstances to file a shelf registration statement for an offering to be made on a continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 of the Securities Act. We may postpone the filing of such a registration statement or suspend the effectiveness of any registration statement for a reasonable "blackout period" not in excess of 90 days if our Board determines that such registration or offering could materially interfere with a bona fide business or financing transaction of the Company or is reasonably likely to require premature disclosure of material, non-public information, the premature disclosure of which the Board reasonably determines in the exercise of its good faith judgment would not be in the best interests of the Company; provided that we shall not postpone the filing of a registration statement or suspend the effectiveness of any registration statement for more than 90 days in the aggregate in any 360-day period.

In addition, pursuant to the registration rights provisions, in the event that we are registering additional shares of common stock for sale to the public, whether on our own behalf (except in connection with a registration on Form S-4 or Form S-8 or any successor or similar form or in a registration of securities solely relating to an offering and sale to employees pursuant to any employee stock plan or other employee benefit plan arrangement) or through a demand registration on behalf of a Sponsor (as described above), we are required to give notice of such registration to all parties to the registration rights agreement that hold registrable securities (which includes members of our management that hold shares of our common stock) of the intention to effect such a registration. Such notified persons have piggyback registration rights providing them the right to have us include the shares of common stock owned by them in any such registration if we have received written requests for inclusion therein within prescribed time limits, subject to other provisions under the registration rights agreement.

Pursuant to the registration rights agreement, post-offering, each of (1) Mr. Kanas and certain funds affiliated with Blackstone, Carlyle, Centerbridge and WL Ross have separately agreed during the 18 months from the date of this prospectus and (2) our other executive officers have separately agreed

during the 12 months from the date of this prospectus not to effect any sales pursuant to Rule 144 under the Securities Act of any of our equity securities.

#### **FDIC Warrant**

In connection with the Acquisition, we issued a warrant to the FDIC allowing the FDIC to participate in the economic upside of the transaction if we achieve certain valuation levels upon an IPO or sale. We granted the FDIC certain registration rights pursuant to a registration rights agreement in connection with the warrant.

The warrant becomes exercisable for a sixty-day period beginning on the tenth day after the consummation of a qualifying IPO or exit event in which the total tangible equity value arising from the IPO or exit event (as calculated pursuant to the terms of the warrant) exceeds the valuation that would be implied if we were valued at the average price-to-tangible-book-value multiple for the top quartile of publicly-traded U.S. banks and thrifts with assets in excess of \$10 billion, as published by SNL Financial (the "Incremental Value"). The warrant, however, would expire upon the consummation of an IPO or exit event that does not constitute a qualifying IPO or qualifying exit event.

If the warrant were to become exercisable as a result of a qualifying IPO, the FDIC would be entitled to receive a number of shares of our common stock, at an exercise price of \$0.01 per share (the par value of one share of our common stock), equal to the quotient obtained by dividing (a) the warrant value, which is equal to 10% of the Incremental Value, by (b) the difference between (i) the price per share of our common stock paid by the managing underwriters in the IPO and (ii) the exercise price per share. The warrant is also redeemable by us for cash after it becomes exercisable at a redemption price equal to the warrant value.

Based on an assumed initial public offering price of \$25.00 per share, the high end of the price range set forth on the cover of this prospectus, this offering will not constitute a qualifying IPO, and the warrant accordingly would expire upon the consummation of this offering.

In October 2010, we and the FDIC agreed to amend the warrant to guarantee a minimum value to the FDIC from the warrant in the amount of \$25.0 million. We expect that (i) this offering will not constitute a qualifying IPO, (ii) the warrant will expire upon the consummation of this offering and the attendant registration rights will terminate and (iii) we will pay the FDIC \$25.0 million not later than the tenth business day following the warrant's expiration pursuant to the agreement in principle reached with the FDIC in October 2010.

# **Corporate Opportunity**

Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation provides that the doctrine of "corporate opportunity" will not apply against the Sponsors, any of their affiliates or any of our directors or officers, and that the Company renounces any interest or expectancy in any business opportunities that are presented to any of the Sponsors or any of their affiliates or to any of the directors or officers of the Company, even if such opportunity is of a character that could be taken by the Company. To the extent that the Sponsors, any of their affiliates, or any of our directors and officers participate in any such business opportunity, they may have differing interests than our other stockholders.

#### Anti-Takeover Considerations and Special Provisions of our Certificate of Incorporation, By-Laws and Delaware Law

The following sets forth certain provisions of the Delaware General Corporation Law, or DGCL, and our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and our amended and restated by-laws. Banking laws also impose notice approval and ongoing regulatory requirements on any stockholder or other party that seeks to acquire direct or indirect "control" of an FDIC-insured depository institution.

For additional information, see the section entitled "Regulation and Supervision—Notice and Approval Requirements Related to Control."

#### Requirements for Advance Notification of Stockholder Nominations and Proposals

Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated by-laws will establish advance notice procedures with respect to stockholder proposals and the nomination of candidates for election as directors, other than nominations made by or at the direction of our Board or a committee of our Board.

#### Stockholder Meetings

Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated by-laws will provide that special meetings of the stockholders may be called for any purpose or purposes at any time by a majority of our Board or by the Chief Executive Officer or the President. In addition, our amended and restated certificate of incorporation will provide that a holder, or a group of holders, of capital stock holding 25.0% or more of the total voting power of the outstanding shares of our capital stock may cause us to call a special meeting of the stockholders for any purpose or purposes at any time.

#### No Action by Stockholders Without a Meeting

Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated by-laws will provide that stockholders are not entitled to act by written consent.

#### Amendments to our Amended and Restated By-Laws

Our Board, by the affirmative vote of at least a majority of the Board, has the power without the assent or vote of the stockholders to adopt, amend, alter or repeal the by-laws. The by-laws also may be adopted, amended, altered or repealed by the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the votes entitled to be cast by the shares of outstanding capital stock entitled to vote thereon, subject to a specified exception relating to indemnification and advancement of expenses.

#### No Cumulative Voting

The DGCL provides that stockholders are not entitled to the right to cumulate votes in the election of directors unless an entity's certificate of incorporation provides otherwise. Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated by-laws do not provide for cumulative voting in the election of directors.

#### **Director Removal**

Except as may otherwise be required by applicable law and subject to the rights of holders of preferred stock then outstanding, our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated by-laws will provide that stockholders may not remove directors without cause.

# "Blank Check" Preferred Stock

Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated by-laws will authorize the issuance of "blank check" preferred stock with such designations, rights and preferences as may be determined from time to time by our Board.

#### Section 203

We have elected to "opt out" of Section 203 of the DGCL, which prohibits a Delaware corporation from engaging in any business combination with any interested stockholder for a period of three years after the date that such stockholder became an interested stockholder, with the following exceptions:

- before such date, our Board approved either the business combination or the transaction that resulted in the stockholder becoming an interested holder;
- upon completion of the transaction that resulted in the stockholder becoming an interested stockholder, the interested stockholder owned at least 85.0% of the voting stock of the corporation outstanding at the time the transaction began, excluding for purposes of determining the voting stock outstanding (but not the outstanding voting stock owned by the interested stockholder) those shares owned (i) by persons who are directors and also officers and (ii) employee stock plans in which employee participants do not have the right to determine confidentially whether shares held subject to the plan will be tendered in a tender or exchange offer; or
- on or after such date, the business combination is approved by the board of directors and authorized at an annual or special meeting of the stockholders, and not by written consent, by the affirmative vote of the holders of at least 66 <sup>2</sup>/3% of the outstanding voting stock that is not owned by the interested stockholder.

In general, Section 203 defines business combination to include the following:

- any merger or consolidation involving the corporation and the interested stockholder;
- any sale, transfer, pledge, or other disposition of 10.0% or more of the assets of the corporation involving the interested stockholder;
- subject to certain exceptions, any transaction that results in the issuance or transfer by the corporation of any stock of the corporation to the interested stockholder;
- any transaction involving the corporation that has the effect of increasing the proportionate share of the stock or any class or series of the corporation beneficially owned by the interested stockholder; or
- the receipt by the interested stockholder of the benefit of any loans, advances, guarantees, pledges, or other financial benefits by or through the corporation.

In general, Section 203 defines an "interested stockholder" as an entity or person who, together with the person's affiliates and associates, beneficially owns, or within three years prior to the time of determination of interested stockholder status did own, 15.0% or more of the outstanding voting stock of the corporation.

A Delaware corporation may "opt out" of Section 203 with an expressed provision in its original certificate of incorporation or an expressed provision in its certificate of incorporation or by-laws resulting from amendments approved by holders of at least a majority of the corporation's outstanding voting shares.

# Limitations on Liability and Indemnification of Directors and Officers

The DGCL authorizes corporations to limit or eliminate the personal liability of directors to corporations and their stockholders for monetary damages for breaches of directors' fiduciary duties. Our certificate of incorporation includes a provision that eliminates the personal liability of directors

for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director to the fullest extent permitted by Delaware law.

Section 102(b)(7) of the DGCL permits a corporation to provide in its certificate of incorporation that a director of the corporation shall not be personally liable to the corporation or its stockholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director, except for liability (i) for any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to the corporation or its stockholders, (ii) for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, (iii) under Section 174 of the DGCL (regarding, among other things, the payment of unlawful dividends or unlawful stock purchases or redemptions), or (iv) for any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit. Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation will provide for such limitation of liability.

Section 145(a) of the DGCL empowers a corporation to indemnify any director, officer, employee or agent, or former director, officer, employee or agent, who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of the corporation) by reason of such person's service as a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or such person's service, at the corporation's request, as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation or enterprise, against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with such action, suit or proceeding; provided that such director or officer acted in good faith and in a manner reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding; provided that such director or officer had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful.

Section 145(b) of the DGCL empowers a corporation to indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action or suit by or in the right of the corporation to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that such person is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another enterprise, against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred in connection with the defense or settlement of such action or suit; provided that such director or officer acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, except that no indemnification may be made in respect of any claim, issue or matter as to which such director or officer shall have been adjudged to be liable to the corporation unless and only to the extent that the Delaware Court of Chancery or the court in which such action or suit was brought shall determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all the circumstances of the case, such director or officer is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses which the court shall deem proper. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, except as otherwise provided in the by-laws, we shall be required to indemnify any such person in connection with a proceeding (or part thereof) commenced by such person only if the commencement of such proceeding (or part thereof) by any such person was authorized by our Board.

In addition, our amended and restated certificate of incorporation will provide that we must indemnify our directors and officers to the fullest extent authorized by law. We will also be required to advance certain expenses to our directors and officers and carry directors' and officers' insurance providing indemnification for our directors and officers for some liabilities. We believe that these indemnification provisions and the directors' and officers' insurance are useful to attract and retain qualified directors and executive officers.

Prior to completion of this offering, we intend to enter into separate indemnification agreements with each of our directors and officers. Each indemnification agreement is expected to provide, among

other things, for indemnification to the fullest extent permitted by law and our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and by-laws against (i) any and all expenses and liabilities, including judgments, fines, penalties, interest and amounts paid in settlement of any claim with our approval and counsel fees and disbursements, (ii) any liability pursuant to a loan guarantee, or otherwise, for any of our indebtedness, and (iii) any liabilities incurred as a result of acting on behalf of us (as a fiduciary or otherwise) in connection with an employee benefit plan. The indemnification agreements will provide for the advancement or payment of expenses to the indemnitee and for reimbursement to us if it is found that such indemnitee is not entitled to such indemnification under applicable law and our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and by-laws. Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers or persons controlling us pursuant to the foregoing provisions, in the opinion of the SEC, such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is therefore unenforceable.

#### Listing

Our common stock has been approved for listing on the NYSE under the symbol "BKU."

# **Transfer Agent and Registrar**

The transfer agent and registrar for our common stock is expected to be the Registrar and Transfer Company.

#### SHARES ELIGIBLE FOR FUTURE SALE

Prior to this offering, there has been no public market for our common stock, and we cannot predict the effect, if any, that sales of shares or availability of any shares for sale will have on the market price of our common stock prevailing from time to time. Sales of substantial amounts of common stock (including shares issued on the exercise of options, warrants or convertible securities, if any), or the perception that such sales could occur, could adversely affect the market price of our common stock and our ability to raise additional capital through a future sale of securities.

Upon completion of this offering, we will have 96,971,850 shares of common stock issued and outstanding. All of the 26,250,000 shares of our common stock sold in this offering (or 30,187,500 shares if the underwriters exercise their over-allotment option in full) will be freely tradable without restriction or further registration under the Securities Act, except that any shares held by any of our "affiliates" as that term is defined in Rule 144 under the Securities Act generally may be sold in the public market only in compliance with Rule 144 as described below. Upon completion of this offering, approximately 69.1% of our outstanding common stock (or 65.1% if the underwriters' over-allotment option is exercised in full) will be held by "affiliates" as that terms is defined in Rule 144.

In addition to the issued and outstanding shares of our common stock, we intend to file a registration statement on Form S-8 to register an aggregate of approximately 8.5 million shares of common stock reserved for issuance under our incentive and stock option programs. That registration statement will become effective upon filing, and shares of common stock covered by such registration statement are eligible for sale in the public market immediately after the effective date of such registration statement, subject to the lock-up agreements described below.

#### **Lock-Up Agreements**

See the section entitled "Underwriters" for a description of lock-up agreements in connection with this offering.

#### **Holdback Agreements**

See the section entitled "Description of Our Capital Stock—Registration Rights" for a description of the holdback agreements to which our named executive officers and certain funds affiliated with Blackstone, Carlyle, Centerbridge and WL Ross have agreed in connection with this offering.

#### **Equity ownership requirements**

See the section entitled "Compensation Discussion and Analysis—Executive Officer Compensation—Equity Ownership Requirements" for a description of the minimum equity ownership requirements to which our executive officers have agreed.

# **Rule 144**

In general, under Rule 144 under the Securities Act, a person (or persons whose shares are aggregated) who is not deemed to have been an affiliate of ours at any time during the three months preceding a sale, and who has beneficially owned restricted securities within the meaning of Rule 144 for at least six months (including any period of consecutive ownership of preceding non-affiliated holders) would be entitled to sell those shares, subject only to the availability of current public information about us. A non-affiliated person who has beneficially owned restricted securities within the meaning of Rule 144 for at least one year would be entitled to sell those shares without regard to the provisions of Rule 144.

A person (or persons whose shares are aggregated) who is deemed to be an affiliate of ours and who has beneficially owned restricted securities within the meaning of Rule 144 for at least six months

would be entitled to sell within any three-month period a number of shares that does not exceed the greater of one percent of the then outstanding shares of our common stock or the average weekly trading volume of our common stock reported through the NYSE during the four calendar weeks preceding such sale. Such sales are also subject to certain manner of sale provisions, notice requirements and the availability of current public information about us.

# **Rule 701**

In general, under Rule 701 of the Securities Act, most of our employees, consultants or advisors who purchased shares from us in connection with a qualified compensatory stock plan or other written agreement are eligible to resell those shares 90 days after the date of this prospectus in reliance on Rule 144, but without compliance with the holding period or certain other restrictions contained in Rule 144.

# **Registration Rights**

Following the completion of this offering, our existing stockholders will have rights, subject to certain conditions, to require us to include their shares in registration statements that we may file for ourselves or other existing stockholders and the Sponsors will have demand registration rights. Registration of these shares under the Securities Act will result in these shares becoming freely tradable without restriction under the Securities Act upon effectiveness of the registration statement. See the section of this prospectus entitled "Description of Our Capital Stock—Registration Rights."

# CERTAIN MATERIAL U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSEQUENCES FOR NON-U.S. HOLDERS OF COMMON STOCK

The following is a summary of certain U.S. federal income tax consequences relevant to non-U.S. Holders (as defined below) of the ownership and disposition of our common stock. The following summary is based on current provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the Code, Treasury regulations and judicial and administrative authority, all of which are subject to change, possibly with retroactive effect. State, local, estate and foreign tax consequences are not summarized, nor are tax consequences to special classes of investors including, but not limited to, tax-exempt organizations, insurance companies, banks or other financial institutions, partnerships or other entities classified as partnerships for U.S. federal income tax purposes, dealers in securities, persons liable for the alternative minimum tax, traders in securities that elect to use a mark-to-market method of accounting for their securities holdings, persons who have acquired our common stock as compensation or otherwise in connection with the performance of services, or persons that will hold our common stock as a position in a hedging transaction, "straddle," "conversion transaction" or other risk reduction transaction. Tax consequences may vary depending upon the particular status of an investor. The summary is limited to non-U.S. Holders who will hold our common stock as "capital assets" (generally, property held for investment). Each potential investor should consult its own tax advisor as to the U.S. federal, state, local, foreign and any other tax consequences of the purchase, ownership and disposition of our common stock.

You are a non-U.S. Holder if you are a beneficial owner of our common stock for U.S. federal income tax purposes that is neither an entity or arrangement treated as a partnership nor (i) a citizen or individual resident of the United States; (ii) a corporation (or other entity that is taxable as a corporation) created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States or of any State (or the District of Columbia); (iii) an estate if the income of such estate falls within the federal income tax jurisdiction of the United States regardless of the source of such income; nor (iv) a trust (a) if a United States court is able to exercise primary supervision over its administration and one or more United States persons have the authority to control all of the substantial decisions of the trust, or (b) that has in effect a valid election under applicable Treasury regulations to be treated as a U.S. person.

If an entity or arrangement treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes holds our common stock, the tax consequences to a partner relating to an investment in our common stock will generally depend upon the status of the partner and the activities of the partnership. If you are treated as a partner in such an entity holding our common stock, you should consult your tax advisor as to the particular U.S. federal income tax consequences applicable to you.

#### Distributions

Distributions with respect to our common stock will be treated as dividends when paid to the extent of our current or accumulated earnings and profits as determined for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Generally, distributions treated as dividends paid to a non-U.S. holder with respect to our common stock will be subject to a 30% U.S. withholding tax, or such lower rate as may be specified by an applicable income tax treaty. Distributions that are effectively connected with such non-U.S. holder's conduct of a trade or business in the United States (and, if a tax treaty applies, are attributable to a U.S. permanent establishment of such holder) are generally subject to U.S. federal income tax on a net income basis and are exempt from the 30% withholding tax (assuming compliance with certain certification requirements). Any such effectively connected distributions received by a non-U.S. holder that is a corporation may also, under certain circumstances, be subject to an additional "branch profits tax" at a 30% rate or such lower rate as may be applicable under an income tax treaty.

For purposes of obtaining a reduced rate of withholding under an income tax treaty, a non-U.S. holder will generally be required to provide a U.S. taxpayer identification number as well as certain information concerning the holder's country of residence and entitlement to tax treaty benefits. A non-U.S. holder can generally meet the certification requirement by providing a properly executed IRS Form W-8BEN (if the

holder is claiming the benefits of an income tax treaty) or Form W-8ECI (if the dividends are effectively connected with a trade or business in the United States) or suitable substitute form.

# Sale or Redemption

A non-U.S. holder generally will not be subject to U.S. federal income or withholding tax on gain realized on the sale, exchange or other disposition (other than a redemption, which may be subject to withholding tax or certification requirements under certain circumstances) of our common stock except for (i) in the case of certain non-resident alien individuals that are present in the United States for 183 or more days in the taxable year of the sale or disposition, or (ii) if the gain is effectively connected with the conduct by the non-U.S. holder of a trade or business within the United States (and, if a tax treaty applies, is attributable to a U.S. permanent establishment maintained by such non-U.S. holder).

#### **Information Reporting and Backup Withholding**

Payment of dividends, and the tax withheld with respect thereto, is subject to information reporting requirements. These information reporting requirements apply regardless of whether withholding was reduced or eliminated by an applicable income tax treaty. Under the provisions of an applicable income tax treaty or agreement, copies of the information returns reporting such dividends and withholding may also be made available to the tax authorities in the country in which the non-U.S. holder resides. U.S. backup withholding will generally apply on payment of dividends to non-U.S. holders unless such non-U.S. holders furnish to the payor a Form W-8BEN (or other applicable form), or otherwise establish an exemption and the payor does not have actual knowledge or reason to know that the holder is a U.S. person, as defined under the Code, that is not an exempt recipient.

Payment of the proceeds of a sale of our common stock within the United States or conducted through certain U.S.-related financial intermediaries is subject to information reporting and, depending on the circumstances, backup withholding, unless the non-U.S. holder, or beneficial owner thereof, as applicable, certifies that it is a non-U.S. holder on Form W-8BEN (or other applicable form), or otherwise establishes an exemption and the payor does not have actual knowledge or reason to know the holder is a U.S. person, as defined under the Code, that is not an exempt recipient.

Any amount withheld under the backup withholding rules from a payment to a non-U.S. holder is allowable as a credit against such non-U.S. holder's U.S. federal income tax, which may entitle the non-U.S. holder to a refund, provided that the non-U.S. holder timely provides the required information to the IRS. Moreover, certain penalties may be imposed by the IRS on a non-U.S. holder who is required to furnish information but does not do so in the proper manner. Non-U.S. holders should consult their tax advisors regarding the application of backup withholding in their particular circumstances and the availability of and procedure for obtaining an exemption from backup withholding under current Treasury regulations.

#### **Recent Legislation Relating to Foreign Accounts**

Recently enacted legislation will require, after December 31, 2012, withholding at a rate of 30 percent on dividends in respect of, and gross proceeds from the sale of, our common stock held by or through certain foreign financial institutions (including investment funds), unless such institution enters into an agreement with the Secretary of the Treasury to report, on an annual basis, information with respect to shares in the institution held by certain United States persons and by certain non-U.S. entities that are wholly- or partially-owned by United States persons. Accordingly, the entity through which our common stock is held will affect the determination of whether such withholding is required. Similarly, dividends in respect of, and gross proceeds from the sale of, our common stock held by an investor that is a non-financial non-U.S. entity will be subject to withholding at a rate of 30 percent, unless such entity either (i) certifies to us that such entity does not have any "substantial United States owners" or (ii) provides certain information regarding the entity's "substantial United States owners," which we will in turn provide to the Secretary of the Treasury. Non-U.S. Holders are encouraged to consult with their tax advisors regarding the possible implications of the legislation on their investment in our common stock.

#### **UNDERWRITERS**

Under the terms and subject to the conditions in an underwriting agreement dated the date of this prospectus, the underwriters named below, for whom Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated are acting as representatives, have severally agreed to purchase, and we and the selling stockholders have agreed to sell to them, severally, the number of shares indicated below:

Name	Number of Shares
Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated	
Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith	
Incorporated	
Deutsche Bank Securities Inc.	
Goldman, Sachs & Co.	
Keefe, Bruyette & Woods, Inc.	
RBC Capital Markets, LLC	
UBS Securities LLC	
Total	26,250,000

The underwriters and the representatives are collectively referred to as the "underwriters" and the "representatives," respectively. The underwriters are offering the shares of common stock subject to their acceptance of the shares from us and the selling stockholders and subject to prior sale. The underwriting agreement provides that the obligations of the several underwriters to pay for and accept delivery of the shares of common stock offered by this prospectus are subject to the approval of certain legal matters by their counsel and to certain other conditions. The underwriters are obligated to take and pay for all of the shares of common stock offered by this prospectus if any such shares are taken. However, the underwriters are not required to take or pay for the shares covered by the underwriters' over-allotment option described below.

The underwriters initially propose to offer part of the shares of common stock directly to the public at the offering price listed on the cover of this prospectus and part to certain dealers at a price that represents a concession not in excess of \$ a share under the public offering price. After the initial offering of the shares of common stock, the offering price and other selling terms may from time to time be varied by the representatives. The offering of the shares by the underwriters is subject to receipt and acceptance and subject to the underwriters' right to reject any order in whole or in part.

The selling stockholders have granted to the underwriters an option, exercisable for 30 days from the date of this prospectus, to purchase up to 3,937,500 additional shares of common stock at the public offering price listed on the cover of this prospectus, less underwriting discounts and commissions. The underwriters may exercise this option solely for the purpose of covering over-allotments, if any, made in connection with the offering of the shares of common stock offered by this prospectus. To the extent the option is exercised, each underwriter will become obligated, subject to certain conditions, to purchase about the same percentage of the additional shares of common stock as the number listed next to the underwriter's name in the preceding table bears to the total number of shares of common stock listed next to the names of all underwriters in the preceding table.

The following table shows the per share and total public offering price, underwriting discounts and commissions, and proceeds before expenses to us and the selling stockholders. These amounts are

shown assuming both no exercise and full exercise of the underwriters' option to purchase up to an additional

shares of common stock.

		Total	
	Per Share	No Exercise	Full Exercise
Public offering price	\$	\$	\$
Underwriting discounts and commissions to be paid by:			
Us	\$	\$	\$
The selling stockholders	\$	\$	\$
Proceeds, before expenses, to us	\$	\$	\$
Proceeds, before expenses, to the selling stockholders	\$	\$	\$

We estimate that the total offering expenses, exclusive of the underwriting discounts and commissions, are approximately \$5.0 million. We have agreed with the underwriters to pay all fees and expenses related to the review and qualification of this offering by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. and "blue sky" expenses in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$75,000 and to split the cost of any aircraft chartered in connection with the road show for this offering.

The underwriters have informed us that they do not intend sales to discretionary accounts to exceed 5% of the total number of shares of common stock offered by them.

Our common stock has been approved for listing on the NYSE under the symbol "BKU."

We, our executive officers and directors, and the selling stockholders have agreed that, subject to specified exceptions, without the prior written consent of Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated on behalf of the underwriters, we and they will not, during the period ending 180 days after the date of this prospectus:

- offer, pledge, sell, contract to sell, sell any option or contract to purchase, purchase any option or contract to sell, grant any option, right or warrant to purchase, lend or otherwise transfer or dispose of, directly or indirectly, any shares of common stock or any securities convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for shares of common stock;
- file any registration statement with the SEC relating to the offering of any shares of common stock or any securities convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for common stock; or
- enter into any swap or other arrangement that transfers to another, in whole or in part, any of the economic consequences of ownership of the common stock.

whether any such transaction described above is to be settled by delivery of common stock or such other securities, in cash or otherwise. In addition, each such person agrees that, without the prior written consent of Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated on behalf of the underwriters, it will not, during the period ending 180 days after the date of this prospectus, make any demand for, or exercise any right with respect to, the registration of any shares of common stock or any security convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for common stock.

The 180-day restricted period described in the preceding paragraph will be extended if:

- during the last 17 days of the 180-day restricted period we issue an earnings release or material news event relating to us occurs, or
- prior to the expiration of the 180-day restricted period, we announce that we will release earnings results during the 16-day period beginning on the last day of the 180-day period,

in which case the restrictions described in the preceding paragraph will continue to apply until the expiration of the 18-day period beginning on the issuance of the earnings release or the occurrence of the material news or material event.

With respect to us, the restrictions described above do not apply to:

- the sale of shares to the underwriters and any shares or options issued in connection with the reorganization transactions described in the section of this prospectus entitled "Reorganization;"
- the issuance by us of shares of common stock upon the exercise of an option or warrant granted under stock incentive, compensation or similar plans, of which the representatives have been advised in writing, or issuances or transfers in accordance with the terms of any stock incentive, compensation or similar plan in effect on the date of this prospectus and as described in this prospectus, of which the representatives have been advised in writing;
- the filing by us of a registration statement with the SEC on Form S-8 relating to the offering of securities by us pursuant to terms of any stock incentive, compensation or similar plan in effect on the date of this prospectus and as described in this prospectus;
- the filing of a registration statement on Form S-4 or other appropriate form with respect to the issuance by us of common stock or securities convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for common stock in connection with an acquisition or business combination (or the entering into of an acquisition agreement or other offer or contract to sell with respect thereto), provided that no such common stock or other securities are issued in connection with any such acquisition or business combination during the 180-day restricted period.

With respect to our directors, officers and the selling stockholders, the restrictions described above do not apply to:

- the sale of shares to the underwriters;
- transactions relating to shares of our common stock or other securities acquired in open market transactions after the completion of this offering (provided that no filing under Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act (other than a filing on a Form 5 made after the expiration of the 180-day period referred to above) shall be required or shall be voluntarily made in connection with subsequent sales of common stock or other securities acquired in such open market transactions);
- transfers of shares of common stock or any security convertible into common stock as a bona fide gift or gifts;
- transfers of shares of common stock or any security convertible into common stock to any trust for the direct or indirect benefit of the director, officer or such selling stockholder or an immediate family member of such individual;
- transfers by testate succession or intestate distribution;
- distributions or transfers (other than for value) by the director, officer or such selling stockholder to limited partners, members, or stockholders of the director, officer or such selling

stockholder or transfers (other than for value) to any corporation, partnership or other business entity that is the direct or indirect affiliate of the director, officer or such selling stockholder;

- transfers (other than for value) of shares to any corporation, partnership or other business entity with whom the director, officer or such selling stockholder shares in common an investment manager or advisor which has investment discretionary authority with respect to the director's, officer's or such selling stockholder's and the entity's investments pursuant to an investment advisory or similar agreement; and
- the establishment of a trading plan pursuant to Rule 10b5-1 under the Exchange Act for the transfer of shares of common stock, provided that such
  plan does not provide for the transfer of common stock during the restricted period and no public announcement or filing under the Exchange Act
  regarding the establishment of such plan shall be required of or voluntarily made by or on behalf of the director, officer or such selling stockholder
  or us;

provided that in the case of any transfer or distribution pursuant to the third, fourth, fifth, sixth or seventh bullet above, (x) each donee, distributee or transferee shall sign and deliver a lock-up letter substantially in the form of the letter signed by our directors, officers and selling stockholders, and (y) no filing under Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act (other than a filing on a Form 5 made after the expiration of the 180-day period referred to above), reporting a reduction in beneficial ownership of shares of common stock, shall be required or shall be voluntarily made during the restricted period referred to in the foregoing sentence.

In order to facilitate the offering of the common stock, the underwriters may engage in transactions that stabilize, maintain or otherwise affect the price of the common stock. Specifically, the underwriters may sell more shares than they are obligated to purchase under the underwriting agreement, creating a short position. A short sale is covered if the short position is no greater than the number of shares available for purchase by the underwriters under the over-allotment option. The underwriters can close out a covered short sale by exercising the over-allotment option or purchasing shares in the open market. In determining the source of shares to close out a covered short sale, the underwriters will consider, among other things, the open market price of shares compared to the price available under the over-allotment option. The underwriters may also sell shares in excess of the over-allotment option, creating a naked short position. The underwriters must close out any naked short position by purchasing shares in the open market. A naked short position is more likely to be created if the underwriters are concerned that there may be downward pressure on the price of the common stock in the open market after pricing that could adversely affect investors who purchase in this offering. As an additional means of facilitating this offering, the underwriters may bid for, and purchase, shares of common stock in the open market to stabilize the price of the common stock. These activities may raise or maintain the market price of the common stock above independent market levels or prevent or retard a decline in the market price of the common stock. The underwriters are not required to engage in these activities and may end any of these activities at any time.

The underwriters may also impose a penalty bid. This occurs when a particular underwriter repays to the underwriters a portion of the underwriting discount received by it because the representatives have purchased shares sold by or for the account of such underwriter in stabilizing or other short covering transaction.

We, the selling stockholders and the several underwriters have agreed to indemnify each other against certain liabilities under the Securities Act.

A prospectus in electronic format may be made available on websites maintained by one or more underwriters, or selling group members, if any, participating in this offering. The representatives may agree to allocate a number of shares of common stock to underwriters for sale to their online

brokerage account holders. Internet distributions will be allocated by the representatives to underwriters that may make Internet distributions on the same basis as other allocations.

# **Pricing of the Offering**

Prior to this offering, there has been no public market for our common stock. The initial public offering price will be determined by negotiations between us, the selling stockholders and the representatives. Among the factors considered in determining the initial public offering price will be our future prospects and those of our industry in general, our revenues, earnings and certain other financial and operating information in recent periods, and the price-earnings ratios, price-revenues ratios, market prices of securities, and certain financial and operating information of companies engaged in activities similar to ours.

# **Selling Restrictions**

#### European Economic Area

In relation to each member State of the European Economic Area which has implemented the Prospectus Directive (each, a "Relevant Member State") an offer to the public of any shares which are the subject of the offering contemplated by this prospectus (the "Shares") may not be made in that Relevant Member State, except that an offer to the public in that Relevant Member State of any Shares may be made at any time under the following exemptions under the Prospectus Directive, if they have been implemented in that Relevant Member State:

- (a) to any legal entity which is a qualified investor as defined in the Prospectus Directive;
- (b) to fewer than 100 or, if the Relevant Member State has implemented the relevant provision of the 2010 PD Amending Directive, 150, natural or legal persons (other than qualified investors as defined in the Prospectus Directive), as permitted under the Prospectus Directive, subject to obtaining the prior consent of Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporation for any such offer; or
- (c) in any other circumstances falling within Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive, provided that no such offer of Shares shall result in a requirement for the publication by us or any underwriter of a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive.

For the purposes of this provision, the expression an "**offer to the public**" in relation to any Shares in any Relevant Member State means the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and any Shares to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase any Shares, as the same may be varied in that Member State by any measure implementing the Prospectus Directive in that Member State, the expression "**Prospectus Directive**" means Directive 2003/71/EC (and the amendments thereto, including the 2010 PD Amending Directive, to the extent implemented in the Relevant Member State), and includes any relevant implementing measure in the Relevant Member State, and the expression "**2010 PD Amending Directive**" means Directive 2010/73/EU.

#### **United Kingdom**

Each initial purchaser has represented and agreed that:

(a) it has only communicated or caused to be communicated and will only communicate or cause to be communicated an invitation or inducement to engage in investment activity (within the meaning of Section 21 of the FSMA) received by it in connection with the issue or sale of the Shares in circumstances in which Section 21(1) of the FSMA does not apply to us; and

(b) it has complied and will comply with all applicable provisions of the FSMA with respect to anything done by it in relation to the Shares in, from or otherwise involving the United Kingdom.

#### Hong Kong

The shares may not be offered or sold by means of any document other than (i) in circumstances which do not constitute an offer to the public within the meaning of the Companies Ordinance (Cap.32, Laws of Hong Kong), or (ii) to "professional investors" within the meaning of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap.571, Laws of Hong Kong) and any rules made thereunder, or (iii) in other circumstances which do not result in the document being a "prospectus" within the meaning of the Companies Ordinance (Cap.32, Laws of Hong Kong), and no advertisement, invitation or document relating to the shares may be issued or may be in the possession of any person for the purpose of issue (in each case whether in Hong Kong or elsewhere), which is directed at, or the contents of which are likely to be accessed or read by, the public in Hong Kong (except if permitted to do so under the laws of Hong Kong) other than with respect to shares which are or are intended to be disposed of only to persons outside Hong Kong or only to "professional investors" within the meaning of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap.571, Laws of Hong Kong) and any rules made thereunder.

#### Japan

The securities have not been and will not be registered under the Financial Instruments and Exchange Law of Japan (the Financial Instruments and Exchange Law) and each underwriter has agreed that it will not offer or sell any securities, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to, or for the benefit of, any resident of Japan (which term as used herein means any person resident in Japan, including any corporation or other entity organized under the laws of Japan), or to others for reoffering or resale, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to a resident of Japan, except pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of, and otherwise in compliance with, the Financial Instruments and Exchange Law and any other applicable laws, regulations and ministerial guidelines of Japan.

#### Singapore

This prospectus has not been registered as a prospectus with the Monetary Authority of Singapore. Accordingly, this prospectus and any other document or material in connection with the offer or sale, or invitation for subscription or purchase, of the shares may not be circulated or distributed, nor may the shares be offered or sold, or be made the subject of an invitation for subscription or purchase, whether directly or indirectly, to persons in Singapore other than (i) to an institutional investor under Section 274 of the Securities and Futures Act, Chapter 289 of Singapore, or SFA, (ii) to a relevant person, or any person pursuant to Section 275(1A), and in accordance with the conditions, specified in Section 275 of the SFA or (iii) otherwise pursuant to, and in accordance with the conditions of, any other applicable provision of the SFA.

Where the shares are subscribed or purchased under Section 275 by a relevant person which is: (a) a corporation (which is not an accredited investor) the sole business of which is to hold investments and the entire share capital of which is owned by one or more individuals, each of whom is an accredited investor; or (b) a trust (where the trustee is not an accredited investor) whose sole purpose is to hold investments and each beneficiary is an accredited investor, shares, debentures and units of shares and debentures of that corporation or the beneficiaries' rights and interest in that trust shall not be transferable for 6 months after that corporation or that trust has acquired the shares under Section 275 except: (1) to an institutional investor under Section 274 of the SFA or to a relevant person, or any person pursuant to Section 275(1A), and in accordance with the conditions, specified in Section 275 of the SFA; (2) where no consideration is given for the transfer; or (3) by operation of law.

#### Switzerland

We have not and will not register with the Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority, or FINMA, as a foreign collective investment scheme pursuant to Article 119 of the Federal Act on Collective Investment Scheme of 23 June 2006, as amended, or CISA, and accordingly the securities being offered pursuant to this prospectus have not and will not be approved, and may not be licenseable, with FINMA. Therefore, the securities have not been authorized for distribution by FINMA as a foreign collective investment scheme pursuant to Article 119 CISA and the securities offered hereby may not be offered to the public (as this term is defined in Article 3 CISA) in or from Switzerland. The securities may solely be offered to "qualified investors," as this term is defined in Article 10 CISA, and in the circumstances set out in Article 3 of the Ordinance on Collective Investment Scheme of 22 November 2006, as amended, or CISO, such that there is no public offer. Investors, however, do not benefit from protection under CISA or CISO or supervision by FINMA. This prospectus and any other materials relating to the securities are strictly personal and confidential to each offeree and do not constitute an offer to any other person. This prospectus may only be used by those qualified investors to whom it has been handed out in connection with the offer described herein and may neither directly or indirectly be distributed or made available to any person or entity other than its recipients. It may not be used in connection with any other offer and shall in particular not be copied and/or distributed to the public in Switzerland or from Switzerland. This prospectus does not constitute an issue prospectus as that term is understood pursuant to Article 652a and/or 1156 of the Swiss Federal Code of Obligations. We have not applied for a listing of the securities on the SIX Swiss Exchange or any other regulated securities market in Switzerland, and consequently, the information presented in this prospectus schemes annexed to the listin

#### **Dubai International Financial Centre**

This prospectus relates to an Exempt Offer in accordance with the Offered Securities Rules of the Dubai Financial Services Authority, or DFSA. This prospectus is intended for distribution only to persons of a type specified in the Offered Securities Rules of the DFSA. It must not be delivered to, or relied on by, any other person. The DFSA has no responsibility for reviewing or verifying any documents in connection with Exempt Offers. The DFSA has not approved this prospectus nor taken steps to verify the information set forth herein and has no responsibility for the prospectus. The securities to which this prospectus relates may be illiquid and/or subject to restrictions on their resale. Prospective purchasers of the securities offered should conduct their own due diligence on the securities. If you do not understand the contents of this prospectus you should consult an authorized financial advisor.

#### **Relationships with Underwriters**

The underwriters and their respective affiliates are full service financial institutions engaged in various activities, which may include securities trading, commercial and investment banking, financial advisory, investment management, investment research, principal investment, hedging, financing, valuation and brokerage activities. From time to time, the underwriters and/or their respective affiliates have directly and indirectly engaged, or may engage, in various financial advisory, investment banking and commercial banking services for us and our affiliates, for which they received, or may receive, customary compensation, fees and expense reimbursement. In the ordinary course of their various business activities, the underwriters and their respective affiliates may make or hold a broad array of investments and actively trade debt and equity securities (or related derivative securities) and financial instruments (including bank loans) for their own account and for the accounts of their customers, and such investment and securities activities may involve securities and/or instruments of ours. The

underwriters and their respective affiliates may also make investment recommendations and/or publish or express independent research views in respect of such securities or instruments and may at any time hold, or recommend to clients that they acquire, long and/or short positions in such securities and instruments. In addition, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated provided investment banking advice to the investors in the Acquisition who, for the most part, make up the selling stockholders in this offering.

# Relationship with Solebury Capital LLC

Pursuant to an engagement agreement, we engaged Solebury Capital LLC, or Solebury, a FINRA member, to provide certain financial consulting services (which do not include underwriting services) in connection with this offering. We agreed to pay Solebury, only upon successful completion of this offering, a fee of \$600,000 and, at our sole discretion, an additional potential incentive fee of \$200,000. We also agreed to reimburse Solebury for reasonable and documented out-of-pocket expenses up to a maximum of \$10,000 and have provided indemnification of Solebury pursuant to the engagement agreement. Solebury's services include an initial analysis of the market for new security issuances, an assessment of our financial position and business model and assistance in preparing presentation materials. Solebury is not acting as an underwriter and has no contact with any public or institutional investor on behalf of the Company or the underwriters. In addition, Solebury will not underwrite or purchase any of the offered securities or otherwise participate in any such undertaking.

#### **LEGAL MATTERS**

The validity of the common stock and other certain legal matters will be passed upon for us by Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, New York, New York. The underwriters are being represented by Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP, New York, New York.

#### **EXPERTS**

The consolidated financial statements of BankUnited, Inc. and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2009, and for the period from April 28, 2009 (date of inception) through December 31, 2009, have been included herein in reliance upon the report of KPMG LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, appearing elsewhere herein, and upon the authority of said firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

The consolidated financial statements of BankUnited, FSB as of May 21, 2009 and for the period from October 1, 2008 to May 21, 2009, and the consolidated financial statements of BankUnited, FSB as of September 30, 2008 and 2007, and for each of the two years in the period ended September 30, 2008, all included in this prospectus, have been so included in reliance on the report of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, an independent registered certified public accounting firm, given on the authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting.

#### WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We have filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-1 under the Securities Act with respect to the common stock offered hereby. This prospectus does not contain all of the information set forth in the registration statement and the exhibits and schedules thereto. For further information with respect to us and our common stock, reference is made to the registration statement and the exhibits and any schedules filed therewith. Statements contained in this prospectus as to the contents of any contract or other document referred to are not necessarily complete and in each instance, if such contract or document is filed as an exhibit, reference is made to the copy of such contract or other document filed as an exhibit to the registration statement, each statement being qualified in all respects by such reference. A copy of the registration statement, including the exhibits and schedules thereto, may be read and copied at the SECs Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. Information on the operation of the Public Reference Room may be obtained by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. In addition, the SEC maintains an Internet website that contains reports, proxy statements and other information about issuers, like us, that file electronically with the SEC. The address of that site is www.sec.gov.

As a result of the offering, we will become subject to the full informational requirements of the Exchange Act. We will fulfill our obligations with respect to such requirements by filing periodic reports and other information with the SEC. We intend to furnish our stockholders with annual reports containing consolidated financial statements certified by an independent public accounting firm. We also maintain an Internet site at www.bankunited.com. Information on, or accessible through, our website is not part of this prospectus.

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### (Dollars in thousands, except per share data)

		eptember 30, 2010 (Unaudited)	(	December 31, 2009 Derived from dited financial statements)
ASSETS				
Cash and due from banks	\$	54,575	\$	60,593
Due from Federal Reserve Bank		437,215		290,192
Federal funds sold		2,796		5,430
Cash and cash equivalents		494,586		356,215
Investment securities available for sale, at fair value (including covered securities of \$270,254 and \$275,726)		3,088,504		2,243,143
Federal Home Loan Bank stock		225,902		243,334
Loans held for sale		534		· —
Loans (including covered loans of \$3,794,612 and \$4,486,878)		4,137,041		4,611,519
Allowance for loan losses		(57,807)		(22,621)
Loans, net	_	4,079,234	_	4,588,898
FDIC indemnification asset		2,723,059		3,279,165
Bank owned life insurance		135,993		132,330
Other real estate owned, covered by loss sharing agreements		194,286		120,110
Deferred tax asset, net				22,533
Income tax receivable		48,359		_
Goodwill and other intangible assets		60,759		60,981
Other assets		100,085		83,252
Total assets	\$	11,151,301	\$	11,129,961
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY	_		_	
Liabilities:				
Demand deposits:				
Non-interest bearing	\$	492,495	\$	332,941
Interest bearing		306,208	•	222,052
Savings and money market		3,022,752		2,592,642
Time		3,479,005		4,519,140
Total deposits	_	7,300,460	_	7,666,775
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase		386		2,972
Federal Home Loan Bank advances		2,260,006		2,079,051
Due to FDIC		111,056		114,006
Income taxes payable				82,701
Deferred tax liability, net		15,691		_
Advance payments by borrowers for taxes and insurance		55,896		31,237
Other liabilities		164,967		58,959
Total liabilities	_	9,908,462		10,035,701
Commitments and contingencies	_			
Stockholder's equity:				
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share:				
Authorized, 110,000,000 shares; 92,971,850 and 92,767,310 shares issued and				
outstanding		930		928
Paid-in capital		949,320		946,822
Paid-in capital from stock-based compensation		1,083		210
Retained earnings		261,968		119,046
Accumulated other comprehensive income		29,538		27,254
Total stockholder's equity	_	1,242,839	_	1,094,260
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Total liabilities and stockholder's equity	<b>\$</b>	11,151,301	\$	11,129,961

### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME—UNAUDITED

# (Dollars in thousands, except per share data)

		ne Months Ended otember 30 2010	200	riod from April 28, 9 Through otember 30 2009
Interest income:				
Interest and fees on loans	\$	320,092	\$	172,003
Interest and dividends on investment securities available for sale		93,382		21,651
Other		1,485		1,962
Total interest income		414,959		195,616
Interest expense:				
Interest on deposits		83,631		33,509
Interest on borrowings		43,864		15,001
Total interest expense		127,495		48,510
Net interest income before provision for loan losses		287,464		147,106
Provision for loan losses		45,157		2,288
Net interest income after provision for loan losses		242,307		144,818
Non-interest income:	<del></del>			
Accretion of discount on FDIC indemnification asset		116,915		89,449
Income from resolution of covered assets, net		112,777		79,560
Net loss on indemnification asset resulting from net recoveries		(44,932)		(51,123)
FDIC reimbursement of costs of resolution of covered assets		22,393		2,489
Service charges		7,899		3,949
Loss on sale or exchange of investment securities available for sale		(2,292)		_
Mortgage insurance income		12,097		630
Gain on extinguishment of debt		_		31,303
Other non-interest income		12,663		2,735
Total non-interest income		237,520		158,992
Non-interest expense:				
Employee compensation and benefits		100,334		35,813
Occupancy and equipment		19,843		11,672
Impairment of other real estate owned		12,164		8,716
Foreclosure expense		28,384		9,248
Other real estate owned related expense		10,903		3,670
Deposit insurance expense		10,420		8,873
Professional fees		7,668		4,690
Telecommunications and data processing		8,772		3,646
Other non-interest expense		21,560		5,511
Loss on FDIC receivable		_		69,444
Acquisition related costs				39,685
Total non-interest expense		220,048		200,968
Income before income taxes		259,779		102,842
Provision for income taxes		102,857		41,191
Net income	\$	156,922	\$	61,651
Earnings per common share:			_	
Basic and diluted	\$	1.69	\$	.67
	Ψ		Ψ	.07
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding:  Basic and diluted		2 042 620	_	2 600 000
Dasic and unfalled		92,943,620		2,600,000

### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS—UNAUDITED

### (Dollars in thousands)

	Nine Months Ended September 30 2010	Period from April 28, 2009 Through September 30 2009
Cash flows from operating activities: Net income	\$ 156,922	\$ 61,651
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash used in operating activities:	\$ 130,322	\$ 01,031
Accretion of fair values of assets acquired and liabilities assumed	(336,219)	(232,183)
Amortization of fees, discounts and premiums, net	(24,591)	
Provision for loan losses	45,157	2,288
Accretion of FDIC indemnification asset  Income from resolution of covered assets	(116,915) (112,777)	
Net loss on indemnification asset resulting from net recoveries	44,932	51,123
Increase in cash surrender value of bank owned life insurance	(3,836)	
Loss on sale or exchange of investment securities available for sale, net	2,292	``-
Income from life insurance proceeds	(544)	
Gain on sale of real estate owned, net Loss on disposal of properties and equipment	(2,270)	(486)
Stock-based compensation	873	
Change in fair value of equity awards classified as liabilities	24,490	4,963
Depreciation and amortization	1,765	6
Impairment of other real estate owned	12,164	8,716
Deferred income taxes	38,884	(913)
Gain on extinguishment of debt  Loss on FDIC receivable	_	(31,303) 69.444
Other:	_	09,444
Loans originated for sale, net of repayments	(534)	_
(Increase) decrease in other assets	(46,811)	24,660
(Decrease) increase in other liabilities	(76,845)	
Decrease in due to FDIC	(2,950)	
Net cash used in operating activities	(396,497)	(205,277)
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Net cash acquired in a business combination	_	1,160,321
Cash received from FDIC related to business combination, net Purchase of investment securities available for sale	(1,331,883)	2,274,206 (227,172)
Proceeds from repayments of investment securities available for sale	494,324	64,227
Proceeds from sale of investment securities available for sale	67,867	6,801
Maturities and calls of investment securities available for sale	10,000	20,000
Loan repayments and resolutions, net of originations	594,343	369,246
Proceeds from redemption of FHLB stock	17,432	
Decrease in FDIC indemnification asset for claims filed Bank owned life insurance proceeds	628,089 717	68,975
Purchase of office properties and equipment	(20,979)	(801)
Proceeds from sale of other real estate owned	197,173	122,788
Net cash provided by investing activities	657,083	3,858,591
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Net (decrease) increase in deposits	(347,989)	38,245
Additions to Federal Home Loan Bank advances	605,000	_
Repayments of Federal Home Loan Bank advances	(405,000)	
Net decrease in securities sold under agreements to repurchase Increase in advances from borrowers for taxes and insurance	(2,586) 25,860	) (30) 19.232
Capital contribution	25,000	947,000
Net cash used in financing activities	(122,215)	
3	138,371	
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents  Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	356,215	1,862,649
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 494,586	\$ 1,862,649
1 , 1	\$ 494,500	\$ 1,002,049
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow activity: Interest paid on deposits and borrowings	\$ 168,200	\$ 157,537
Income taxes paid	\$ 197,166	\$ —
Supplemental schedule of non-cash investing and financing activities:  Transfers from loans to real estate owned	\$ 283,220	\$ 49,431
Dividends declared on common stock	\$ 14,000	<u> </u>
Restructuring of Federal Home Loan Bank advances	\$ —	\$ 505,000

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME—UNAUDITED

### (Dollars in thousands)

		Common Stock	Paid-in Capital		aid-in Capital From Stock Based Compensation		Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)		Si	Total tockholder's Equity
Balance at December 31, 2009	\$	928	\$ 946,822	\$	210	\$	119,046	\$	27,254	\$	1,094,260
Comprehensive income:											
Net income		_	_		_		156,922		_		156,922
Other comprehensive income:											
Unrealized gains on investment											
securities available for sale											
arising during the period, net of taxes of \$23,511		_	_		_		_		37,437		37,437
Reclassification adjustment for:											
Realized losses on investment											
securities available for sale, net											
of tax benefit of \$884		_	_		_		_		1,408		1,408
Unrealized losses on cash flow											
hedges, net of tax benefit of											
\$24,034		_	_		_				(38,270)		(38,270)
Reclassification adjustment for:  Realized losses on cash flow hedges, net of tax benefit of											
\$1,070		_	_		_		_		1,709		1,709
Total comprehensive income											159,206
Capital contribution		2	2,498		_		_		_		2,500
Dividends		_	_		_		(14,000)		_		(14,000)
Stock-based compensation		_	_		873		_		_		873
Balance at September 30, 2010	\$	930	\$ 949,320	\$	1,083	\$	261,968	\$	29,538	\$	1,242,839
Balance at April 28, 2009 (date of											
inception)	\$		\$ —	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_
Initial capital contribution		925	924,075		_		_		_		925,000
Additional capital contributions		2	21,998		_		_		_		22,000
Comprehensive income:											
Net income		_	_		_		61,651		_		61,651
Other comprehensive income:											
Unrealized gains on investment securities available for sale arising during the period, net											
of taxes of \$13,448		_	_		_		_		21,414		21,414
Unrealized losses on cash flow hedges arising during the period, net of tax benefit of \$3,756									(5,980)		(5,980)
,									(3,300)	_	77,085
Total comprehensive income	¢.	005	¢ 0.40 050	¢.		œ.	C4 CE4	¢	15 40 4	¢	
Balance at September 30, 2009	\$	927	\$ 946,073	\$	_	\$	61,651	\$	15,434	\$	1,024,085

#### NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS—UNAUDITED

September 30, 2010

### **Note 1 Basis of Presentation**

BankUnited, Inc., formerly known as BU Financial Corporation, was organized on April 28, 2009 as the holding company for BankUnited ("BankUnited" or the "Bank"), a federally-chartered, federally-insured savings association, and is headquartered in Miami Lakes, Florida. After the close of business on May 21, 2009, BankUnited acquired certain assets and assumed certain liabilities of BankUnited, FSB from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC"). Business operations began on May 22, 2009. BankUnited, Inc.'s wholly-owned subsidiaries include BankUnited and BankUnited Investment Services, Inc. (collectively the "Company"). BankUnited provides a full range of banking and bank-related services to individual and corporate customers through 78 branch offices located in 13 Florida counties. The Company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of BU Financial Holdings LLC ("BUFH"), which was formed on April 27, 2009 as a limited liability company under the laws of the State of Delaware.

The condensed consolidated financial statements included herein have been prepared without audit pursuant to the instructions to Form S-1 and Article 10 of Regulation S-X of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") and should be read in conjunction with the Company's audited consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto as of and for the period ended December 31, 2009 included in the Company's registration statement on Form S-1. Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP") have been condensed or omitted pursuant to such rules and regulations.

These condensed consolidated financial statements were compiled in accordance with the accounting policies set forth in Note 1—Summary of Significant Accounting Policies of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements in the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements as of and for the period ended December 31, 2009 included in the Company's registration statement on Form S-1. The accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements reflect all adjustments, consisting of normal recurring adjustments that, in the opinion of management, are necessary to reflect a fair statement of the Company's consolidated financial condition, results of operations and cash flows. Operating results for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ended December 31, 2010.

The condensed consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries. All significant intercompany transactions have been eliminated.

### Accounting Estimates

In preparing the condensed consolidated financial statements, management is required to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, revenues, and expenses and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities. Management has made significant estimates in certain areas, such as the allowance for loan losses, the amount and timing of expected cash flows from covered assets and the FDIC indemnification asset, the valuation of other real estate owned, the valuation of Profits Interest Units and the warrant issued to the FDIC, the valuation of deferred tax assets, the evaluation of investment securities for other-than-temporary impairment and the fair values of financial instruments. Management has used information provided by third parties to assist in the determination of estimates of the fair values of investment securities, stock options and other equity awards.

### NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS—UNAUDITED (Continued)

September 30, 2010

### Note 1 Basis of Presentation (Continued)

Significant estimates were also made in the determination of the fair values of assets acquired and liabilities assumed in the BankUnited FSB acquisition, including loans acquired with evidence of credit impairment since origination, the FDIC indemnification asset, goodwill and other intangible assets. Actual results could differ from these estimates. The current economic environment has increased the degree of uncertainty inherent in these estimates and assumptions.

### Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In June 2009, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued guidance modifying the accounting for transfers and servicing of financial assets and removing the concept of a Qualifying Special Purpose Entity. This guidance was effective for transfers of financial assets occurring after December 31, 2009 and was adopted by the Company as of January 1, 2010. The adoption of this guidance did not have a material impact on the Company's financial position, results of operations, or cash flows.

In June 2009, the FASB issued guidance impacting the determination of whether an entity is a variable interest entity ("VIE") and identification of the primary beneficiary of a VIE. The objective of this guidance was to improve financial reporting by enterprises involved with VIE's. This guidance was adopted by the Company as of January 1, 2010. Adoption did not have a material impact on the Company's financial position, results of operations, or cash flows.

In January 2010, the FASB issued new guidance to improve disclosures about fair value measurements. Disclosure requirements were enhanced to require additional information regarding transfers to and from Levels 1 and 2 of the fair value hierarchy and the reasons for the transfers, and a gross presentation of activity within the rollforward of Level 3 fair value measurements. The guidance clarifies existing disclosure requirements as to the level of disaggregation of classes of assets and liabilities. In addition, enhanced disclosure is required concerning inputs and valuation techniques used to determine Level 2 and Level 3 fair value measurements. This guidance is generally effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2009; however, requirements to disclose separately purchases, sales, issuances, and settlements in the Level 3 rollforward are effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2010. The adoption of this guidance did not have a material impact on the Company's financial position, results of operations, or cash flows.

In March 2010, the FASB issued new guidance clarifying that a modification of a loan that is part of a pool of loans acquired with deteriorated credit quality should not result in the removal of the loan from the pool. This guidance was effective for any modifications of loans accounted for within a pool in the first interim or annual reporting period ending after July 15, 2010. The adoption of this guidance did not have a material impact on the Company's financial position, results of operations, or cash flows.

In July 2010, the FASB issued new guidance requiring expanded disclosures about the credit quality of financing receivables and the allowance for loan losses. Disclosures must be disaggregated by portfolio segment and class and include, among other things, a rollforward of the allowance for loan losses, credit quality indicators, expanded information about past due and impaired loans and the related allowance, an aging of past due loans, and information about troubled debt restructurings. The required disclosures of information as of the end of a reporting period will be effective for the

### NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS—UNAUDITED (Continued)

September 30, 2010

### Note 1 Basis of Presentation (Continued)

Company in its annual financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2010. Required disclosures about activity that occurs during a reporting period will be effective for the Company in the quarter ending March 31, 2011. The new guidance will result in additional financial statement disclosures but will not affect the Company's financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

### **Note 2 Acquisition**

On May 21, 2009, BankUnited entered into a purchase and assumption agreement (the "FSB Agreement") with the FDIC, as receiver, pursuant to which BankUnited acquired certain assets and assumed substantially all of the deposits and liabilities of BankUnited, FSB (the "Acquisition").

Prior to the Acquisition, BankUnited, FSB was a community bank headquartered in Coral Gables, Florida and operated 85 banking branches in 13 counties in Florida. Excluding the effects of purchase accounting adjustments, the Bank acquired \$13.6 billion in assets and assumed \$12.8 billion of the deposits and liabilities of BankUnited, FSB. The Bank received net consideration in the amount of \$2.2 billion, net of liabilities due to the FDIC in the amount of \$156.8 million.

In connection with the Acquisition, the Bank entered into loss sharing agreements with the FDIC that cover single family residential mortgage loans, commercial real estate, commercial and industrial and consumer loans, certain investment securities and other real estate owned ("OREO"), collectively referred to as the "covered assets". The Bank acquired other BankUnited, FSB assets that are not covered by the loss sharing agreements with the FDIC including cash balances of \$1.2 billion, certain investment securities purchased at fair value and other tangible assets. Pursuant to the terms of the loss sharing agreements, the covered assets are subject to a stated loss threshold whereby the FDIC will reimburse the Bank for 80% of losses of up to \$4.0 billion, and 95% of losses in excess of this amount. The Bank will reimburse the FDIC for its share of recoveries with respect to losses for which the FDIC paid the Bank a reimbursement under the loss sharing agreements. The FDIC's obligation to reimburse the Company for losses with respect to covered assets begins with the first dollar of loss incurred. The expected reimbursements under the loss sharing agreements were recorded as an indemnification asset at its estimated fair value of \$3.4 billion on the acquisition date. The indemnification asset reflects the present value of the expected net cash reimbursement related to the loss sharing agreements.

### NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS—UNAUDITED (Continued)

### September 30, 2010

### **Note 3 Investment Securities Available for Sale**

Investment securities available for sale at September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, consisted of the following (in thousands):

		September 30, 2010														
		Covered Securities						Non-Covered Securities								
		mortized <u>Gross Unrealized</u> Fair A Cost Gains Losses Value		Amortized Gross Unrealized Cost Gains Losses						Fair Value						
U.S. Government agency and sponsored	_	Cust		Gains		LUSSES	-	varue	_	Cust	-	Ganis		103363		varuc
enterprise residential mortgage-backed																
securities	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_	\$	1,344,928	\$	23,331	\$	(20)	\$	1,368,239
Other residential collateralized mortgage																
obligations		1,729		97		_		1,826		691,669		13,852		(1,067)		704,454
Residential mortgage pass-through certificates		183,374		64,284		(1,601)		246,057		116,078		2,404		_		118,482
Nonmortgage asset backed securities		_		_		_		_		426,018		1,988		(75)		427,931
Mutual funds and preferred stocks		16,408		_		(936)		15,472		105,176		3,633		_		108,809
State and municipal obligations		_		_				_		23,473		211		(6)		23,678
Small Business Administration securities		_		_		_		_		66,355		354		(52)		66,657
Other debt securities		3,594		3,305				6,899								
Total	\$	205,105	\$	67,686	\$	(2,537)	\$	270,254	\$	2,773,697	\$	45,773	\$	(1,220)	\$	2,818,250

		December 31, 2009											
		Covered S	ecurities		Not Covered Securities								
	Amortized Gross Unrealized Fair Cost Gains Losses Value			Amortized Cost	Gross U	Jnrealized Losses	Fair Value						
U.S. Treasury securities	\$ —	\$ —	<u>s</u> —	\$ —	\$ 10,066	\$ 6	\$ —	\$ 10,072					
U.S. Government agency and sponsored enterprise residential mortgage-backed securities	_	_	_	_	1,288,277	3,581	(3,215)	1,288,643					
Other residential collateralized mortgage obligations	1,747	89	_	1,836	508,731	1,007	(4,735)	505,003					
Residential mortgage pass-through certificates	199,402	51,196	(480)	250,118	118,616		(4,062)	114,554					
Mutual funds and preferred stocks	18,094	338	(698)	17,734	25,250	661	(122)	25,789					
State and municipal obligations		_	`		23,214	143	(1)	23,356					
Other debt securities	3,331	2,707	_	6,038	· —	_	<u> </u>	· -					
Total	\$ 222,574	\$ 54,330	\$ (1,178)	\$ 275,726	\$ 1,974,154	\$ 5,398	\$ (12,135)	\$ 1,967,417					

Investment securities available for sale at September 30, 2010 by contractual maturity, adjusted for anticipated prepayments of mortgage-backed and other pass-through securities, are shown below (in thousands):

	<b>Amortized Cost</b>	Fair Value
Due in one year or less	\$ 599,604	\$ 621,522
Due after one year through five years	1,431,860	1,481,307
Due after five years through ten years	462,241	482,643
Due after ten years	363,513	378,751
Mutual funds and preferred stocks	121,584	124,281
Total	\$ 2,978,802	\$ 3,088,504

### NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS—UNAUDITED (Continued)

### September 30, 2010

### Note 3 Investment Securities Available for Sale (Continued)

Based on the Company's proprietary model and prepayment assumptions, the weighted average life of the mortgage-backed securities portfolio as of September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009 was 4.42 and 4.50 years, respectively. The model results are based on assumptions that may differ from the eventual outcome.

Information pertaining to investment securities available for sale with gross unrealized losses aggregated by investment category follows. All of the securities in unrealized loss positions have been in continuous unrealized loss positions for less than twelve months at September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009 (in thousands):

	September 30, 2010			2010	 December	December 31, 20	
		Fair Value		realized Losses	 Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	
U.S. Government agency and sponsored enterprise residential							
mortgage-backed securities	\$	640	\$	(20)	\$ 812,669	\$	(3,215)
Other residential collateralized mortgage obligations		188,849		(1,067)	340,846		(4,735)
Residential mortgage pass-through certificates		7,835		(1,601)	115,872		(4,542)
Nonmortgage asset backed securities		76,050		(75)	_		_
Mutual funds and preferred stocks		15,472		(936)	27,257		(820)
State and municipal obligations		3,458		(6)	1,109		(1)
Small Business Administration securities		7,141		(52)	_		_
Total	\$	299,445	\$	(3,757)	\$ 1,297,753	\$	(13,313)

The Company monitors its investment securities available for sale for other than temporary impairment, or OTTI, on an individual security basis considering numerous factors including the Company's intent to hold securities in an unrealized loss position, the likelihood that the Company will be required to sell these securities before an anticipated recovery in value, the length and severity of impairment, the earnings performance, credit rating, asset quality, and business prospects of the issuer, and changes in the regulatory and economic environment. The relative significance of each of these factors varies depending on the circumstances related to each security.

The Company does not intend to sell securities that are in an unrealized loss position and it is more likely than not that it will not be required to sell these securities prior to recovery of the amortized cost basis. Management has completed an assessment of each security in an unrealized loss position for credit impairment and concluded that no OTTI exists at September 30, 2010.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2010, the Company exchanged certain non-covered trust preferred securities for preferred stock of the same issuer to achieve higher returns and more favorable tax treatment. Based on the market value of the trust preferred securities at the time of the exchange, the Company recognized a gross realized loss of \$2.8 million. During the nine months ended September 30, 2010, proceeds from sale of investment securities available for sale amounted to \$67.9 million, resulting in gross realized losses of \$46.4 thousand and gross realized gains of \$565.2 thousand.

The carrying value of securities pledged as collateral for borrowings from the Federal Home Loan Bank ("FHLB"), public deposits, interest rate swaps and securities sold under agreements to repurchase and to secure borrowing capacity at the Federal Reserve Bank, totaled \$614.7 million at September 30, 2010.

### NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS—UNAUDITED (Continued)

### September 30, 2010

### **Note 4 Loans and Allowance for Loan Losses**

At September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, loans receivable consisted of the following (dollars in thousands):

	September 30, 2010									
	Covered	Loans								
	Acquired Credit Impaired	Non-ACI	Non-Covered Loans	Total	Percent of Total					
Real Estate Loans:										
1-4 single family residential	\$ 2,765,552	\$ 160,784	\$ 71,234	\$ 2,997,570	71.9%					
Home equity loans and lines of credit	102,320	210,451	1,693	314,464	7.5%					
Multi-family	68,205	5,686	15,719	89,610	2.1%					
Commercial real estate	317,533	36,555	73,930	428,018	10.3%					
Construction	9,563		1,348	10,911	0.3%					
Land	50,600	172	1,591	52,363	1.2%					
Total real estate loans	3,313,773	413,648	165,515	3,892,936	93.3%					
Other Loans:										
Commercial	59,384	35,764	175,022	270,170	6.5%					
Consumer	4,517	_	3,728	8,245	0.2%					
Total commercial and consumer loans	63,901	35,764	178,750	278,415	6.7%					
Total loans	3,377,674	449,412	344,265	4,171,351	100.0%					
Unearned discount and deferred fees and costs, net		(32,474)	(1,836)	(34,310)	·					
Loans net of discount and deferred costs	3,377,674	416,938	342,429	4,137,041						
Allowance for loan losses	(37,342)	(16,587)	(3,878)	(57,807)						
Loans, net	\$ 3,340,332	\$ 400,351	\$ 338,551	\$ 4,079,234						

### NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS—UNAUDITED (Continued)

September 30, 2010

### Note 4 Loans and Allowance for Loan Losses (Continued)

	December 31, 2009									
	Covered Acquired Credit Impaired	Non-ACI	Non-Covered Loans	Total	Percent of Total					
Real Estate Loans:										
1-4 single family residential	\$ 3,306,306	\$ 184,669	\$ 43,110	\$ 3,534,085	76.0%					
Home equity loans and lines of credit	113,578	215,591	1,615	330,784	7.1%					
Multi-family	71,321	4,971	700	76,992	1.7%					
Commercial real estate	363,965	39,733	24,460	428,158	9.2%					
Construction	44,812	377		45,189	1.0%					
Land	43,903	173	_	44,076	0.9%					
Total real estate loans	3,943,885	445,514	69,885	4,459,284	95.9%					
Other Loans:										
Commercial	81,765	48,635	51,565	181,965	3.9%					
Consumer	7,065	_	3,151	10,216	0.2%					
Total commercial and consumer loans	88,830	48,635	54,716	192,181	4.1%					
Total loans	4,032,715	494,149	124,601	4,651,465	100.00%					
Unearned discount and deferred fees and costs, net		(39,986)	40	(39,946)						
Loans net of discount and deferred costs	4,032,715	454,163	124,641	4,611,519						
Allowance for loan losses	(20,021)	(1,266)	(1,334)	(22,621)						
Loans, net	\$ 4,012,694	\$ 452,897	\$ 123,307	\$ 4,588,898						

Covered loans represent loans acquired from the FDIC subject to the loss sharing agreements. Covered loans are further broken out into (i) loans acquired with evidence of credit impairment, which we call acquired credit impaired, or ACI loans and (ii) loans that did not evidence credit impairment at acquisition, or non-ACI loans. Loans originated by the Company after May 21, 2009 are excluded from the loss sharing agreement and are classified as non-covered loans. The unpaid principal balance of ACI loans as of September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009 was \$7.9 billion and \$9.3 billion, respectively.

The accretable yield on ACI loans represents the amount by which undiscounted expected future cash flows exceed carrying value of the loans. Changes in accretable yield on ACI loans for the nine

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### Note 4 Loans and Allowance for Loan Losses (Continued)

months ended September 30, 2010 and the period ended September 30, 2009 were as follows (in thousands):

	S	eptember 30, 2010	Se	eptember 30, 2009
Balance at beginning of period	\$	1,734,234	\$	2,004,337
Reclassifications from non-accretable difference		315,255		_
Accretion during the period		(291,565)		(161,454)
Balance at end of period	\$	1,757,924	\$	1,842,883

The following tables present total 1-4 single family residential loans categorized between fixed rate mortgages and adjustable rate mortgages ("ARMs") as of September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009 (dollars in thousands):

		September 30, 2010								
		Covered Loans Acquired Credit Impaired Non-ACI								
					N	on-Covered Loans		Total	Percent of Total	
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1-4 single family residential loans:										
Fixed rate loans	\$	680,074	\$	65,310	\$	55,805	\$	801,189	26.7%	
ARM Loans		2,085,478		95,474		15,429		2,196,381	73.3%	
Total(1)	\$	2,765,552	\$	160,784	\$	71,234	\$	2,997,570	100%	

	December 31, 2009						
	Covered	Loans					
	Acquired Credit Impaired	Non-ACI	Non-Covered Loans	Total	Percent of Total		
1-4 single family residential loans:							
Fixed rate loans	\$ 569,529	\$ 76,342	\$ 42,577	\$ 688,448	19.5%		
ARM Loans	2,736,777	108,327	533	2,845,637	80.5%		
Total(1)	\$ 3,306,306	\$ 184,669	\$ 43,110	\$ 3,534,085	100%		

<sup>(1)</sup> Before deferred costs, unearned discounts, premiums and allowance for loan losses

At September 30, 2010, based on unpaid principal balance, 65.3% of all outstanding loans were to customers domiciled in Florida. Loans to customers domiciled in California, Illinois, New Jersey, Virginia and Arizona represented 6.1%, 4.8%, 4.8%, 3.3% and 3.2%, respectively. No other state represented borrowers with more than 3.0% of loans outstanding.

As of September 30, 2010, the Company had pledged real estate loans with unpaid principal balances of approximately \$5.3 billion and a carrying amount of approximately \$2.4 billion, representing lendable collateral value of approximately \$2.6 billion, as security for FHLB advances.

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### September 30, 2010

### Note 4 Loans and Allowance for Loan Losses (Continued)

The allowance for loan losses reflects management's estimate of credit losses inherent in the loan portfolio at the balance sheet date and an amount management considers to be appropriate under the requirements of GAAP. The computation of the allowance for loan losses includes elements of judgment and high levels of subjectivity.

The following table summarizes changes in the allowance for loan losses for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and the period ended September 30, 2009 (in thousands):

	 September 30,				
	 2010		2009		
Balance at beginning of period	\$ 22,621	\$	_		
Provision for loan losses:					
ACI loans	26,973		2,288		
Non-ACI loans	15,565		_		
Non-Covered Loans	2,619		_		
Total	 45,157		2,288		
Charge-offs:					
ACI loans	(9,652)		_		
Non-ACI loans	(244)		_		
Non-Covered Loans	(75)		_		
Total	(9,971)				
Recoveries	_		_		
Balance at end of period	\$ 57,807	\$	2,288		

At December 31, 2009, our evaluation of expected cash flows from ACI loans was indicative of credit deterioration in certain residential ACI loan pools and an allowance for loan losses of approximately \$20.0 million was established related to those pools. As of September 30, 2010, our analysis evidenced a significant improvement in expected cash flows related to these ACI residential pools and a decrease in expected cash flows due to credit related assumptions related to ACI home equity loan pools. As a result, the allowance of \$20.0 million established at December 31, 2009 related to ACI residential pools was reversed and a provision for loan losses of \$9.4 million was recorded related to ACI home equity loan pools during the nine months ended September 30, 2010. In addition, for the nine months ended September 30, 2010, our analysis indicated a decrease in expected cash flows from certain commercial and commercial real estate loans evaluated individually for credit impairment, resulting in a provision for loan losses of \$37.5 million related to these ACI loans. In the aggregate, the provision for losses related to ACI loans was \$27.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010.

Increases in the indemnification asset of \$23.0 million and \$1.6 million were reflected as a component of net loss on indemnification asset resulting from net recoveries in non-interest income for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and the period ended September 30, 2009, respectively, related to the provision for loan losses on covered loans, including both ACI and non-ACI loans.

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### September 30, 2010

### Note 4 Loans and Allowance for Loan Losses (Continued)

The following tables present the Company's investment in impaired loans as of and for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and period ended December 31, 2009 (in thousands):

	September 30, 2010							
	Impaired loans in accrual status		Loans in non-accrual status		accrual allo		in	Average recorded vestment in paired loans
Covered loans:								
1-4 single family residential	\$	_	\$	13,895	\$	_	\$	187,006
Home equity loans and lines of credit		102,892		9,496		9,421		34,899
Multi-family		43,798		377		3,650		16,018
Commercial real estate		142,246		2,170		15,504		54,907
Construction		_		_		_		593
Land		16,752		_		5,923		7,963
Commercial and industrial		13,897		2,052		3,348		8,007
Consumer		_		_		_		<del></del>
Subtotal	-	319,585		27,990	-	37,846		309,393
Non-covered loans:								
Commercial		_		34		_		_
Total	\$	319,585	\$	28,024	\$	37,846	\$	309,393

	December 31, 2009							
	Impaired loans in accrual status		no	oans in n-accrual status	a	Specific allowance Illocated to paired loans	in	Average recorded vestment in paired loans
Covered loans:								
1-4 single family residential	\$	567,253	\$	14,495	\$	20,021	\$	13,295
Home equity loans and lines of credit		_		2,726		_		1,418
Commercial		_		150		30		37
Total	\$	567,253	\$	17,371	\$	20,051	\$	14,750

Impaired loans in accrual status in the table above include 1-4 single family residential and home equity ACI loans accounted for in pools for which impairment is evaluated on the expected aggregate cash flows of the pools as well as commercial and commercial real estate loans evaluated individually for impairment based on estimates of future cash flows at the individual loan level. These loans are classified as accruing loans due to discount accretion. Discount accretion is being recorded as there continues to be an expectation of future cash flows from these loans and pools.

1-4 single family residential and home equity ACI loans that are contractually delinquent by more than 90 days and accounted for in pools that have not been identified as impaired and on which discount continues to be accreted totaled \$0.8 billion and \$1.2 billion at September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, respectively. The carrying amount of commercial and commercial real estate ACI loans that are contractually delinquent in excess of ninety days but not identified as impaired because there has been no significant deterioration in cash flows expected at acquisition totaled \$86.9 million at September 30, 2010.

Substantially all of the nonaccrual loans consist of non-ACI loans that have been placed on non-accrual status.

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### September 30, 2010

### Note 4 Loans and Allowance for Loan Losses (Continued)

Interest income foregone on non-accrual loans, including interest income reversed when loans were placed on non-accrual status, totaled \$752.2 thousand and \$336.0 thousand for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and period ended September 30, 2009, respectively.

#### Note 5 FDIC Indemnification Asset

Covered loans may be resolved through repayment, short sale of the underlying collateral, foreclosure or, for the non-residential portfolio, charge-offs, or sale of loans. For loans resolved through repayment, short sale or foreclosure, the difference between the payments received in satisfaction of the loans and the carrying value of the loans is recognized in the income statement line item "Income from resolution of covered assets, net." Losses from the resolution of covered loans increase the amount recoverable from the FDIC under the loss sharing agreements. Gains from the resolution of covered loans reduce the amount recoverable from the FDIC under the loss sharing agreements or reductions in amounts recoverable from the FDIC related to the resolution of covered loans are recorded in the income statement line item "Net loss on indemnification asset resulting from net recoveries" and reflected as corresponding increases or decreases in the FDIC indemnification asset.

Changes in the FDIC indemnification asset for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and the period ended September 30, 2009 were as follows (in thousands):

	September 30, 2010	September 30, 2009
Balance at beginning of period	\$ 3,279,165	\$ 3,442,890
Accretion	116,915	89,449
Reduction for claims filed	(628,089)	(68,975)
Loss on indemnification asset resulting from net recoveries	(44,932)	(51,123)
Balance at end of period	\$ 2,723,059	\$ 3,412,241

The Company recognizes additional covered losses or recoveries on FDIC indemnified assets through earnings. The following table summarizes the pre-tax components of the gains and losses

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### Note 5 FDIC Indemnification Asset (Continued)

associated with the resolution of FDIC indemnified assets, plus the provision for loan losses on non-covered loans, for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 (in thousands):

	 September 30, 2010						
	 ransaction come (loss)	ind	Net loss on emnification set from net recoveries		let impact on e-tax earnings		
Provision for losses on covered loans	\$ (42,538)	\$	22,979	\$	(19,559)		
Provision for losses on non-covered loans	(2,619)		_		(2,619)		
Total provision for loan losses	(45,157)		22,979		(22,178)		
Income from resolution of covered assets,							
net	112,777		(76,978)		35,799		
Gain (loss) on sale of OREO	2,270						
Loss due to impairment of OREO	(12,164)						
	(9,894)		9,067		(827)		
Total	\$ 57,726	\$	(44,932)	\$	12,794		

For the period ended September 30, 2009, income from resolution of covered assets, net totaled \$79.6 million, offset by an FDIC indemnification loss of \$59.7 million. The provision for losses on covered loans totaled \$2.3 million and impairment charges on OREO totaled \$8.7 million for the period ended September 30, 2009. These transactions were offset by FDIC indemnification income of \$8.6 million.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and the period ended September 30, 2009 non-interest expense includes approximately \$41.6 million and \$12.0 million, respectively, of disbursements subject to reimbursement under the loss sharing agreements. For those same periods, \$30.1 million and \$4.0 million, respectively, of those disbursements were submitted to the FDIC for reimbursement at the 80% level. As of September 30, 2010, \$27.3 million of those disbursements remain to be submitted for reimbursement from the FDIC in future periods.

### **Note 6 Other Real Estate Owned**

An analysis of other real estate owned ("OREO") for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and the period ended September 30, 2009 follows (in thousands):

	September 30, September 3 2010 2009			
Balance at beginning of period	\$	120,110	\$	177,679
Transfers from loan portfolio		283,220		49,431
Sales		(194,903)		(122,302)
Impairment		(12,164)		(8,716)
(Decrease) Increase from resolution of covered loans		(1,977)		19,282
Balance at end of period	\$	194,286	\$	115,374

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### Note 6 Other Real Estate Owned (Continued)

All of the Company's other real estate owned is covered under the loss sharing agreements.

### **Note 7 Regulatory Capital**

BankUnited's regulatory capital levels as of September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009 were as follows (dollars in thousands):

		September 30, 2010						
	Actual	Required to be considered well capitalized	Required to be considered adequately capitalized					
	Ratio Amount	Ratio Amount	Ratio Amount					
Tier 1 leverage ratio(1)	10.09% \$ 1,108,019	8.00% \$ 878,509	8.00%\$ 878,509					
Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio	42.46% \$ 1,108,019	6.00% \$ 156,574	4.00%\$ 104,382					
Total risk-based capital ratio	43.27% \$ 1,129,295	10.00% \$ 260,988	8.00%\$ 208,790					

December 31, 2009						
Actual C						
Ratio	Amount	Ratio	Amount	Ratio	Amount	
8.78%	966,749	8.00%	880,865	8.00%	880,865	
40.42% \$	966,749	6.00% 5	143,506	4.00% 5	95,670	
40.55% \$	969,716	10.00% 5	339,141	8.00% \$	5 191,313	
	8.78% \$ 40.42% \$		Require consider consider capita         Ratio       Amount       Ratio         8.78%       \$ 966,749       8.00%         40.42%       \$ 966,749       6.00%	Required well considered well capitated           Ratio         Amount         Ratio         Amount           8.78%         \$ 966,749         8.00%         \$ 880,865           40.42%         \$ 966,749         6.00%         \$ 143,506	Required considered well considered and capitalized         Required considered and capitalized           Ratio         Amount         Ratio         Amount         Ratio           8.78%         \$ 966,749         8.00%         \$ 880,865         8.00%           40.42%         \$ 966,749         6.00%         \$ 143,506         4.00%	

<sup>(1)</sup> A condition for approval of the application for Federal Deposit Insurance requires the Bank to maintain a Tier 1 leverage ratio of no less than eight percent throughout the first three years of operation.

### **Note 8 Derivatives and Hedging Activities**

The Company uses interest rate swaps to manage interest rate risk related to certain products and instruments used to finance its operations that expose the Company to variability in cash flows due to changes in interest rates. These instruments include FHLB advances and certificates of deposits with maturities of one year.

Management believes it is prudent to limit the variability of its interest payments. To meet this objective, management enters into LIBOR-based interest rate swaps to manage fluctuations in cash flows resulting from interest rate risk attributable to changes in the benchmark interest rate of LIBOR.

In addition to using derivative instruments as an interest rate risk management tool, the Company enters into interest rate swaps to help certain of its borrowers manage their exposure to interest rate fluctuations. To mitigate interest rate risk associated with these derivative contracts, the Company enters into offsetting derivative contract positions with financial institution counterparties. The Company manages credit risk, or the risk of default by its borrowers, though its normal loan underwriting and credit monitoring policies and procedures. These interest rate swap contracts are not

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### September 30, 2010

### Note 8 Derivatives and Hedging Activities (Continued)

designated as hedging instruments; therefore, changes in the fair value of these derivatives are recognized immediately in earnings.

The following tables set forth certain information concerning the Company's derivative financial instruments and related hedged items at September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009 (dollars in thousands):

			Septem	ber 30, 2010				
	Hedged item	Pay rate	Receive rate	Remaining life in years	Notional amount	Balance sheet location	Fair Gain	Loss
Derivatives designated as								
cash flow hedges			12-					
Pay-fixed interest rate swaps	Variability of interest cash flows on certificates of deposit	3.11%	Month Libor	5.1	\$ 225,000	Other liabilities	s —	\$ (21,281)
r try Tixed interest rate swaps	nows on certificates of deposit	5.1170	3-	5.1	\$ 225,000	nabinaes	Ψ	Ψ (21,201)
Purchased interest rate forward- starting swaps:	Variability of interest cash flows on FHLB advances	3.42% - 3.76%	Month Libor	4.6 - 6.5	405,000	Other liabilities	_	(46,459)
Derivatives not designated as hedges								
			69% of 1- Month			Other		
Pay-fixed interest rate swaps		3.68%	Libor	5.0	9,404	liabilities	_	(224)
Pay-variable interest rate swaps		69% of 1- Month Libor	3.68%	5.0	9,404	Other assets	224	_
Total					\$ 648,808		\$ 224	\$ (67,964)

			Decemb	er 31, 2009				
	Hedged item	Pay rate	Receive rate	Remaining life in years	Notional amount	Balance sheet location	Fair Gain	value Loss
Derivatives Designated as	Treagen term				umount		Guin	
Cash Flow Hedges								
Pay-fixed interest rate swaps	Variability of interest cash flows on certificates of deposit	3.11%	12- Month Libor	5.9	\$ 225,000	Other assets	\$ 1,517	\$ —
Purchased interest rate forward- starting swaps:	Variability of interest cash flows on FHLB advances	3.42% - 3.76%	3- Month Libor	5.0 - 7.0	405,000	Other liabilities	_	(4,016)
Total					\$ 630,000		\$ 1,517	\$ (4,016)

Interest expense for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 includes \$279.1 thousand of losses due to hedge ineffectiveness arising from differences between the critical terms of interest rate swaps and the hedged debt obligations. There were no losses due to hedge ineffectiveness for the period ended September 30, 2009.

Changes in the fair value of interest rate swaps designated as hedging instruments of the variability of cash flows associated with floating-rate debt obligations are reported in accumulated other comprehensive income ("AOCI"). These amounts subsequently are reclassified into interest expense as a yield adjustment in the same period in which the related interest on the floating-rate debt obligations affects earnings. Effective hedge results initially recorded in AOCI and subsequently reclassified into earnings increased interest expense by \$8.9 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2010. There was no impact on earnings for the period ended September 30, 2009.

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### Note 8 Derivatives and Hedging Activities (Continued)

During the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and the period ended September 30, 2009, no derivative positions were discontinued, and none of the gains and losses reported in AOCI were reclassified into earnings as a result of the discontinuance of cash flow hedges or because of the early extinguishment of debt.

### **Note 9 Equity Awards**

#### **Profits Interest Units**

BUFH has a class of authorized membership interests identified as Profits Interest Units ("PIU"). PIU are only issued to management members of the Company who own common units of BUFH. As such, the related liability and expense are recorded in the consolidated financial statements of the Company. There are two types of PIU: Time-Based PIU and IRR-Based PIU. The holders of PIU have no voting rights with respect to their PIU but have certain rights with respect to profits of the Company and distributions of profits from the Company. The holders of PIU are not required to make any capital contribution to the Company in exchange for their PIU. Furthermore, the holders of PIU are entitled to receive priority distribution catch-up payments in respect of Time-Based PIU that have become vested and which did not participate in earlier interim distributions of profits.

The Company has classified these equity awards as a liability to BUFH in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheet. At September 30, 2010, the estimated fair value of the IRR-Based PIU was \$63.9 million. Included in compensation expense is approximately \$20.0 million and \$4.3 million associated with the Time-based PIU for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and the period ended September 30, 2009, respectively.

The following table summarizes information about Time-Based and IRR-Based PIU at September 30, 2010:

	Outstanding
	Number of Fair value units awarded per unit
Time-based PIU	51,651.03 \$ 1,238.25
IRR-based PIU	51,651.03 \$ 1,238.25
Total awards	103,302.06
Total fair value	\$ 127,913,776
Cumulative expense through September 30, 2010	\$ 28,780,435
Unrecognized compensation expense	\$ 99,133,341

### Warrant to FDIC

In connection with the Acquisition of BankUnited, FSB, BUFH issued a warrant to the FDIC. The related liability and expense are recorded in the condensed consolidated financial statements of the Company. The warrant becomes exercisable upon the occurrence of an IPO or exit event in which the total tangible equity value arising from the IPO or exit event exceeds a threshold value. At September 30, 2010, the warrant has a remaining contractual term of 8.64 years.

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### **Note 9 Equity Awards (Continued)**

The warrant is redeemable by BUFH or the Company for cash after it becomes exercisable at a redemption price equal to the warrant value. The Company has classified this warrant as a liability to BUFH in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheet. Included in other liabilities is approximately \$7.7 million and \$3.2 million at September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, respectively, representing the fair value of this instrument. The Company has recognized expense of \$4.5 million and \$0.7 million related to the increase in fair value of this instrument for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and the period ended September 30, 2009, respectively.

See Note 12, Subsequent Events, for additional discussion of the IRR-Based PIU and the warrant issued to the FDIC.

### **Note 10 Fair Value Measurements**

The Company categorizes its assets and liabilities measured at fair value in three levels within a fair value hierarchy, based on the markets in which the assets and liabilities are traded and the reliability and transparency of the assumptions used to determine fair value. These levels are as follows:

Level 1—Assets or liabilities for which the identical item is traded on an active exchange, such as publicly-traded instruments or futures contracts.

Level 2—Assets and liabilities valued based on observable market data for similar instruments.

Level 3—Assets or liabilities for which significant valuation assumptions are not readily observable in the market. These instruments are valued based on the best available data, some of which is internally-developed, and considering risk premiums that a market participant would require. Valuation techniques include use of option pricing models, discounted cash flow models and similar techniques.

In instances where there is limited or no observable market data, fair value measurements for assets and liabilities are based primarily upon the Company's own estimates or a combination of such estimates and independent vendor or broker pricing. When determining fair value measurements for assets and liabilities and the related level within the fair value hierarchy in which those measurements should be categorized, the Company considers the principal or most advantageous market in which it would transact and considers assumptions that market participants would use when pricing the asset or liability. When possible, the Company looks to active and observable markets to price identical assets or liabilities and when identical assets and liabilities are not traded in active markets, the Company looks to observable market data for similar assets and liabilities. It is the Company's policy to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. Unobservable inputs are only used to measure fair value to the extent that observable inputs are not available. The need to use unobservable inputs generally results from the lack of market liquidity resulting in diminished observability of both actual trades and assumptions that would otherwise be available to value these instruments, or the lack of observable indicators of the value of underlying collateral. Although third party price indications may be available for a security, limited trading activity would make it difficult to support the observability of these quotations.

The following is a description of the methodologies used to estimate the fair values of financial instruments measured at fair value on a recurring basis, and the level within the fair value hierarchy in which those measurements are typically classified.

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September 30, 2010

### **Note 10 Fair Value Measurements (Continued)**

Assets and Liabilities Measured at Fair Value on a Recurring Basis:

Investment securities available for sale—When available, fair value measurements are based on quoted prices in active markets and as such, are classified within Level 1. These securities typically include U.S. Government treasury or agency securities, preferred stock of U.S. Government agencies and mutual funds. If quoted market prices are not available, fair values are estimated using quoted prices of securities with similar characteristics, discounted cash flows or other pricing models. Investment securities available for sale that the Company classifies within Level 2 include U.S. Government Agency mortgage-backed securities and collateralized mortgage obligations, preferred stock of other issuers, nonmortgage asset backed securities, state and municipal obligations and small business administration securities. Investment securities available for sale classified within Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy include private label mortgage pass-through certificates and collateralized mortgage obligations, certain nonmortgage asset backed securities and other debt securities for which fair value estimation requires the use of unobservable inputs. The Company values these securities using third party proprietary pricing models that incorporate observable and unobservable inputs.

Derivative financial instruments—Interest rate swaps are predominantly traded in over-the-counter markets and, as such, values are determined using widely accepted discounted cash flow models, or Level 2 measurements. These discounted cash flow models use projections of future cash payments and receipts that are discounted at mid-market rates. These valuations are adjusted for credit risk at the reporting date, considering collateral posted and the impact of master netting agreements.

Equity awards classified as liabilities—The estimated fair value of equity awards is derived primarily using the Black-Sholes option pricing model. Since the Company's Common Stock is not publicly traded on an exchange, significant inputs to the model are not observable, resulting in Level 3 classification.

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### **Note 10 Fair Value Measurements (Continued)**

The following table presents financial instruments measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009 (in thousands):

	September 30, 2010									
	L	evel 1	Level 2		Level 3			Total		
Investment Securities Available for Sale:										
U.S. Government agency and sponsored enterprise residential										
mortgage-backed securities	\$		\$	1,368,239	\$	_	\$	1,368,239		
Other residential collateralized mortgage obligations		_		_		706,280		706,280		
Residential mortgage pass-through certificates		_		_		364,539		364,539		
Nonmortgage asset backed securities		_		295,126		132,805		427,931		
Mutual funds and preferred stocks	- 2	25,832		98,449		_		124,281		
State and municipal obligations		_		23,428		250		23,678		
Small Business Administration securities		_		66,657		_		66,657		
Other debt securities		_		2,857		4,042		6,899		
Derivative assets		_		224		_		224		
Total assets at fair value	\$ 2	25,832	\$	1,854,980	\$	1,207,916	\$	3,088,728		
Equity awards classified as liabilities	\$		\$		\$	36,451	\$	36,451		
Derivative liabilities		_		67,964		_		67,964		
Total liabilities at fair value	\$		\$	67,964	\$	36,451	\$	104,415		

	December 31, 2009							
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total				
Investment Securities Available for Sale:								
U.S. Treasury securities	\$ 10,072	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 10,072				
U.S. Government agency and sponsored enterprise residential								
mortgage-backed securities	_	1,288,643	_	1,288,643				
Other residential collateralized mortgage obligations	_		506,839	506,839				
Residential mortgage pass-through certificates	_	_	364,672	364,672				
Mutual funds and preferred stocks	17,646	25,877		43,523				
State and Municipal obligations	_	23,106	250	23,356				
Other debt securities	_	2,760	3,278	6,038				
Derivative assets	_	1,517	_	1,517				
Total assets at fair value	\$ 27,718	\$ 1,341,903	\$ 875,039	\$ 2,244,660				
Equity awards classified as liabilities	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 11,961	\$ 11,961				
Derivative liabilities		4,016	_	4,016				
Total liabilities at fair value	\$ —	\$ 4,016	\$ 11,961	\$ 15,977				

The following table includes changes in Level 3 financial instruments that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and the period ended September 30, 2009. Level 3 financial instruments typically include unobservable components, but may

### NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS—UNAUDITED (Continued)

September 30, 2010

### **Note 10 Fair Value Measurements (Continued)**

also include some observable components that may be validated to external sources. The gains or (losses) in the following table may include changes to fair value due in part to observable factors that may be part of the valuation methodology (in thousands):

	September 30, 2010											
	col	Other residential Residential collateralized mortgage mortgage pass-thru obligations certificates		State and municipal obligations		Other debt securities		Nonmortgage asset backed securities			Equity awards	
Balance at December 31, 2009	\$	506,839	\$	364,672	\$	250	\$	3,278	\$		\$	(11,961)
Net gains (losses) for the period included in:												
Net income		_		_		_		_		_		(24,490)
Other comprehensive income		16,520		18,432		_		740		675		_
Reclassifications		(30,000)		_		_		_		30,000		_
Purchases, sales and settlements, net		212,921		(18,565)				24		102,130		_
Balance at September 30, 2010	\$	706,280	\$	364,539	\$	250	\$	4,042	\$	132,805	\$	(36,451)

	September 30, 2009											
	Other residential Residential collateralized mortgages mortgage pass-thru obligations certificates			State and municipal Other debt Obligations securities			as	onmortgage set backed securities		Equity awards		
Balance at May 22, 2009	\$	1,785	\$	230,092	\$	250	\$	1,676	\$	_	\$	(1,464)
Net gains (losses) for the period included in:												
Net income		_		_		_		_		_		(4,963)
Other comprehensive income		(9,105)		35,836		_		996		_		_
Purchases, sales and settlements, net		220,031		(23,738)		_		411		_		_
Balance at September 30, 2009	\$	212,711	\$	242,190	\$	250	\$	3,083	\$		\$	(6,427)

Financial Instruments Measured at Fair Value on a Non-Recurring Basis:

The measurement of impairment of collateral dependent impaired loans is based on the fair value of the underlying collateral. The carrying amount of OREO is initially measured based on the fair value of the real estate owned and subsequently carried at the lower of cost or estimated fair value. Fair value of the loan collateral or real estate owned property is generally estimated using both market and income approach valuation techniques incorporating observable market data to formulate an opinion of the estimated fair value. When current appraisals are not available, we use our judgment

### NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS—UNAUDITED (Continued)

### September 30, 2010

### **Note 10 Fair Value Measurements (Continued)**

regarding changes in market conditions, based on observable market inputs, to adjust the latest appraised value available. As a result, the estimated fair value is classified within level 3 of the fair value hierarchy. As of September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, the Company had \$194.3 million and \$120.1 million, respectively, of OREO and did not have any collateral dependent impaired loans. Impairment write-downs on OREO for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and the period ended September 30, 2009 totaled \$12.2 million and \$8.7 million, respectively.

Goodwill, other intangible assets and the FDIC indemnification asset were initially recorded at estimated fair value and are reviewed for impairment annually, or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying amount maybe impaired. Any adjustments to fair value resulting from impairment incorporate significant assumptions that are not observable in the market. The resulting fair value measurements are therefore classified within level 3 of the fair value hierarchy. No such fair value measurements were recorded during the nine months ended September 30, 2010 or the period ended September 30, 2009.

The following table presents the carrying value and fair value of financial instruments as of September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009 (in thousands):

		September	130,	2010	December 31, 2009			
	_C	arrying value		Fair value	Carrying value			Fair value
Assets:								
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	494,586	\$	494,586	\$	356,215	\$	356,215
Investment securities available for sale		3,088,504		3,088,504		2,243,143		2,243,143
Federal Home Loan Bank stock		225,902		225,902		243,334		243,334
Loans held for sale		534		534		_		_
Loans:								
Covered		3,740,683		3,794,809		4,465,591		5,138,549
Non-covered		338,551		343,864		123,307		128,778
FDIC Indemnification asset		2,723,059		2,708,171		3,279,165		3,279,165
Income tax receivable		48,359		48,359		_		_
Accrued interest receivable		13,908		13,908		9,591		9,591
Derivative assets		224		224		1,517		1,517
Liabilities:								
Deposits	\$	7,300,460	\$	7,333,718	\$	7,666,775	\$	7,690,422
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase		386		386		2,972		2,972
Federal Home Loan Bank advances		2,260,006		2,384,680		2,079,051		2,114,431
Due to FDIC		111,056		111,056		114,006		114,006
Accrued interest payable		9,557		9,557		12,561		12,561
Income taxes payable		_		_		82,701		82,701
Advance payments by borrowers for taxes and insurance		55,896		55,896		31,237		31,237
Equity awards classified as liabilities		36,451		36,451		11,961		11,961
Derivative liabilities		67,964		67,964		4,016		4,016

### NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS—UNAUDITED (Continued)

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### **Note 10 Fair Value Measurements (Continued)**

The following methods and assumptions were used to estimate the fair value of each class of financial instruments:

Certain financial instruments are carried at amounts that approximate fair value due to their short-term nature and generally negligible credit risk. These financial instruments include cash and cash equivalents, income tax receivable, accrued interest receivable, securities sold under agreements to repurchase, due to FDIC, accrued interest payable, accrued income taxes, and advance payments by borrowers for taxes and insurance.

Investment securities available for sale:

Fair value measurements are based upon quoted market prices for identical assets when available. If quoted market prices are not available, fair values are measured using quoted prices of securities with similar characteristics, discounted cash flows or other pricing models.

Federal Home Loan Bank stock:

There is no market for this stock, which is subject to redemption by the FHLB under certain circumstances. The stock is carried at par, which has historically represented the redemption price and is therefore considered to approximate fair value. FHLB stock is evaluated quarterly for potential impairment.

#### Covered loans:

Fair values are estimated based on a discounted cash flow analysis. Estimates of future cash flows incorporate various factors including the type of loan and related collateral, classification status, whether the interest rate is fixed or variable, term of loan and whether or not the loan is amortizing. The fair values of loans accounted for in pools are estimated on a pool basis. Other loans may be grouped based on risk characteristics and fair value estimated in the aggregate when applying the discounted cash flow valuation techniques. Discount rates are based on current market rates for new originations of comparable loans and include adjustments for liquidity concerns. Estimated credit losses are encompassed in projected future cash flows, therefore the discount rate does not include a factor for credit losses.

#### Non-covered loans:

Fair values are estimated using a discounted cash flow analysis with a discount rate based on interest rates currently being offered for loans with similar terms to borrowers of similar credit quality. The allowance for loan losses is considered a reasonable estimate of the required adjustment to fair value to reflect the impact of credit risk. The fair value of loans held for sale is based on secondary market pricing and approximated carrying value at September 30, 2010.

### FDIC indemnification asset:

The fair value of the FDIC indemnification asset has been estimated using a discounted cash flow technique incorporating assumptions about the timing and amount of future projected cash payments from the FDIC related to the resolution of covered assets. The discount rate was determined by

### NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS—UNAUDITED (Continued)

September 30, 2010

### Note 10 Fair Value Measurements (Continued)

adjusting the risk free rate to incorporate credit risk, uncertainty in the estimate of future cash flows and illiquidity.

Deposits:

The fair value of demand deposits, savings accounts and money market deposits is the amount payable on demand at the reporting date. The fair value of time deposits is estimated using discounted cash flow analysis based on rates currently offered for deposits of similar remaining maturities.

FHLB advances:

The fair value of the borrowings is estimated by discounting the future cash flows using the current rate at which similar borrowings with similar remaining maturities could be obtained.

Equity awards:

Equity awards are valued using Black-Scholes and binomial option pricing models incorporating assumptions about the remaining term of the awards and the value and volatility of the Company's common stock.

Derivative assets and liabilities:

Derivative assets and liabilities consist of interest rate swaps that are valued using discounted cash flow models.

### Note 11 Earnings per Share

Basic earnings per common share are computed by dividing income available to common shareholders by the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding during each period. Diluted earnings per common share are based on the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding during the period, plus the dilutive effect of securities or other contracts to issue common shares ("Common Stock Equivalents"). CSE are excluded from the computation of earnings per common share in periods in which they have an anti-dilutive effect. Outstanding stock options are potentially dilutive securities, but are not included in the calculation of diluted earnings per common share because to do so would be anti-dilutive. Shares that the Company may be obligated to issue pursuant to BUFH's PIU and the FDIC warrant represent contingently issuable shares and are not included in the calculation of diluted earnings per common share because the conditions necessary to issue the shares have not been satisfied as of the end of the reporting period. Therefore, at September 30, 2010 and 2009, the weighted average number of shares used to compute basic and diluted earnings per common share is the same.

### **Note 12 Subsequent Events**

Subsequent events have been evaluated through the date that the condensed consolidated financial statements were issued.

### NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS—UNAUDITED (Continued)

September 30, 2010

### **Note 12 Subsequent Events (Continued)**

Settlement of dispute with the FDIC:

In October 2010, the Company reached a settlement with the FDIC regarding a dispute related to the purchase price assigned to certain investment securities acquired in the Acquisition of BankUnited FSB. Under the terms of the settlement, the Company received \$24.1 million from the FDIC. The Company will recognize the results of this settlement in earnings during the quarter ending December 31, 2010.

Minimum quaranteed value of the FDIC warrant:

In October 2010, the Company and the FDIC agreed to amend the warrant issued to the FDIC to guarantee a minimum value to the FDIC of \$25.0 million. The Company will recognize the difference between the recorded liability of \$7.7 million at September 30, 2010 and the guaranteed minimum value of the warrant in earnings during the quarter ending December 31, 2010.

Dividends declared:

In October 2010, the Company declared a dividend payable to BUFH in the amount of \$6.0 million. In December 2010, we declared a quarterly dividend of \$14.0 million.

IRR-Based PIU:

In October 2010, the Board of Directors of BUFH approved, contingent upon consummation of an IPO, the vesting of all issued and outstanding IRR-Based PIU immediately prior to the IPO.

Sale of Covered Loans

Under its loss sharing agreement with the FDIC, BankUnited is permitted to sell up to 2.5% of the unpaid principal balance of the residential and commercial loan portfolio acquired in the Acquisition of BankUnited FSB, with certain restrictions, on an annual basis without prior consent from the FDIC. In November 2010, BankUnited entered into an agreement to sell covered loans with an unpaid principal balance of approximately \$272.2 million and a carrying amount of approximately \$143.8 million for a price of approximately \$66.7 million. A loss of approximately \$77.1 million will be incurred on the sale, partly mitigated by an increase in the FDIC indemnification asset of approximately \$61.7 million.

Stock Split:

The Board of Directors authorized a 10-for-1 split of the Company's outstanding common shares effective January 10, 2011. Stockholder's equity has been retroactively adjusted to give effect to the stock split for all periods presented by reclassifying from paid-in capital to common stock the par value of the additional shares issued. All share and per share data have been retroactively restated for all periods presented to reflect this stock split.

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### Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The Board of Directors and Stockholder BankUnited, Inc.:

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheet of BankUnited, Inc. and subsidiaries (the Company) as of December 31, 2009, and the related consolidated statements of income, stockholder's equity and comprehensive income, and cash flows for the period from April 28, 2009 (date of inception) through December 31, 2009. These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of BankUnited, Inc. and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2009, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for the period from April 28, 2009 (date of inception) through December 31, 2009, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

/s/ KPMG LLP

October 25, 2010, except for Note 22, as to which the date is January 10, 2011 Miami, Florida Certified Public Accountants

### CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

### December 31, 2009

### (Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)

ASSETS		
Cash and due from banks	\$	60,593
Due from Federal Reserve Bank		290,192
Federal funds sold		5,430
Cash and cash equivalents		356,215
Investment securities available for sale, at fair value (including covered securities of \$275,726)		2,243,143
Federal Home Loan Bank stock		243,334
Loans held in portfolio, net of discounts, premiums and deferred costs (including covered loans of \$4,486,878)		4,611,519
Allowance for loan losses		(22,621)
Loans held in portfolio, net		4,588,898
Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") indemnification asset, net		3,279,165
Bank owned life insurance		132,330
Other real estate owned, covered by loss sharing agreements		120,110
Deferred tax asset, net		22,533
Goodwill and other intangible assets, net		60,981
Other assets		83,252
Total assets	\$	11,129,961
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY	_	
Liabilities:		
Demand deposits:		
Non-interest bearing	\$	332,941
Interest bearing		222,052
Savings and money market		2,592,642
Time Deposits		4,519,140
Total deposits		7,666,775
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase		2,972
Federal Home Loan Bank advances		2,079,051
Due to FDIC		114,006
Income taxes payable		82,701
Advance payments by borrowers for taxes and insurance		31,237
Other liabilities		58,959
Total liabilities		10,035,701
Commitments and contingencies		
Stockholder's equity:		
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share:		
Authorized, 110,000,000 shares; 92,767,310 shares issued and outstanding		928
Paid-in capital		946.822
Non-vested stock options		210
Retained earnings		119,046
Accumulated other comprehensive income, net of tax		27,254
	_	1,094,260
Total stockholder's equity	<u>_</u>	
Total liabilities and stockholder's equity	\$	11,129,961

### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME

### For the Period from April 28, 2009 (date of inception) through December 31, 2009

(In thousands, except per share data)

Interest income:		
Interest and fees on loans	\$	287,460
Interest and dividends on investment securities available for sale		45,142
Interest and dividends on other interest-earning assets		2,922
Total interest income		335,524
Interest expense:		
Interest on deposits		57,829
Interest on borrowings		26,027
Total interest expense		83,856
Net interest income before provision for loan losses		251,668
Provision for loan losses		22,621
Net interest income after provision for loan losses		229,047
Non-interest income:		
Accretion of discount on FDIC indemnification asset		149,544
Income from resolution of covered assets, net		120,954
Loss on sale of loans, net		(47,078)
Gain on extinguishment of debt		31,303
Net loss on indemnification asset resulting from net recoveries		(22,568)
FDIC reimbursement of costs of resolution of covered assets		8,095
Service charges		6,753
Other non-interest income		5,825
Total non-interest income		252,828
Non-interest expense:		
Employee compensation and benefits		62,648
Occupancy and equipment		19,925
Impairment of other real estate owned		21,055
Professional fees		14,854
Foreclosure expense		16,632
Deposit insurance expense		11,850
Other real estate owned related expense		7,576
Telecommunications and data processing		6,440
Other non-interest expense		12,230
Loss on FDIC receivable		69,444
Acquisition related costs	_	39,800
Total non-interest expense	_	282,454
Income before income taxes		199,421
Provision for income taxes		80,375
Net income	\$	119,046
Earnings Per Common Share: Basic and diluted	\$	1.29
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding: Basic and diluted	92	2,664,910

### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

# For the Period from April 28, 2009 (date of inception) through December 31, 2009

### (In thousands)

Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income	\$	119,046
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash used in operating activities:		
Accretion of fair values of assets acquired		(273,488)
Accretion of fees, discounts and premiums, net		(19,107)
Accretion of fair values of liabilities assumed		(105,045)
Provision for loan losses		22,621
Accretion of discount on FDIC indemnification asset		(149,544)
Income from resolution of covered assets, net		(120,954)
Loss on sale of loans, net		47,078
Gain on extinguishment of debt		(31,303)
Net loss on indemnification asset resulting from net recoveries		22,568
Increase in bank owned life insurance cash surrender value		(3,219)
Loss on sale of investment securities available for sale, net		337
Loss on sale of other real estate owned, net		807
Compensation expense on non-vested stock options		210
Expense on equity awards classified as liabilties		10,497
Depreciation and amortization		1,201
Impairment of other real estate owned		21,055
Loss on FDIC receivable		69,444
Deferred income tax benefit		(2,325)
Other:		
Increase in other assets		(20,675)
Increase in other liabilities		67,111
Decrease in due to FDIC		(9,447)
Net cash used in operating activities		(353,132)
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Net cash acquired in a business combination		1,160,321
Cash received from FDIC related to business combination, net		2,274,206
Purchases of investment securities available for sale	-	(1,824,870)
Proceeds from repayments of investment securities available for sale		177,074
Proceeds from sale of investment securities available for sale		9,271
Net decrease in loans held in portfolio		525,934
Proceeds from sale of loans		79,635
Decrease in FDIC indemnification asset for claims filed		290,701
Purchases of office properties and equipment		(4,890)
Proceeds from sale of other real estate owned		176,601
Net cash provided by investing activities		2,863,983

### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (Continued)

# For the Period from April 28, 2009 (date of inception) through December 31, 2009

### (In thousands)

Cash flows from financing activities:	
Net decrease in deposits	(587,811)
Additions to Federal Home Loan Bank advances	300,000
Repayments of Federal Home Loan Bank advances	(2,795,112)
Net increase in other borrowings	1,662
Decrease in advances from borrowers for taxes and insurance	(21,125)
Capital contribution	947,750
Net cash used in financing activities	(2,154,636)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	356,215
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 356,215
Supplemental disclosures of cash flow activities:	
Interest paid on deposits and borrowings	\$ 227,421
	\$ 227,421
Income taxes paid	<u>\$</u>
Supplemental disclosures of non-cash investing and financing activities:	
Transfers from loans to real estate owned	\$ 115,192
Restructuring of Federal Home Loan Bank advances	\$ 505,000

### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

# For the Period from April 28, 2009 (date of inception) through December 31, 2009

### (In thousands)

	Comi Stock Val	Par	Paid-in Capital	Non-ves Stock Op		Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income, net of tax	Total Stockholder's Equity
Balance at April 28, 2009 (date of			Сирии	otoca op	tions			
inception)	\$	_	\$ —	\$	_	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Initial capital contribution		925	924,075		_	_	_	925,000
Additional capital contribution		3	22,747		_	_	_	22,750
Net income		_	_		_	119,046	_	119,046
Other comprehensive income, net of								
tax								
Unrealized gains on investment securities available for sale, net of taxes of \$17.870		_	_		_	_	28,546	28,546
Unrealized losses on cash flow hedges, net of tax benefit of \$(1,070)		_	_		_	_	(1,709)	
Less reclassification adjustment for:								, ,
Realized losses on cash flow hedges, net of tax benefit of \$261		_	_		_	_	417	417
Total comprehensive income, net of tax		_			_	119,046	27,254	146,300
Non-vested stock options		_			210			210
Balance at December 31, 2009	\$	928	\$ 946,822	\$	210	\$ 119,046	\$ 27,254	\$ 1,094,260

#### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### December 31, 2009

### **Note 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

BankUnited, Inc., formerly known as BU Financial Corporation, was organized on April 28, 2009 as the holding company for BankUnited ("BankUnited" or the "Bank") a federally-chartered, federally-insured savings association and is headquartered in Miami Lakes, Florida. After the close of business on May 21, 2009, BankUnited acquired certain assets and assumed certain liabilities of BankUnited, FSB from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC"). Business operations began on May 22, 2009. BankUnited, Inc.'s wholly-owned subsidiaries include BankUnited and BankUnited Investment Services, Inc. (collectively, the "Company"). BankUnited provides a full range of banking and bank-related services to individual and corporate customers through 78 branch offices located in 13 Florida counties. BankUnited, Inc. is a wholly-owned subsidiary of BU Financial Holdings LLC ("BUFH"), which was formed on April 27, 2009 as a limited liability company under the laws of the State of Delaware.

The accounting and reporting policies of the Company and the methods of applying those policies that materially affect the accompanying consolidated financial statements conform with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States ("GAAP") and where applicable to general practices in the banking industry or guidelines prescribed by bank regulatory agencies.

Effective July 1, 2009, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") established the Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC" or "Codification") as the source of authoritative GAAP for companies to use in the preparation of financial statements. The guidance contained in the Codification supersedes all existing accounting and reporting standards for public and non-public companies. The Company has adopted the Codification, as required, and as a result, references to accounting literature contained in its Consolidated Financial Statement disclosures reflect the new ASC structure.

#### **Accounting Estimates and Assumptions**

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, management is required to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, revenues and expenses, and valuation and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities. Management has made significant estimates in certain areas, such as the allowance for loan losses, accounting for covered loans, the valuation of other real estate owned, the accounting for Profits Interest Units and the determination of the valuation allowance for deferred tax assets.

Other estimates are also made in the determination of the fair value of assets acquired and liabilities assumed, including estimates of loans acquired with evidence of credit impairment since origination, the FDIC indemnification asset, goodwill and other intangible assets associated with the BankUnited, FSB acquisition, other-than-temporary impairment of investment securities and fair value of financial instruments. In addition, management has used information provided by third parties to assist in the determination of estimates regarding costs and fair values associated with the Company's investment securities, stock options and equity awards. Actual results could differ from those estimates. The current economic environment has increased the degree of uncertainty inherent in those estimates and assumptions.

### Fair Value Measurements

The Company uses fair value measurements to record fair value adjustments to certain assets and liabilities and to determine fair value disclosures. Fair value is defined as the price that would be

### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

### December 31, 2009

### Note 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Securities available for sale, derivative instruments and certain equity awards are recorded at fair value on a recurring basis. Additionally, from time to time, the Company may be required to record other assets at fair value on a nonrecurring basis. Such assets would include collateral dependent impaired loans, other real estate owned, goodwill and other intangible assets. These nonrecurring fair value adjustments typically involve application of lower-of-cost-or-market accounting or impairment write-downs of individual assets.

ASC Topic 825, *Financial Instruments* allows the Company an irrevocable option for measurement of eligible financial assets or financial liabilities at fair value on an instrument by instrument basis (the fair value option). Subsequent to the initial adoption of ASC Topic 825, the Company may elect to account for eligible financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value. Such an election may be made at the time an eligible financial asset, financial liability or firm commitment is recognized or when certain specified reconsideration events occur. The Company has not elected the fair value option for any eligible financial instrument as of December 31, 2009.

### Transfers of Financial Assets

Transfers of financial assets are accounted for as sales, when control over the assets has been surrendered. A gain or loss is recognized in earnings upon completion of the sale based on the difference between the sales proceeds and the carrying value of the assets. Control over the transferred assets is deemed to have been surrendered when: (i) the assets have been isolated from the Company, (ii) the transferree obtains the right (free of conditions that constrain it from taking advantage of that right) to pledge or exchange the transferred assets, and (iii) the Company does not maintain effective control over the transferred assets through an agreement to repurchase them before their maturity.

### **Principles of Consolidation**

The consolidated financial statements of the Company include the accounts of BankUnited, Inc., and its wholly-owned subsidiaries, BankUnited and BankUnited Investment Services, Inc. All significant intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

### Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash and due from banks, amounts deposited at the Federal Reserve Bank and federal funds sold. Cash equivalents have original maturities of three months or less and, accordingly, the carrying amount of these instruments is deemed to be a reasonable estimate of fair value.

The Bank must comply with Federal Reserve Board regulations requiring the maintenance of reserves against its net transaction accounts. As of December 31, 2009, cash reserves maintained by the Bank at the Federal Reserve Bank for this purpose exceeded this requirement.

### **Investment Securities Available for Sale**

Investment securities for which the Company may not have the intent or ability to hold to maturity, and marketable equity securities, are classified as available for sale. Securities designated as available for sale are carried at fair value with unrealized gains and losses, net of any tax effect,

### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

### December 31, 2009

### Note 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

included in accumulated other comprehensive income as a component of stockholder's equity. Interest income and dividends on securities are recognized in interest income on an accrual basis. Premiums and discounts on debt securities are amortized as an adjustment to yield over the expected life of the security using the level yield method. Realized gains and losses on sales of available for sale securities are determined using the specific identification method and are recognized in earnings for the period.

The Company reviews available for sale securities for impairment on a quarterly basis or more frequently if events and circumstances indicate that a potential loss may have occurred. An investment security is impaired if its fair value is lower than its amortized cost basis. The Company considers many factors in determining whether the decline in fair value below amortized cost is an other-than-temporary impairment ("OTTI"), including, but not limited to, adverse changes in expected cash flows, the length of time and extent to which the fair value has been less than amortized cost, the Company's intent and ability to hold the security for a period of time sufficient for a recovery in value and issuer-specific factors such as the issuer's financial condition, external credit ratings and general market conditions. For a debt security for which there has been a decline in the fair value below amortized cost basis, the Company recognizes OTTI if (i) management has the intent to sell the security, (ii) it is more likely than not that the Company will be required to sell the security before recovery of its amortized cost basis, or (iii) the Company does not expect to recover the entire amortized cost basis of the security. For any debt securities that are considered other-than-temporarily impaired, the OTTI write-down is separated into an amount representing the credit loss, which is recognized in earnings, and the amount related to all other factors, which is recognized in other comprehensive income. If the Company intends to sell the security, or if it is more likely than not it will be required to sell the security before recovery, an OTTI write-down is recognized in earnings equal to the entire difference between the amortized cost basis and fair value of the security. The measurement of the credit loss component is equal to the difference between the debt security's amortized cost basis and the present value of its expected future cash flows discounted at the security's effective yield. For marketable equity sec

The Company uses third party sources to assist in the determination of the fair value of its investment securities, which are subject to validation procedures performed by management. The third-party pricing sources use proprietary models to determine the fair value of the Company's collateralized mortgage obligations and mortgage pass-through certificates. Management performs validation procedures related to these fair value estimates using a third-party developed model, and proprietary behavioral assumptions which incorporate observable and unobservable inputs that it believes market participants would use in valuing these securities. These inputs take into account market-based observable inputs that are available and are reflective of the structural and collateral characteristics of the respective securities.

### FHLB Stock

The Company's investment in the stock of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta ("FHLB") is carried at cost, since these securities are restricted. Because of the nature of this investment, carrying value approximates fair value. Periodically and as conditions warrant, the Company reviews its investment in FHLB stock for impairment and adjusts the carrying value of the investment if it is determined to be impaired.

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#### Loans

The Company's loans held in portfolio consists primarily of real estate loans collateralized by first mortgages and also includes home equity loans and lines of credit, multi-family, commercial real estate, construction, land and other commercial and consumer loans. Loans held in portfolio are loans which management has the intent and ability to hold for the foreseeable future and are considered held for investment. Changes in events and circumstances related to these assets, as well as developments regarding management's view of the foreseeable future, may result in a change in the intent to hold such assets for investment. A significant portion of the Company's loans held in portfolio consist of loans acquired on May 21, 2009, from the FDIC which may be covered under the loss sharing agreements with the FDIC. The Company segregates its loan portfolio between covered and not covered.

### **Covered Loans**

A significant portion of the Company's covered loans consist of loans acquired on May 21, 2009 with evidence of deterioration of credit quality since origination (acquired credit-impaired or "ACI" loans). Consequently, it is probable that, at acquisition, the Company will be unable to collect all contractual payments due. These loans were initially recorded at fair value, which represents the present value of all cash flows expected to be received, including estimated prepayments. The difference between the total contractual payments due and the cash flows expected to be received at acquisition is recognized as non-accretable difference. The excess of all cash flows expected at acquisition over the Company's initial investment in the loans is recognized as interest income on a level-yield basis over the life of the loans (accretable yield).

The Company is required to have reasonable expectations about the timing and amount of cash flows to be collected and continue to estimate the cash flows expected to be collected over the life of the loan. Acquired credit-impaired loans are reviewed each reporting period to determine whether any material changes occurred in expected cash flows that would result in a reclassification between non-accretable difference and accretable yield. If it is probable that the Company will be unable to collect all the cash flows expected at acquisition, plus additional cash flows expected to be collected arising from changes in estimates after acquisition, the loan is considered impaired and a valuation allowance is established by a charge to earnings. If, based on current information and events, it is probable that there is a material increase in cash flows previously expected to be collected or if actual cash flows are materially greater than cash flows previously expected, the Company first reduces any valuation allowance previously established by the increase in the present value of cash flows expected to be collected and recalculates the amount of accretable yield for the loan. The adjustment due to an increase in expected cash flows is accounted for as a change in estimate and the amount of periodic accretion is adjusted over the remaining life of the loan.

The Company has aggregated certain loans that were acquired on May 21, 2009 and have similar risk characteristics into homogenous pools, and uses a composite interest rate and expectations of cash flows expected to be collected for each pool. Loans that do not have similar risk characteristics are analyzed on a loan by loan basis, based on interest rates and expectations of cash flows expected to be collected for each individual loan. The total acquisition price of the loans is assigned to each individual pool or loan on the basis of its relative fair value at acquisition date.

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The Company may resolve a covered ACI loan through a sale of the loan, by working with the customer and obtaining partial or full pre-payment, by short sale of the underlying collateral, by foreclosure of the underlying collateral, or, for the non-residential portfolio, by charge-off. In the event of a sale of the loan, the Company recognizes a gain or loss on sale of loans, based on the difference between the sales proceeds and the carrying value of the loan. For loans resolved through agreed pre-payments, short sale or foreclosure the Company recognizes the difference between the payment received in satisfaction of the loan and the carrying value of the loan in the income statement line item "Income from resolution of covered assets, net." Gains and losses from the resolution of covered loans are included in this line item. The accretable discount related to loans sold that are not treated as pools is recognized in earnings immediately as interest income.

Acquired loans with no evidence of deterioration of credit quality since origination are recorded at the estimated fair value on the acquisition date and are subsequently carried at the principal amount outstanding, net of premiums, discounts, unearned income, deferred loan fees and costs, and allowance for loan losses.

#### Loans not Covered

Loans originated by the Company are carried at the principal amount outstanding, net of premiums, discounts, unearned income, deferred loan fees and costs, and allowance for loan losses.

Interest income on non-ACI and originated loans is accrued based on the principal amount outstanding, except for those loans classified as non-accrual. Non-refundable loan origination and commitment fees, net of direct costs of originating or acquiring loans, and fair value adjustments for acquired loans, are deferred and recognized over the estimated lives of the related loans as an adjustment to the loans' effective yield.

### **Impaired Loans**

An ACI pool or loan is considered to be impaired when it is probable that the Company will be unable to collect all the cash flows expected at acquisition, plus additional cash flows expected to be collected arising from changes in estimates after acquisition. All other loans are considered impaired when, based on current information and events, it is probable that the Company will be unable to collect the scheduled payments of principal or interest when due, according to the contractual terms of the loan agreement. Factors considered by management in determining impairment include payment status, collateral value, and the probability of collecting expected or scheduled principal and interest payments when due.

In certain situations due to economic or legal reasons related to a borrower's financial difficulties, the Company may grant a concession to the borrower for other than an insignificant period of time that it would not otherwise consider. At that time, the related loan is classified as a troubled-debt restructuring ("TDR") and considered impaired. The concessions granted may include rate reductions, principal forgiveness, payment forbearance and other actions intended to minimize the economic loss and to avoid foreclosure or repossession of the collateral. Troubled-debt restructured loans are placed on non-accrual status at the time of the modifications unless the borrower has no history of missed payments for six months prior to the restructuring. If borrowers perform pursuant to the modified loan terms for at least six months and the remaining loan balances are considered collectible, the loans are

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returned to accrual status. Modified loans that form part of an established pool of ACI loans are not considered TDRs and are not separated from the pool and classified as impaired loans.

#### Nonaccrual Loans

Except for ACI loans accounted for on a pool basis, loans are placed on non-accrual status when management has determined that (i) full payment of all contractual principal and interest is in doubt, and for ACI loans not accounted for on a pool basis, when it is probable that the Company will be unable to collect all the cash flows expected at acquisition plus additional cash flows expected to be collected arising from changes in estimates after acquisition, or (ii) the loan is past due 90 days or more as to principal and/or interest unless the loan is well-secured and in the process of collection.

Except for ACI loans accounted for on a pool basis, when a loan is placed on non-accrual status, uncollected interest accrued in the current year is reversed and charged to interest income. Subsequent payments of interest are recognized as income on a cash basis, or if collection of principal is doubtful, they are applied to principal on a cost recovery basis. For residential mortgage loans and consumer loans not treated as pools, the accrued interest at the date the loan is placed on nonaccrual status, and forgone interest during the nonaccrual period, are recorded as interest income as of the date the loan is no longer delinquent in excess of 90 days. Commercial real estate and commercial loans are returned to accruing status only after all past due principal and interest have been collected.

## Allowance for Loan Losses

The Company's allowance for loan losses ("ALL") is established for both performing loans and non-performing loans. The Company's ALL is the amount considered adequate to absorb probable losses within the portfolio based on management's evaluation of the size and current risk characteristics of the loan portfolio and is an amount management considers to be appropriately determined in accordance with GAAP. Such evaluation considers numerous factors, including, but not limited to, internal risk ratings, loss forecasts, collateral values, geographic location, borrower FICO scores, delinquency rates, non-performing and restructured loans, origination channels, product mix, underwriting practices, industry conditions, economic trends and net charge-off trends.

For ACI loans, a valuation allowance is established when it is probable that the Company will be unable to collect all the cash flows expected at acquisition plus additional cash flows expected to be collected arising from changes in estimate after acquisition. A specific allowance is established when subsequent evaluations of expected cash flows from ACI loans reflect a decrease in those estimates.

For all other loans, specific allowances for loan losses are established for large commercial, corporate, and commercial real estate impaired loans that are evaluated on an individual basis. The specific allowance established for these loans is based on a thorough analysis of the most probable source of repayment, including the present value of the loan's expected future cash flows, the loan's estimated market value, or the estimated fair value of the underlying collateral less costs of disposition. General allowances are established for loans grouped based on similar characteristics. In this process, general allowance factors established are based on an analysis of historical loss and recovery experience and expected loss given default derived from the Company's internal risk rating process and proprietary roll-to-loss model. Other adjustments for qualitative factors may be made to the allowance for the pools after an assessment of internal and external influences on credit quality and loss severity that are

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not fully reflected in the historical loss or risk rating data. For these measurements, the Company uses assumptions and methodologies that are relevant to estimating the level of impairment and probable losses in the loan portfolio. To the extent that the data supporting such assumptions has limitations, management's judgment and experience play a key role in recording the allowance estimates.

Additions to the ALL are made by provisions charged to earnings. Furthermore, an improvement in the expected cash flows related to ACI loans would result in a reduction of the required specific allowance with a corresponding credit to the provision. The allowance is decreased by charge-offs due to losses and increased by recoveries. Losses on unsecured consumer loans are recognized at 90-days past due. Residential real estate loans and secured consumer loans are typically charged-off when they become 120 to 180-days past due, depending on the collateral type. Secured loans may be written-down to the collateral's fair value less estimated disposition costs, with previously accrued unpaid interest reversed. Subsequent charge-offs may be required as a result of changes in the fair value of collateral or other repayment prospects. The Company reports recoveries at the time received on a cash basis.

### **FDIC Indemnification Asset**

An FDIC indemnification asset results from the loss sharing agreement with the FDIC and is measured separately from the related covered assets. It is not contractually embedded in the covered assets and it is not transferrable with the covered assets should the Company choose to dispose of them.

The FDIC indemnification asset is initially recorded at fair value which represents the present value of the estimated cash payments expected from the FDIC for probable losses on covered assets, past due interest and reimbursement of certain expenses. Covered assets consist primarily of loans acquired from the FDIC. The discount rate in this calculation was determined using a risk-free yield curve plus a premium reflecting the uncertainty related to the collection, amounts and timing of the cash flows and other liquidity concerns. The accretion due to discounting and changes in cash flows expected is included in non-interest income for the period. Decreases in cash flows expected to be collected from the FDIC are generally recognized in income prospectively consistent with the approach taken to recognize increases in expected cash flows on covered loans. Increases to the FDIC indemnification asset that result from impairment of cash flows on covered loans are recognized in income in the same period that the allowance for credit losses on the related loans is recognized. The ultimate collectability of this asset is dependent upon the performance of the underlying covered assets, the passage of time and claims paid by the FDIC.

Excess cash received over carrying value and the excess of carrying value over cash received from the resolution of ACI loans are netted and recognized as income from resolution of covered assets, net in the accompanying consolidated statement of income. Decreases and increases to the estimated cash flows to be received from the FDIC related to the resolution of assets are recognized separately as a net loss on indemnification asset resulting from net recoveries in the consolidated statement of income and as corresponding decreases or increases in the FDIC indemnification asset.

# Office Properties and Equipment, net

Included in other assets are office properties and equipment which are carried at cost less accumulated depreciation and amortization. Depreciation is calculated based on the straight line

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method using the estimated service lives of the assets. Repair and maintenance costs are charged to operations as incurred, and improvements are capitalized. The lives of improvements to existing buildings are based on the lesser of the estimated remaining life of the building or the estimated useful life of the improvements. Leasehold improvements are amortized over the shorter of the expected term of the lease at inception, considering options to extend that are reasonably assured, or their useful lives. The estimated useful life for branch buildings is 30 years, for furniture, fixtures and equipment is 5-7 years, and for computer equipment and software is 3 years.

### **Bank Owned Life Insurance**

Bank owned life insurance is carried at an amount that could be realized under the insurance contracts as of the date of the consolidated balance sheet, which is the cash surrender value adjusted for charges or other amounts due that are probable at settlement. Changes in the cash surrender value of the policy are recorded in earnings.

### Other Real Estate Owned

Assets acquired through, or in lieu of loan foreclosure are held for sale and are initially recorded at the estimated fair value of the collateral at the date of foreclosure based on estimates, including some obtained from third parties, less estimated costs to sell, establishing a new cost basis. Subsequent to foreclosure, valuations are periodically performed by management, and the assets are carried at the lower of cost or fair value, less estimated costs to sell. Significant property improvements, which enhance the salability of the property, are capitalized to the extent that the carrying value does not exceed their estimated realizable values. Legal fees, maintenance and other direct costs of foreclosed properties are expensed as incurred.

#### **Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets**

Goodwill is an asset representing the future economic benefits from other assets acquired that are not individually identified and separately recognized. Goodwill is measured as the excess of the consideration transferred, net of the fair value of identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed at the acquisition date. Goodwill is assigned to the units that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the business combination. The Company's goodwill was assigned to BankUnited at the acquisition date. Goodwill and other identifiable intangible assets with indefinite lives are not amortized and instead are tested for impairment. The Company performs its impairment testing annually in the third quarter of the fiscal year or more frequently if events or circumstances exist that indicate a possible reduction in the fair value of the business below its carrying value. The Company measures impairment using the present value of estimated future cash flows. The analysis is based upon available information regarding expected future cash flows and discount rates. Discount rates are based upon the cost of capital specific to the industry in which the Company operates. If the carrying value of the reporting unit exceeds its fair value, a second analysis is performed to measure the fair value of all assets and liabilities. If, based on the second analysis, it is determined that the fair value of the assets and liabilities of the reporting unit is less than the carrying value, the Company would recognize impairment for the excess of carrying value over fair value.

Other intangible assets consist of core deposit intangible assets. Core deposit intangible assets, initially recorded at fair value, are amortized on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives

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and evaluated for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying amount of the asset may not be recoverable.

#### Income Taxes

As a corporation, the Company and its subsidiaries, other than BU REIT, Inc., file a consolidated federal corporate income tax return, as well as combined state corporate income tax returns where combined filings are required for companies that are considered to be unitary with related entities. BU REIT, Inc., an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of BankUnited, files a separate federal income tax return.

The Company accounts for income taxes under the asset and liability method. Income tax expense or benefit is comprised of the current and deferred tax provisions for the period. The current tax provision represents amounts that are payable to or receivable from taxing authorities based on current period taxable income or loss. The deferred tax provision reflects changes in deferred tax assets and liabilities during the period as a result of current period operations. Deferred income tax assets and liabilities result from temporary differences between assets and liabilities measured for financial reporting purposes and for income tax return purposes. These assets and liabilities are measured using the enacted tax rates and laws that are currently in effect.

The Company recognizes a liability for uncertain tax positions. An uncertain tax position is defined as a position in a previously filed tax return or a position expected to be taken in a future tax return that is not based on clear and unambiguous tax law and which is reflected in measuring current or deferred income tax assets and liabilities for interim or annual periods. The Company must recognize the tax benefit from an uncertain tax position only if it is more-likely-than-not that the tax position will be sustained on examination by the taxing authorities, based on the technical merits of the position. The Company measures the tax benefits recognized based on the largest benefit that has a greater than 50% likelihood of being realized upon ultimate resolution. The Company recognizes interest and penalties related to uncertain tax benefits in its provision for income taxes. At December 31, 2009, there were no significant uncertain tax positions.

#### Stock-Based Compensation

The Company sponsors a stock plan under which nonqualified stock options may be granted periodically to key employees of the Company or its affiliates at an exercise price at or above the estimated fair market value of the underlying stock on the date of the grant.

Compensation cost is measured based on the estimated fair value of the award at the grant date and is recognized in the consolidated financial statements on a straight-line basis over the requisite service period. The fair value of stock options is estimated at the date of grant using a Black-Scholes option pricing model to calculate the fair values of options awarded. This model requires assumptions as to expected volatility, dividends, terms, and risk free rates. Since the Company's Common Stock is not currently traded in an exchange, expected volatility is measured based on the volatility of the common stock of peer companies. The expected term represents the period of time that options are expected to be outstanding from the grant date. The risk free interest rate is based on the U.S. Treasury yield curve in effect at the time of grant for the appropriate life of each option. The expected dividend yield was determined based on the expected dividends to be declared.

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## Due to BUFH for Other Equity Awards Classified as Liabilities

Due to BUFH for other equity awards classified as liabilities consist of instruments with characteristics of both equity and liabilities. They include a warrant to the FDIC and Profits Interest Units ("PIU") issued by BUFH, and are recorded in other liabilities, at fair value, in the accompanying consolidated balance sheet.

Compensation expense related to PIU awards is based on the fair value of the underlying unit on the date of the consolidated financial statements. Time-based PIU expense, which is serviced-based, is recognized over the vesting period using the straight-line method. IRR-based PIU expense, which is performance-based, is recognized upon consummation of an IPO or change in control liquidity event. See Note 15, *Due to BUFH for Equity Awards Classified as Liabilities*, and Note 22, *Subsequent Events*.

## **Derivative Financial Instruments and Hedging Activities**

The Company records all contracts that satisfy the definition of a derivative financial instrument ("derivative") at fair value in the consolidated financial statements. A derivative is a financial instrument that derives its cash flows and therefore, its value, by reference to an underlying instrument, index or referenced interest rate. The Company does not hold any derivatives for trading purposes.

Derivatives are used as a risk management tool to hedge the Company's exposure to changes in interest rates or other identified market risks. When a derivative is entered into, the Company prepares written hedge documentation and designates the derivative as (i) a hedge of the fair value of a recognized asset or liability (fair value hedge) or (ii) a hedge of a forecasted transaction, such as the variability of cash flows to be received or paid related to a recognized asset or liability (cash flow hedge). The written hedge documentation includes identification of, among other items, the risk management objective, hedging instrument, hedged item and methodologies for assessing and measuring hedge effectiveness and ineffectiveness, along with support for management's assertion that the hedge will be highly effective.

Methodologies related to assessing hedge effectiveness are consistent between similar types of hedge transactions and have included (i) statistical regression analysis, and (ii) comparison of the critical terms of the hedged item and the hedging derivative. Changes in the fair value of a derivative that is highly effective and that has been designated and qualifies as a fair value hedge are recorded in current period earnings, along with the changes in the fair value of the hedged item that are attributable to the hedged risk. Changes in the fair value of a derivative that is highly effective and that has been designated and qualifies as a cash flow hedge are initially recorded in accumulated other comprehensive income and reclassified to earnings in the same period that the hedged item impacts earnings; and any ineffective portion is recorded in current period earnings. Assessments of hedge effectiveness and measurements of hedge ineffectiveness are performed at least quarterly for ongoing effectiveness.

The Company discontinues hedge accounting prospectively when it is determined that the derivative is no longer effective in offsetting changes in the fair value or cash flows of the hedged item, the derivative expires or is sold, terminated, or exercised, or management determines that the designation of the derivative as a hedging instrument is no longer appropriate. When hedge accounting is discontinued because it is determined that the derivative no longer qualifies as an effective fair value

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hedge, the Company continues to carry the derivative on the balance sheet at its fair value, with any changes to the fair value recognized in earnings.

### Earnings per Common Share

Basic earnings per common share are computed by dividing income available to common shareholders by the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding during each period. Diluted earnings per common share are based on the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding during the period, plus the dilutive effect of securities or other contracts to issue common shares ("common stock equivalents"). Common stock equivalents are excluded from the computation of earnings per common share in periods in which they have an anti-dilutive effect. Non-vested stock options are potentially dilutive securities, but are not included in the calculation of diluted earnings per common share because to do so would be antidilutive. The Company's obligation for BUFH's PIUs and common units that may be issued related to the FDIC warrant represents contingently issuable units and are not included in the calculation of net income per common share because the conditions necessary to issue the units have not been satisfied as of the end of the reporting period. Therefore, at December 31, 2009, the weighted average number of shares used to compute basic and diluted income per common unit is the same.

### Segment Reporting

The Company operates one reportable segment of business, Community Banking, which includes BankUnited, the Company's banking subsidiary. Through BankUnited, the Company provides a broad range of retail and commercial banking services. Management makes operating decisions and assesses performance based on an ongoing review of these banking operations, which constitute the Company's only operating segment.

### Accounting Policies Recently Adopted and Pending Adoption

In June 2009, the FASB issued new guidance impacting transfers and servicing of financial assets. The objective of this guidance is to improve the relevance, representational faithfulness, and comparability of the information that a reporting entity provides in its financial reports about a transfer of financial assets; the effects of a transfer on its financial position, financial performance, and cash flows; and a transferor's continuing involvement in transferred financial assets. This guidance is effective for financial asset transfers occurring after December 31, 2009. The adoption of this guidance is not expected to be material to the Company's financial position, results of operations, or cash flows.

In May 2009, the FASB issued new guidance regarding subsequent events. The new guidance establishes general standards of accounting for and disclosure of events that occur after the balance sheet date but before financial statements are issued or are available to be issued. The adoption of this guidance was not material to the Company's financial position, results of operations, or cash flows.

In June 2009, the FASB issued new guidance impacting consolidation of variable interest entities. The objective of this guidance is to improve financial reporting by enterprises involved with variable interest entities and to provide more relevant and reliable information to users of financial statements.

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This guidance was effective as of January 1, 2010. The adoption of this guidance was not material to the Company's financial position, results of operations, or cash flows.

In August 2009, the FASB amended the measurement of liabilities at fair value and related disclosures. The amendment provides additional guidance on how to measure the fair value of a liability. The amendment clarifies that when estimating the fair value of a liability the entity is not required to include a separate adjustment to other inputs relating to the existence of a restriction that prevents the transfer of a liability. The amendment also clarifies that the quoted price in an active market at the measurement date of a liability when traded as an asset represents a Level 1 fair value measurement. The adoption of this guidance is not expected to be material to the Company's financial position, results of operations, or cash flows.

In September 2009, the FASB issued new guidance that creates a practical expedient to measure the fair value of an alternative investment that does not have a readily determinable fair value. This guidance also requires certain additional disclosures. This guidance was effective for interim and annual periods ending after December 15, 2009. The adoption of this guidance did not have a material impact on the Company's financial position, results of operations, or cash flows.

In January 2010, the FASB issued new guidance to improve disclosures regarding fair value measurements and disclosures. Fair value measurements and disclosures were enhanced to require additional information regarding transfers to and from Level 1 and 2 and the reasons for the transfers, and a gross presentation of activity within the rollforward of Level 3. The guidance clarifies existing disclosure requirements on the level of disaggregation of classes of assets and liabilities. In addition, enhanced disclosure is required concerning inputs and valuation techniques used to determine Level 2 and Level 3 measurements. This guidance is generally effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2009; however, requirements to disclose separately purchases, sales, issuances, and settlements in the Level 3 reconciliation are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2010 (and for interim periods within such years). The adoption of this guidance is not expected to have a material impact on the Company's financial position, results of operations, or cash flows.

In March 2010, the FASB issued new guidance impacting receivables. The new guidance clarifies that a modification to a loan that is part of a pool of loans that were acquired with deteriorated credit quality should not result in the removal of the loan from the pool. This guidance is effective for any modifications of loans accounted for within a pool in the first interim or annual reporting period ending after July 15, 2010. The adoption of this guidance is not expected have a material effect on the Company's financial position, results of operations, or cash flows.

In July 2010, the FASB issued new guidance to provide additional information to assist financial statement users in assessing an entity's credit risk exposures and evaluating the adequacy of its allowance for loan losses. The new guidance requires disclosures regarding loans and the allowance for loan losses that are disaggregated by portfolio segment and class of financing receivable. A portfolio segment is defined as the level at which an entity develops and documents a systematic method for determining its allowance for loan losses. Classes of financing receivables are a disaggregation of portfolio segments. Existing disclosure requirements were amended to require a rollforward of the allowance for loan losses by portfolio segment, with the ending balance broken out by basis of

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impairment method, as well as the recorded investment in the respective loans. Nonaccrual and impaired loans by class must also be shown. The update also requires disclosures regarding: (1) credit quality indicators by class, (2) aging of past due loans by class, (3) TDRs by class and their effect on the allowance for loan losses, (4) TDRs during the previous 12 months that defaulted during the reporting period by class and their effect on the allowance for loan losses, and (5) significant purchases and sales of loans disaggregated by portfolio segment. For public entities, disclosures as of the end of a period are effective for interim and annual reporting periods ending on or after December 15, 2010. Activity related disclosures are effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning on or after December 15, 2010. For non-public entities, the disclosures are effective for annual reporting periods ending on or after December 15, 2011. The adoption of this guidance is not expected to have a material impact on the Company's financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

### **Note 2 Acquisition**

On May 21, 2009, BankUnited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, entered into a purchase and assumption agreement (the "FSB Agreement") with the FDIC, as receiver, pursuant to which BankUnited acquired certain assets and assumed substantially all of the deposits and liabilities of BankUnited, FSB (the "Acquisition").

Prior to the Acquisition, BankUnited, FSB was a community bank headquartered in Coral Gables, Florida and operated 85 banking branches in 13 counties in Florida. Excluding the effects of purchase accounting adjustments, the Bank acquired \$13.6 billion in assets and assumed \$12.8 billion of the deposits and liabilities of BankUnited, FSB. The Bank received net consideration in the amount of \$2.2 billion partially offset by liabilities due to the FDIC in the amount of \$156.8 million.

In connection with the Acquisition, the Bank entered into a loss sharing agreement with the FDIC that covers single family residential mortgage loans, commercial real estate and commercial and industrial loans, certain investment securities and other real estate owned ("OREO") collectively, referred to as the "covered assets". The Bank acquired other BankUnited, FSB assets that are not covered by the loss sharing agreement with the FDIC including cash balances of \$1.2 billion, certain investment securities purchased at fair market value and other tangible assets. Pursuant to the terms of the loss sharing agreement, the covered assets are subject to a stated loss threshold whereby the FDIC will reimburse the Bank for 80% of losses of up to \$4.0 billion, and 95% of losses in excess of this amount. The Bank will reimburse the FDIC for its share of recoveries with respect to losses for which the FDIC paid the Bank a reimbursement under the loss sharing agreement. The FDIC's obligation to reimburse the Company for losses with respect to covered assets begins with the first dollar of loss incurred. The expected reimbursements under the loss sharing agreements were recorded as an indemnification asset at its estimated fair value of \$3.4 billion on the acquisition date. The indemnification asset reflects the present value of the expected net cash reimbursement related to the loss sharing agreement described above.

The amounts covered by the loss sharing agreement are the pre-acquisition book values of the underlying covered assets, the contractual balance of unfunded commitments that were acquired, plus certain interest and expenses. The loss sharing agreement is subject to certain servicing procedures as specified in the agreement with the FDIC. The loss sharing agreement applicable to single family residential mortgage loans provide for FDIC loss sharing and the Bank's reimbursement of recoveries

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### **Note 2 Acquisition (Continued)**

to the FDIC for ten years. The loss sharing agreements applicable to all other covered assets provide for FDIC loss sharing for five years and the Bank reimbursement of recoveries to the FDIC for 8 years. Under the loss sharing agreement, the Bank may sell up to 2.5% of the acquired residential and commercial loan portfolio, with certain restrictions, based on the unpaid principal balance ("UPB") on an annual basis without prior consent from FDIC. If the Bank seeks to sell residential or non-residential loans in excess of the agreed 2.5% threshold, nine months prior to the tenth anniversary or fifth anniversary, respectively, and does not receive approval from the FDIC, the loss sharing agreements are extended for a period of two years after the respective anniversaries. The loss sharing term is extended only with respect to the loans to be included in such sales. The Bank will have the right to sell all or any portion of such loans without FDIC consent, at any time within nine months prior to the respective extended termination dates.

In connection with the pre-approval of loan sales under the loss sharing agreement, the Bank may sell, in 2010, up to approximately \$280 million of covered residential and commercial loans. Management has not concluded as to whether they will exercise the right and, if so, which covered loans may be sold. As such, the Company is unable to quantify any potential gain or loss related to this provision of the agreement. Any gain or loss will be significantly offset by a corresponding adjustment to the FDIC indemnification asset.

The Bank has determined that the Acquisition of the net assets of BankUnited, FSB constitutes a business combination as defined by the FASB ASC Topic 805, *Business Combinations*. Accordingly, the assets acquired and liabilities assumed were recorded at their fair values. Fair values were determined based on the requirements of FASB ASC Topic 820, *Fair Value Measurements*. The determination of the initial fair value of loans purchased in the acquisition and the initial fair value of the related FDIC indemnification asset involves a high degree of judgment and complexity. The carrying value of the acquired loans and the FDIC indemnification asset reflect management's best estimate of the amount to be realized on each of these assets. However, the amount the Company realizes on these assets could differ materially from the carrying value reflected in these consolidated financial statements, based upon the timing and amount of collections on the acquired loans in future periods. The fair value estimates require that management make assumptions about discount rates, future expected cash flows, market conditions and other future events that are highly subjective in nature and subject to change.

The Company believes that the FDIC loss-sharing agreement mitigates the Company's risk of loss on assets acquired. Nonetheless, to the extent the actual values realized for the acquired assets are different from the estimates, the FDIC indemnification asset will generally be impacted in an offsetting manner due to the loss sharing support from the FDIC. Additionally, the tax treatment of FDIC assisted acquisitions is complex and subject to interpretations that may result in future adjustments of deferred taxes as of the acquisition date.

The Bank recognized approximately \$59.4 million of goodwill and a \$1.8 million core deposit intangible in connection with this transaction. The amount of goodwill recorded represents the residual difference in the fair value of the net assets acquired by the Bank.

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## December 31, 2009

## **Note 2 Acquisition (Continued)**

The following table summarizes the reconciliation of the carrying amount of the acquired assets and assumed liabilities to their fair value as of the acquisition date (in thousands):

	s Recorded BankUnited FSB	Acquisition Fair Value Adjustments	1	As Recorded by the Company
Assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,160,321	\$ —	\$	1,160,321
Investment securities, at fair value	608,388	(69,444)		538,944
FHLB stock	243,334	_		243,334
Loans held in portfolio, net	11,174,232	(6,163,904)		5,010,328
FDIC receivable	_	69,444		69,444
FDIC indemnification asset	_	3,442,890		3,442,890
Bank owned life insurance	129,111	_		129,111
Other real estate owned	199,819	(22,140)		177,679
Deferred tax asset, net	_	37,269		37,269
Goodwill and other intangible assets	_	61,150		61,150
Other assets	95,171	(44,696)		50,475
Total assets	 13,610,376	(2,689,431)		10,920,945
Liabilities				
Deposits	8,225,916	108,566		8,334,482
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	1,310	_		1,310
FHLB advances	4,429,350	201,264		4,630,614
Advance payments by borrowers for taxes and insurance	52,362	_		52,362
Other liabilities	59,137	(567)		58,570
Total liabilities	12,768,075	309,263		13,077,338
Due to (from) FDIC for net assets acquired (liabilities assumed)	\$ 842,301	\$ (2,998,694)	\$	(2,156,393)

The following is a description of the methods used to determine the fair values of significant assets and liabilities presented above.

 $Cash\ and\ cash\ equivalents,\ other\ assets,\ securities\ sold\ under\ agreements\ to\ repurchase\ and\ escrows:$ 

The carrying amount of these assets is a reasonable estimate of fair value based on the short-term nature of these assets.

Investment securities:

Fair values for securities are based on quoted market prices, where available. If quoted market prices are not available, fair value estimates are based on observable inputs including quoted market prices for similar instruments, quoted market prices that are not in an active market or other inputs that are observable in the market. In the absence of observable inputs, fair value is estimated based on pricing models and/or discounted cash flow methodologies.

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### December 31, 2009

### **Note 2 Acquisition (Continued)**

FHLB stock:

Investment in FHLB stock is recognized at cost as a reasonable estimate for fair value, as these instruments represent restricted securities that had no evidence of impairment.

Loans:

Fair values for loans were based on a discounted cash flow methodology that considered factors including the type of loan and related collateral, delinquency and credit classification status, fixed or variable interest rate, term of loan and whether or not the loan was amortizing, and current discount rates. Additional assumptions used include default rates, loss severity, payment curves, loss curves and prepayment speeds. Certain residential loans were grouped together according to similar characteristics and were treated in the aggregate when applying various valuation techniques. The discount rates used for loans are based on market rates for new originations of comparable loans at the time of acquisition, and include adjustments for liquidity concerns.

FDIC receivable:

The FDIC receivable represents the amount due from the FDIC related to a dispute of the purchase price of certain investment securities for which the FDIC assigned a value that the Company believes is higher than the price required by the FSB Agreement.

The purchase and assumption agreement with the FDIC incorporates dispute resolution procedures that describe the process by which disputes regarding interpretation, application, calculation of loss or calculation of payments regarding the loss share must be resolved. The Company recognized a receivable from the FDIC in the amount of \$69.4 million representing the purchase price dispute related to certain investment securities which the Company believes were assigned a value by the FDIC that was higher than required by the FSB Agreement. In 2009, the Company recognized an impairment charge on the full amount of the FDIC receivable due to concerns over collectability.

See Note 22, Subsequent Events, for additional discussion of the purchase price dispute.

FDIC indemnification asset:

Fair value was estimated using projected cash flows related to the loss sharing agreements based on the expected reimbursements of the losses and the applicable loss sharing percentages. These cash flows were discounted using a risk-free yield curve plus a premium reflecting the uncertainty related to the collection, amounts and timing of the cash flows and other liquidity concerns.

Bank owned life insurance:

The fair value of bank owned life insurance is based on the cash surrender value of the underlying insurance contract.

OREO:

OREO is presented at the estimated fair value, net of related costs of disposal.

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### December 31, 2009

### **Note 2 Acquisition (Continued)**

Deferred tax asset, net:

Deferred tax asset, net represents the net tax-effected differences between the book basis and tax basis of certain acquired assets and liabilities including the acquired investment securities and loans, loss share receivable, time deposits and FHLB advances.

Goodwill and other intangible assets:

Goodwill:

The amount of goodwill recorded reflects the market share and related benefits that are expected to result from the acquisition, and represents the residual difference in the fair value of the net liability assumed by Company along with the payment from the FDIC for assuming this liability. The goodwill was assigned to BankUnited, as the Company's community banking segment.

Core deposit intangible:

This intangible asset represents the value of the relationships with deposit customers. The fair value of this intangible asset was estimated based on the present value of the expected cost savings attributable to the core deposit funding relative to an alternative source of funding. In determining the value, proper consideration was given to expected customer attrition rates, cost of the deposit base, reserve requirements and the net maintenance cost attributable to customer deposits.

Other assets:

The fair value of other assets was determined based on management's assessment of the collectability and realizability of such assets at acquisition date.

Deposits:

The fair values used for the demand and savings deposits that comprise the transaction accounts acquired equal the amount payable on demand at the acquisition date. The fair values for time deposits are estimated using a discounted cash flow calculation that applies interest rates being offered at the acquisition date to the contractual cash flows on such deposits.

Advances from FHLB:

The fair values of the FHLB advances are estimated using a discounted cash flow calculation that applies interest rates being offered at the acquisition date to the contractual cash flows on such advances.

Other liabilities:

The fair value of other liabilities is based primarily on the carrying amounts, which is a reasonable estimate based on the short-term nature of these liabilities. Included in other liabilities is the estimated fair value of the warrant issued to the FDIC in connection with the acquisition, amounting to \$1.5 million.

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## December 31, 2009

### **Note 2 Acquisition (Continued)**

A summary of the covered loans acquired as of May 21, 2009 and the related discount is as follows (in thousands):

	_	Ac	qui	red Credit-Imp																			
		Unpaid Principal Balance	Additional Contractual Cash Flows		Contractual		cipal Contractual		ncipal Contractual		Contractual		Total Estimated Contractual Cash Flows on Acquired Credit- Impaired Loans		Additional Car Contractual Acqu		Contractual Cash Flows on Acquired Credit-		Contractual Cash Flows on Acquired Credit-		<u>Ot</u>	ther Loans	Total
Real Estate Loans:																							
One-to-four family residential	\$	9,114,641	\$	4,047,208	\$	13,161,849	\$	212,847	\$ 13,374,696														
Home equity loans and lines of credit		284,222		82,164		366,386		220,434	586,820														
Multi-family		124,785		48,072		172,857		6,032	178,889														
Commercial real estate		566,990		245,204		812,194		40,582	852,776														
Construction		187,025		99,338		286,363		377	286,740														
Land		220,100		54,636		274,736		173	274,909														
Total real estate loans		10,497,763		4,576,622		15,074,385		480,445	15,554,830														
Other Loans																							
Commercial		131,590		21,746		153,336		51,434	204,770														
Consumer		13,000		348		13,348		_	13,348														
Total commercial and consumer loans		144,590		22,094		166,684		51,434	218,118														
	\$	10,642,353	\$	4,598,716		15,241,069		531,879	15,772,948														
Less: Non-accretable difference			_			8,714,344		_	8,714,344														
Cash flows expected to be collected						6,526,725																	
Accretable discount						2,004,337		43,939	2,048,276														
Total					\$	4,522,388	\$	487,940	\$ 5,010,328														

The estimated contractual cash flows for the acquired non-credit-impaired loans, at acquisition date was \$713.0 million.

At December 31, 2009, the Company concluded that, other than new instances of impairment of certain ACI loans, there had been no material changes in the assumptions utilized to determine the fair value of assets acquired and liabilities assumed. Except for the aforementioned instances of impairment on ACI loans requiring specific reserves of \$20.0 million described herein, expected cash flows and the present value of future cash flows related to assets acquired have not changed materially since the analysis performed at acquisition on May 21, 2009. Unpaid principal balances of acquired loans were reduced during the period ended December 31, 2009 by approximately \$1.4 billion since the acquisition date through repayments by borrowers, loan sales, transfers to OREO and charge-offs of customer loan balances.

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

# December 31, 2009

## **Note 2 Acquisition (Continued)**

The following table presents the components of the FDIC indemnification asset at May 21, 2009 (in thousands):

Loans	OREO	Total
\$ 4,119,357	\$ 18,860	\$ 4,138,217
411,095	_	411,095
4,530,452	18,860	4,549,312
1,103,681	2,741	1,106,422
\$ 3,426,771	\$ 16,119	\$ 3,442,890
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Changes in the FDIC indemnification asset for the period from May 22, 2009 through December 31, 2009 were as follows (in thousands):

Balance May 22, 2009	\$ 3,442,890
Accretion	149,544
Reduction for claims filed	(290,701)
Loss on indemnification asset resulting from net recoveries	(22,568)
Balance December 31, 2009	\$ 3,279,165

The Company recognizes additional covered losses or recoveries on FDIC indemnified assets through charges or credits, respectively, in the consolidated statement of income. The following table summarizes the components of the gains and losses associated with the resolution of covered FDIC indemnified assets (in thousands):

	 FDI Transaction Indemnii Income (Loss) Income			npact to Pre- Earnings
Provision on covered loans	\$ (21,287)	\$ 14,4	33	\$ (6,854)
Provision on loans not covered	(1,334)	-	_	(1,334)
Total	(22,621)	14,4	33	(8,188)
Income from resolution of covered assets, net	120,954			
Net loss on sale of loans	(47,078)			
Total	 73,876	(51,2	01)	22,675
Net loss due to impairment of OREO	(21,055)	14,2	00	(6,855)
Total	\$ 30,200	\$ (22,5)	68)	\$ 7,632

In connection with the loss sharing agreements with the FDIC, the Company will be reimbursed for a portion of certain expenses associated with covered assets, for which a loss has been incurred. This may result in the expenses and the related income from reimbursement being recorded in different periods. During the period ended December 31, 2009, the Company recognized \$26.1 million of expenses subject to reimbursement under the loss sharing agreement and \$8.1 million of

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

## December 31, 2009

## **Note 2 Acquisition (Continued)**

reimbursement income associated with such expenses. The Company estimates that an additional \$15.8 million, related to expenses incurred during the period ended December 31, 2009, will be filed for reimbursement with the FDIC in future periods.

## Note 3 Investment Securities Available for Sale

Investment securities available for sale at December 31, 2009, are summarized as follows (in thousands):

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		Covered S	Securities		Not Covered Securities					
	Amortized Cost	Gross Un	realized Losses	Fair Value	Amortized Cost	Gross U	Inrealized Losses	Fair Value		
U.S. Treasury										
securities	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 10,066	\$ 6	\$ —	\$ 10,072		
U.S. Government										
agencies and										
sponsored										
enterprises										
mortgage-backed										
securities		_	_		1,288,277	3,581	(3,215)	1,288,643		
Other collateralized										
mortgage										
obligations	1,747	89	_	1,836	508,731	1,007	(4,735)	505,003		
Mortgage pass-										
through certificates	199,402	51,196	(480)	250,118	118,616	_	(4,062)	114,554		
Mutual funds and										
preferred stocks	18,094	338	(698)	17,734	25,250	661	(122)	25,789		
State and Municipal										
obligations	_	_	_	_	23,214	143	(1)	23,356		
Other debt securities	3,331	2,707		6,038				_		
Total	\$ 222,574	\$ 54,330	\$ (1,178)	\$ 275,726	\$ 1,974,154	\$ 5,398	\$ (12,135)	\$ 1,967,417		

Investment securities available for sale at December 31, 2009, by contractual maturity, and adjusted for anticipated prepayments, are shown below (in thousands):

		Fair
	Amortized Cost	Value
Due in one year or less	\$ 426,872	\$ 435,292
Due after one year through five years	1,045,895	1,067,208
Due after five years through ten years	444,442	453,503
Due after ten years	236,175	243,617
Mutual funds and preferred stock	43,344	43,523
Total	\$ 2,196,728	\$ 2,243,143

Based on BankUnited's proprietary model and assumptions, the weighted average life of the mortgage-backed securities portfolio as of December 31, 2009 was 4.5 years. The model results are based on assumptions that may differ from the eventual outcome.

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### December 31, 2009

### Note 3 Investment Securities Available for Sale (Continued)

The Company monitors its investment securities available for sale for OTTI. Impairment is evaluated on an individual security basis considering numerous factors, and their relative significance varies depending on the situation. The following table shows aggregate fair value and the aggregate amount by which cost exceeds fair value of investments that are in a loss position at December 31, 2009 (in thousands):

	Fair Value	nrealized Losses
Available for sale securities:		
U.S. Government agencies and sponsored enterprises mortgage-backed securities	\$ 812,669	\$ (3,215)
Other collateralized mortgage obligations	340,846	(4,735)
Mortgage pass-through certificates	115,872	(4,542)
Mutual funds and preferred stocks	27,257	(820)
State and municipal obligations	1,109	(1)
Total	\$ 1,297,753	\$ (13,313)

The Company has evaluated the nature of unrealized losses in the available for sale securities to determine if OTTI exists. The unrealized losses relate to specific market conditions and do not represent credit-related impairments. Furthermore, the Company does not intend to sell these securities and it is more likely than not that it will be able to retain the securities for a period of time sufficient for a recovery in value to the amortized cost basis. Management has completed an assessment of each security for credit impairment and has determined that no individual security had OTTI as of December 31, 2009. The following describes the basis under which the Company has evaluated OTTI.

U.S. Government agencies and sponsored enterprises mortgage-backed securities ("MBS"):

The unrealized losses associated with U.S. Government agencies and Sponsored Enterprises MBS are primarily driven by changes in interest rates. These securities have either an explicit or implicit government guarantee.

Other collateralized mortgage obligations ("CMO") and mortgage pass-through certificates:

These securities are assessed for impairment using a third-party developed model, and proprietary behavioral assumptions using default and loss severity levels, and Voluntary Annual Prepayment Rates ("VPRs"). The results of this evaluation were not indicative of deterioration in expected cash flows or OTTI at December 31, 2009.

Mutual funds and preferred stock:

The Company evaluates its investment in mutual funds for OTTI based on the quoted market value per share. The preferred stock in the investment portfolio was issued by U.S. Government sponsored enterprises.

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### December 31, 2009

### Note 3 Investment Securities Available for Sale (Continued)

State and municipal obligations:

The securities were generally underwritten in accordance with the Company's own investment standards prior to the decision to purchase, without relying on a bond issuer's guarantee in making the investment decision. These investments are mostly investment grade and will continue to be monitored as part of our ongoing impairment analysis, but are expected to perform in accordance with terms, even if the rating agencies reduce the credit rating of the bond issuers.

The fair values of the Company's investment securities could decline in the future if the underlying performance of the collateral for the residential MBS or other securities deteriorate and the Company's credit enhancement levels do not provide sufficient protection to the Company's contractual principal and interest. As a result, there is a risk that OTTI may occur in the future.

Proceeds from sale of investment securities available for sale during the period ended December 31, 2009 amounted to \$9.3 million, resulting in gross realized losses of \$381,000 and gross realized gains of \$44,000, respectively, which is included in other non-interest income in the consolidated statement of income.

As part of the Company's liquidity management strategy, the Company pledges securities to secure borrowings from the FHLB. The Company also pledges securities to collateralize public deposits and securities sold under agreements to repurchase and due to the Federal Reserve. The carrying value of pledged securities totaled \$618.0 million at December 31, 2009.

#### **Note 4 FHLB Stock**

BankUnited, as a member institution of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta, is required to own capital stock in the FHLB. The required stock ownership is based generally on (i) membership requirement and (ii) activity based requirement related to the levels that BankUnited borrows from the FHLB. In connection therewith, the Bank holds stock with the aggregate carrying value of \$243.3 million. The stock is restricted and can only be repurchased by the FHLB. No market exists for this stock and there is no quoted market price. Redemption of FHLB stock has historically been at par value, which is BankUnited's carrying value. The redemption of any excess stock BankUnited holds is at the discretion of the FHLB. Stock redemptions have recently been limited due to the FHLB's objective of increasing liquidity.

While the Company currently has no intentions to terminate its FHLB membership, the ability to redeem its investment in FHLB stock would be subject to the conditions imposed by the FHLB. Based on the capital adequacy and the liquidity position of the FHLB, management believes there is no impairment related to the carrying amount of the Company's FHLB stock as of December 31, 2009. The Company will continue to monitor its investment in FHLB stock through the review of recent financial results, dividend payment history and information from credit agencies.

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### December 31, 2009

### **Note 5 Loans**

At December 31, 2009, loans receivable consisted of the following (amounts in thousands):

	December 31, 2009								
	Covered	Loans							
	Acquired Credit Impaired	Non-ACI	Non-Covered Loans	Total	Percent of Total				
Real Estate Loans:									
1-4 single family residential	\$ 3,306,306	\$ 184,669	\$ 43,110	\$ 3,534,085	75.98%				
Home equity loans and lines of credit	113,578	215,591	1,615	330,784	7.11%				
Multi-family	71,321	4,971	700	76,992	1.66%				
Commercial real estate	363,965	39,733	24,460	428,158	9.20%				
Construction	44,812	377		45,189	0.97%				
Land	43,903	173	_	44,076	0.95%				
Total real estate loans	3,943,885	445,514	69,885	4,459,284	95.87%				
Other Loans:									
Commercial	81,765	48,635	51,565	181,965	3.91%				
Consumer	7,065	_	3,151	10,216	0.22%				
Total commercial and consumer loans	88,830	48,635	54,716	192,181	4.13%				
Total loans	4,032,715	494,149	124,601	4,651,465	100.00%				
Unearned discounts and deferred fees and costs, net		(39,986)	40	(39,946)					
Loans net of discount and deferred costs	4,032,715	454,163	124,641	4,611,519					
Allowance for loan losses	(20,021)	(1,266)	(1,334)	(22,621)					
Loans, net	\$ 4,012,694	\$ 452,897	\$ 123,307	\$ 4,588,898					

Covered loans represent loans acquired from the FDIC subject to the loss sharing agreements. Loans originated by the company after May 21, 2009 are excluded from the loss sharing agreement and are classified as other loans (not covered). At December 31, 2009, ACI loans had unpaid principal balances of \$9.3 billion.

At December 31, 2009, the majority of all outstanding loans were to customers domiciled in Florida (63.8%), California (6.8%), Illinois (4.8%) New Jersey (4.7%) and Arizona (4.1%). No other state represented borrowers with more than 4.0% of loans outstanding.

During the period from May 22, 2009 through December 31, 2009, the Company sold acquired credit-impaired loans to various third parties on a non-recourse basis with a carrying value of \$129.8 million for total gross cash proceeds of \$84.6 million, including \$3.1 million in escrow advances. The Company incurred transaction costs of \$1.9 million and recognized a loss on sale of \$47.1 million.

As part of the Company's liquidity management strategy, the Company pledges loans to secure FHLB borrowings. Pledged loans must meet specific requirements of eligibility and the unpaid principal balance is discounted based on criteria established by the FHLB. As of December 31, 2009, the

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

December 31, 2009

### Note 5 Loans (Continued)

Company had pledged real estate loans with a carrying value and unpaid principal balance of approximately \$2.8 billion and \$6.1 billion, respectively, (\$3.0 billion in lendable collateral value) for advances from the FHLB.

The following table presents total 1-4 single family residential loans categorized between fixed rate mortgages and adjustable rate mortgages ("ARMs") as of December 31, 2009 (amounts in thousands):

	December 31, 2009								
		Covered I	oan	s					
	Ac	quired Credit Impaired	_1	Non-ACI	Non-Covered Loans			Total	Percent of Total
1-4 single family residential loans:									
Fixed rate loans	\$	569,529	\$	76,342	\$	42,577	\$	688,448	19.5%
ARM Loans		2,736,777		108,327		533		2,845,637	80.5%
Total(1)	\$	3,306,306	\$	184,669	\$	43,110	\$	3,534,085	100%

(1) Excluding deferred costs, unearned discounts, premiums and allowance for loan losses.

Included in ARM loans above are payment option ARMs representing 46.8% of total loans outstanding, excluding deferred costs, unearned discounts, premiums and allowance for loan losses as of December 31, 2009.

The accretable yield on credit-impaired loans represents the amount by which the undiscounted expected cash flows exceed the carrying value. The following table presents the changes in the accretable yield related to acquired credit-impaired loans for the period from May 22, 2009 through December 31, 2009 (in thousands):

	Accretable Yield
Balance at May 22, 2009	\$ 2,004,337
Accretion during the period	(270,104)
Balance at December 31, 2009	\$ 1,734,233

The Company has established a process to determine the adequacy of the allowance for loan losses that assesses the risks and losses inherent in the portfolio. As of December 31, 2009, the Company evaluated the expected cash flows for ACI loans and determined that credit deterioration had occurred in certain residential pools. As a result, a provision for loan losses amounting to \$20.0 million was recorded applicable to ACI loans. The Bank recorded \$14.4 million in non-interest income (included in net loss on indemnification asset resulting from net recoveries), representing the estimated present value increase in the FDIC indemnification asset.

# NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

### December 31, 2009

### Note 5 Loans (Continued)

The following table summarizes changes in the allowance for loan losses for the period from May 22, 2009 through December 31, 2009 (in thousands):

Balance as of May 22, 2009	\$ —
Provision for losses on ACI loans	20,021
Provision for losses on non-ACI loans	1,266
Provision for losses on non-covered loans	1,334
Net charge-offs/recoveries	_
Balance as of December 31, 2009	\$ 22,621

The total allowance reflects management's estimate of credit losses inherent in the loan portfolio at the balance sheet date. The computation of the allowance for loan losses includes elements of judgment and high level of subjectivity. The Company considers the allowance for loan losses to be adequate to cover credit losses inherent in the loan portfolio at December 31, 2009.

Certain loans have been classified as impaired based on the Company's inability to collect all amounts due under the contractual terms of the loan. The following table shows the Company's investment in impaired and non-performing loans as of and for the period ended December 31, 2009 (in thousands):

Imp	Acquired Credit Impaired Loans on Accrual Status(1)		Non-ACI Impaired Loans on Non-Accrual Status		Specific Allowance Allocated to Impaired Loans		Average Recorded Investment in Impaired Loans	
\$	567,253	\$	14,495	\$	20,021	\$	13,295	
	_		2,726		_		1,418	
	_		150		30		37	
\$	567,253	\$	17,371	\$	20,051	\$	14,750	
	Imp	Impaired Loans on Accrual Status(1)  \$ 567,253	Acquired Credit Impaired Loans on Accrual Status(1)  \$ 567,253 \$	Acquired Credit Impaired Loans on Non-Accrual Status   Impaired Loans on Non-Accrual Status	Acquired Credit   Impaired Loans on Non-Accrual Status(1)   Status   Impaired Loans on Non-Accrual Status   Impaired Loans on Non-Acc	Acquired Credit Impaired Loans on Non-Accrual Status   Impaired Loans on Non-Accrual Status   Allowance Allocated to Impaired Loans	Acquired Credit Impaired Loans on Non-Accrual Status(1)  \$ 567,253 \$ 14,495 \$ 20,021 \$	

<sup>(1)</sup> Included in impaired loans on accrual status are ACI loans that are being accounted for as pools and for which impairment is evaluated on the cumulative cash flows of the pool.

1-4 single family residential ACI loans are treated as pools and are classified as accruing loans due to discount accretion. In addition, the total carrying value of ACI loans accounted for as pools that are past due in excess of ninety days for either principal or interest or both amounts to \$1.2 billion at December 31, 2009.

Had loans in non-accrual status been in accrual, the Company would have recognized additional interest income of approximately \$636,000 for the period ended December 31, 2009.

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### Note 6 Office Properties and Equipment, net

Included in other assets are office properties and equipment, net. At December 31, 2009 office properties and equipment, net are summarized as follows (in thousands):

Branch buildings	\$ 2,130
Leasehold improvements	7
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	6,034
Computer equipment and software	3,676
Total	11,847
Less: accumulated depreciation	(1,201)
Office properties and equipment, net	\$ 10,646

In connection with the acquisition of certain assets and assumption of certain liabilities of BankUnited, FSB, the Company purchased assets from the FDIC for a total purchase price of \$6.9 million. Depreciation expense was \$1.2 million during the period ended December 31, 2009.

The Company and its subsidiaries lease premises and equipment under cancelable and non-cancelable leases, some of which contain renewal options under various terms. The leased properties are used primarily for banking purposes. Total rental expense on operating leases for the period ended December 31, 2009, was \$9.3 million.

As of December 31, 2009, the Company had entered into non-cancelable operating leases with approximate minimum future rentals as follows (in thousands):

Years Ending December 31,	
2010	\$ 8,665
2011	8,728
2012	8,451
2013	7,214
2014	5,196
Thereafter through 2019	13,583
Total	\$ 51,837

### **Note 7 Other Real Estate Owned**

An analysis of other real estate owned for the period from May 22, 2009 through December 31, 2009 follows (in thousands):

Balance at May 22, 2009	\$ 177,679
Transfers from loan portfolio, net	115,192
Income from resolution of covered assets	25,702
Sales	(177,408)
Impairment loss	(21,055)
Balance at December 31, 2009	\$ 120,110

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### Note 7 Other Real Estate Owned (Continued)

As of December 31, 2009, all of the Company's other real estate owned was covered under the loss sharing agreements.

## **Note 8 Deposits**

At December 31, 2009, BankUnited had outstanding non-interest bearing deposits of \$332.9 million and interest bearing deposits of \$7.3 billion.

The following table sets forth average amounts and weighted average rates paid on each of BankUnited's deposit categories for the period ended December 31, 2009 (amounts in thousands):

	Amount		Rate
Transaction accounts, demand:			
Non-interest bearing	\$	303,810	0.00%
Interest bearing		183,416	0.79%
Money market accounts		1,205,446	1.93%
Savings accounts		948,000	1.94%
Time deposits		5,506,320	3.32%
Total average deposits	\$	8,146,992	2.77%

Time deposits accounts with balances of \$100,000 or more totaled approximately \$1.9 billion at December 31, 2009, including \$463.1 million with balances of \$250,000 or more. The following table sets forth maturities of time deposits equal to or greater than \$100,000 as of December 31, 2009 (in thousands):

Three months or less	\$	415.049
	Ψ	-,
Over 3 months through 6 months		394,805
Over 6 months through 12 months		684,966
Over 12 months through 24 months		316,882
Over 24 months through 36 months		44,828
Over 36 months through 48 months		22,099
Over 48 months through 60 months		27,538
Total	\$	1,906,167

Included in the table above are \$196.9 million of time deposits issued to the State of Florida which are collateralized by mortgage-backed securities with a fair value of \$269.0 million at December 31, 2009.

Interest expense on deposits includes a reduction for amortization of the fair value adjustment for time deposits amounting to \$79.9 million during the period from May 22, 2009 through December 31,

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### **Note 8 Deposits (Continued)**

2009. Interest expense on deposits for the period ended December 31, 2009, is as follows (in thousands):

Transaction and money market accounts	\$ 15,173
Savings accounts	11,295
Time deposits	31,361
Total	\$ 57,829

## Note 9 Securities Sold under Agreements to Repurchase

The following sets forth information concerning repurchase agreements for the period ended December 31, 2009 (amounts in thousands):

Maximum amount of outstanding agreements at any month end during the period	\$ 2,972
Average amount outstanding during the period	\$ 2,091
Weighted average interest rate for the period	0.02%

As of December 31, 2009, the Company had pledged mortgage-backed securities with a fair value of approximately \$5.1 million for securities sold under agreements to repurchase. The agreements are overnight agreements with an average interest rate of 0.01% at December 31, 2009.

### Note 10 Advances from the FHLB

Advances from the FHLB outstanding as of December 31, 2009 incur interest and have contractual repayments as follows (amounts in thousands):

	Amount	Range of Intere	st Rates
Repayable during the year ending December 31,			
2010	\$ 405,000	4.93%	4.99%
2012	540,000	3.33%	4.83%
2013	565,000	2.38%	4.77%
2014	505,000	3.91%	4.48%
2015	350	0.00%	0.00%
Total contractual outstanding	2,015,350		
Fair value adjustment	63,701		
Total carrying value	\$ 2,079,051		

The fair value adjustment is being amortized as a reduction to interest expense over the remaining term of the advances using the effective yield method. The fair value amortization amounted to \$25.1 million during the period ended December 31, 2009.

The terms of a security agreement with the FHLB include a specific assignment of collateral that requires the maintenance of qualifying first mortgage, commercial real estate loans, home equity lines of credit and mortgage-backed securities as pledged collateral with unpaid principal amounts at least

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### Note 10 Advances from the FHLB (Continued)

equal to 100% of the FHLB advances, when discounted at various percentages of their unpaid principal balance. As of December 31, 2009 the Company had pledged investment securities and mortgage loans with an aggregate carrying amount of approximately \$3.0 billion for advances from the FHLB.

During the period ended December 31, 2009, the Company elected to prepay \$2.71 billion of FHLB advances with a carrying value of \$2.83 billion, for an aggregate cash payment of \$2.80 billion. The Company recognized a gain of \$31.3 million on extinguishment of debt.

Also, during the period ended December 31, 2009, the Company restructured \$505.0 million in principal amount of FHLB Advances. The original advances had a weighted average interest rate and maturity of 3.69% and 1.8 years at the date of restructuring, respectively, and the new advances have a weighted average interest rate and maturity of 4.22% and 4.8 years, respectively. No gain or loss was recognized on the restructuring transactions.

## Note 11 Derivative Financial Instruments and Hedging Activities

The Company uses interest rate swaps to manage interest rate risks. Certain products and instruments used to finance its operations expose the Company to variability in interest payments due to changes in interest rates. These products and instruments include FHLB advances and certain time deposits.

Management believes it is prudent to limit the variability of short and long term interest payments for FHLB advances and certain time deposits. To meet this objective, management enters into LIBOR-based interest rate swaps to manage fluctuations in cash flows resulting from interest rate risk attributable to changes in the benchmark interest rate of LIBOR.

During the period ended December 31, 2009, no derivative positions were discontinued, and hence no amount of the gains and losses reported into Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income ("AOCI") were reclassified into earnings as a result of the discontinuance of cash flow hedges or because of the early extinguishment of debt.

The following tables set forth certain information concerning the Company's derivative financial instruments, which are included in other assets (liabilities) representing a gain or (loss), respectively, in the accompanying consolidated balance sheet, and related hedged items at December 31, 2009 (amounts in thousands):

				Remaining	Notional	Fair	value
	Hedged item	Pay Rate	Receive Rate	Life (years)	Amount	Gain	Loss
Derivatives designated as cash flow hedges:							
Pay-fixed interest rate swaps:							
Certificates of deposit	Variability of interest rates	3.11%	12-Month Libor	5.9	\$ 225,000	\$ 1,517	\$ —
Purchased interest rate forward- starting swaps:							
Advances from FHLB	Variability of interest rates	3.42%-3.76%	3-Month Libor	5.0-7.0	405,000	_	(4,016)
Total					\$ 630,000	\$ 1,517	\$ (4,016)

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### Note 11 Derivative Financial Instruments and Hedging Activities (Continued)

Changes in the fair value of interest rate swaps designated as hedging instruments of the variability of cash flows associated with floating-rate debt obligations are reported in AOCI. These amounts subsequently are reclassified into interest expense as a yield adjustment in the same period in which the related interest on the floating-rate debt obligations affects earnings.

Effective hedge results initially recorded in AOCI and subsequently reclassified into earnings increased interest expense by \$678,000 in the period ended December 31, 2009. This amount was offset by a gain of \$280,000 due to hedge ineffectiveness arising from differences between the critical terms of the interest rate swap and the hedged debt obligation. Net interest expense relating to interest rate swaps was \$398,000, representing less than one half of one percent of the Company's total interest expense for the period ended December 31, 2009.

## **Note 12 Regulatory Capital**

BankUnited's regulatory capital levels at December 31, 2009 were as follows (amounts in thousands):

	Required to be considered well- Actual capitalized			Require considered a		
	Ratio	Amount	Ratio	Amount	Ratio	Amount
Tier 1 leverage ratio(1)	8.78%\$	966,749	8.00%\$	880,865	8.00%\$	880,865
Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio	40.42%	966,749	6.00%	143,506	4.00%	95,670
Total risk based capital ratio	40.55%	969,716	10.00%	239,141	8.00%	191,313

(1) A condition for approval of the application for Federal Deposit Insurance requires the Bank to maintain a Tier 1 capital to assets leverage ratio at no less than eight percent throughout the first three years of operation.

For purposes of risk based capital computations, the FDIC Indemnification asset, as well as covered assets, are risk-weighted at 20% due to the conditional guarantee represented by the loss sharing agreements.

Regulations from the Office of Thrift Supervision ("OTS") require that savings institutions submit notice to the OTS prior to making a capital distribution if (a) they would not be well-capitalized after the distribution, (b) the distribution would result in the retirement of any of the institution's common or preferred stock or debt counted as its regulatory capital, or (c) like the Bank, the institution is a subsidiary of a holding company.

A savings institution must apply to the OTS to pay a capital distribution if (a) the institution would not be adequately capitalized following the distribution, (b) the institution's total distributions for the calendar year exceeds the institution's net income for the calendar year to date plus its net income (less distributions) for the preceding two years, or (c) the distribution would otherwise violate applicable law or regulation or an agreement with or condition imposed by the OTS.

If neither the savings institution nor the proposed capital distribution meet any of the foregoing criteria, then no notice or application is required to be filed with the OTS before making a capital

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

### December 31, 2009

### Note 12 Regulatory Capital (Continued)

distribution. The OTS may disapprove or deny a capital distribution if in the view of the OTS, the capital distribution would constitute an unsafe or unsound practice.

In connection with the approval order for BankUnited, the Company submitted a business plan to the OTS. Under the business plan, the Company has committed to the OTS that the Bank will not declare or pay any dividends during the first year of operations. Subsequent declaration and payment of dividends may be limited by regulation or by guidelines prescribed in the business plan.

# Note 13 Stock-Based Compensation and Other Benefit Plans

### Stock-Based Compensation

On July 9, 2009, the Company adopted a stock compensation plan (the "Plan") pursuant to which the Company's Board of Directors may grant up to 2,312,500 stock options of the Company to key employees of the Company and its affiliates. Stock options can be granted with an exercise price equal to or greater than the stock's fair value at the date of grant. The Company's Board of Directors determine the time or times (currently 3 years) at which a stock option shall vest or become exercisable, provided however, that each stock option shall expire on the tenth anniversary of the date of the grant, unless it is earlier exercised or forfeited. Shares of Common Stock delivered under the Plan may be authorized but unsold Common Stock, or previously issued Common Stock acquired by the Company. Unvested stock options may vest before the end of the scheduled vesting term in cases of change in control of the Company.

The grant-date fair value of each option award is estimated on the date of grant. Management has used information provided by third parties to assist in the determination of estimates regarding fair values associated with the Company's stock options.

Since the Company's shares are not publicly traded and its shares are not traded privately, expected volatility is estimated based on a range of the average historical volatility of similar entities with publicly traded shares. The risk-free rate for the expected term of the option is based on the U.S. Treasury yield curve at the date of grant. Because the Company has no historical information, the Company used the contractual term as the expected term and no expected forfeitures were assumed. The expected dividend yield was determined based on the expected dividends to be declared. The weighted average assumptions for 2009 are provided in the following table:

Expected volatility	27.30%
Expected dividend yield	3.50%
Expected term (years)	10
Risk-free interest rate	3.85%

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### Note 13 Stock-Based Compensation and Other Benefit Plans (Continued)

A summary of the status of stock options as of and for the period ended December 31, 2009 is as follows:

		Weighted average		
	Number	Remaining Contractual Term	Fair Value	Excercise Price
Balance April 28, 2009	_	_	\$ —	\$
Granted	384,680	9.74	6.47	11.32
Vested	_	_	_	_
Canceled or forfeited	_	_	_	_
Nonvested options at December 31, 2009	384,680	9.74	\$ 6.47	\$ 11.32
Remaining options available for grant under the Plan	1,927,820			

The options have an aggregate intrinsic value of \$2.5 million. The options have a weighted average fair value at grant date of \$2.5 million. As of December 31, 2009, none of the options are vested. At December 31, 2009, there was \$2.3 million of total unrecognized compensation cost related to unvested stock options granted under the Plan. That cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of 2.74 years.

### **Deferred Compensation Plan**

Effective October 1, 2009, the Company established a non-qualified deferred compensation plan (the "Deferred Compensation Plan") for a select group of management or highly-compensated employees whereby a participant, upon election, defers a portion of eligible compensation into an account with the Company. The Deferred Compensation Plan provides for Company contributions equal to 4.5% of eligible compensation for the period ended December 31, 2009. For subsequent years, Company contributions are equal to 100% of the first 1%, plus 70% of the next 5% of eligible compensation the participant defers. The Company accrued interest on the deferred obligation at an annual rate of 6% for the period ended December 31, 2009. The Company will continue to credit each participants' account at an annual rate of 6% through the year ending December 31, 2010 and thereafter at an amount determined by the Company's Compensation Committee. A participant's elective deferrals and interest thereon are at all times 100% vested. Company contributions and interest thereon will become 100% vested upon the earlier of a change of control or the participant's death, disability, attainment of normal retirement age or the completion of two years of service. Participant deferrals and any associated earnings shall be paid upon separation from service or the specified distribution year elected. The specified distribution year can be no earlier than the third calendar year after the calendar year in which the participant deferrals and or Company contributions are made. A participant may elect to be paid in a lump sum or in five, ten or fifteen annual installments. Deferred compensation expense for this plan was \$103,000 for the period ended December 31, 2009.

# BankUnited 401(k) Plan

The Company sponsors the BankUnited 401(k) Plan, a tax-qualified, deferred compensation plan, (the "401(k) Plan"). Under the terms of the 401(k) Plan, eligible employees may contribute up to the

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### Note 13 Stock-Based Compensation and Other Benefit Plans (Continued)

limits set by law. Employees are eligible to participate in the plan after one month of service. Prior service with BankUnited, FSB counts towards the vesting period. BankUnited's matching contributions are fully vested after two years of service. The 401(k) Plan allows a matching employer contribution equal to 100% of elective deferrals that do not exceed 1% of compensation, plus 70% of elective deferrals that exceed 1% but are less that 6% of compensation. The matching contributions are made in the form of cash and allocated to the 401(k) Plan participants' investments. For the period ended December 31, 2009, BankUnited made matching contributions of approximately \$788,000.

### Note 14 Stockholder's Equity

On May 21, 2009, the Company's capital structure consisted of 1.0 million authorized and 925,000 issued shares of common stock with a par value of \$0.01 per share. The common stock has voting rights of one vote per share. On November 5, 2009, the Board of Directors approved an increase in the number of authorized common shares from 1.0 million shares to 11.0 million shares. On November 5, 2009, the Board of Directors also authorized a 10-for-1 stock split on the outstanding shares resulting in 9,276,731 common shares. All share and per share data have been retroactively restated for all periods presented to reflect this stock split.

### Note 15 Due to BUFH for Equity Awards Classified as Liabilities

## **Profits Interest Units of BUFH**

PIU are only issued to management members of the Company who own common units of BUFH. As such, the related liability and expenses are recorded in the consolidated financial statements of the Company. The holders of PIU are not required to make any capital contribution to BUFH or the Company in exchange for their PIU. Furthermore, the holders of PIU are entitled to receive priority distribution catch-up payments in respect of Time-based PIU that have become vested and which did not participate in earlier interim distributions of profits.

The Board of BUFH has discretionary authority, but shall not be required, to allocate to any active management member or other employee of BUFH or the Company or its subsidiaries any unallocated PIU that may exist from time to time, including any PIU that are forfeited.

At December 31, 2009, the pool of IRR-based PIU and Time-based PIU consisted each of 51,500 PIU, all of which have been allocated to management members. In connection with anti-dilution provisions of BUFH, each time additional common units are issued in respect of each additional capital contribution, up to \$1.2 billion in aggregate capital contributions, BUFH shall issue an additional number of IRR-based and Time-based PIU in respect of such capital contribution, so that the PIU retain the same relative economic interest as existed prior to the additional contribution. Additional PIU are not issued for capital contributions in excess of \$1.2 billion.

Time-based PIU vest over a period of three years from the grant date, with earlier vesting permitted under certain circumstances. IRR-based PIU vest when the common unit holders of BUFH have received aggregate distributions equal to their original investment (\$925.0 million) plus an aggregate internal rate of return equal to 15% (the IRR hurdle) per annum, compounded annually, on their original investment in BUFH.

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### Note 15 Due to BUFH for Equity Awards Classified as Liabilities (Continued)

If BUFH or the Company completes an Initial Public Offering ("IPO") or change in control liquidity event, unvested IRR-based PIU of BUFH will convert into a combination of restricted shares and unvested stock options. Under the original terms of the IRR-based PIU, beginning four months after the IPO or change in control liquidity event and for each month thereafter, BUFH would have determined whether the IRR hurdle above had been met, assuming, among other things, that distributions were made to the common unit holders based on the volume and weighted average stock price of BUFH's shares in the 90-day period prior to such determination. If the IRR hurdle had been met, the stock options would have vested and the restrictions on the restricted stock would have lapsed. BUFH believes that the likelihood of vesting of the IRR-based PIU prior to an IPO or change in control liquidity event is remote. Therefore, under the original terms of the IRR-based PIU, BUFH and the Company would have recognized compensation expense related to IRR-based PIU upon consummation of an IPO or change in control liquidity event unless it had been less than probable that the IRR hurdle will be met. If and when it would have become probable in the future that the performance IRR hurdle will be met, a catch up adjustment would have been made. However, in October 2010, the Board of Directors of BUFH approved, contingent upon consummation of an IPO, the vesting of all issued and outstanding IRR-based PIU immediately prior to the IPO (See Note 22, Subsequent Events). At December 31, 2009, the estimated fair value of the IRR-based PIU was \$43.8 million.

Fair value of PIU is estimated using a Black-Scholes option pricing model. This model requires assumptions as to expected volatility, dividends, terms, and risk free rates. Since the BUFH's Common Unit is not currently traded, expected volatility is measured based on the volatility of the common stock of peer companies. The expected term represents the period of time that PIU are expected to be outstanding from the grant date. The risk free interest rate is based on the U.S. Treasury yield curve in effect at the time of grant for the appropriate expected life of each unit. The Company uses the same assumptions in its evaluation of fair value of stock options and PIU.

The PIU agreements include certain provisions under which the holder of the PIU may have the right to sell to BUFH and BUFH has the obligation to purchase from the holder of the PIU, or BUFH may have the right to purchase from the PIU holder and the PIU holder has the obligation to sell to BUFH, the PIUs awarded to that holder at fair value or, under certain circumstances, at the lesser of cost or fair value.

The Company has classified these equity awards as a liability due to BUFH in the accompanying consolidated balance sheet, based on the relevant terms, conditions, and redemption features of these instruments. Included in compensation expense is approximately \$8.8 million associated with the Time-based PIU for the period ended December 31, 2009.

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## Note 15 Due to BUFH for Equity Awards Classified as Liabilities (Continued)

The following table summarizes information about time-based and performance based PIU at December 31, 2009:

	Outstan	ding
	Number of units awarded	Weighted average fair value
Time-based PIU as of December 31, 2009	51,500	\$ 850.30
IRR-based PIU as of December 31, 2009	51,500	\$ 850.30
Total awards	103,000	

At December 31, 2009, there is \$78.8 million, including \$35.0 million related to Time-based PIU and \$43.8 million related to IRR-based PIU, of total unrecognized compensation cost related to unvested PIU granted.

### Warrant to FDIC

In connection with the acquisition of certain assets and assumption of certain liabilities of BankUnited, FSB, BUFH issued a warrant to the FDIC. As such, the related liability and expense is recorded in the consolidated financial statements of the Company. The warrant becomes exercisable upon the occurrence of an IPO or exit event in which the total tangible equity value arising from the IPO or exit event exceeds a threshold value. Specifically, the value of the warrant (the "warrant value") equals 10% of the value BUFH or the Company realizes in an IPO or exit event in excess of the valuation that would be implied if BUFH or the Company was valued at the average price-to-tangible book value multiple for the top quartile of publicly-traded U.S. banks and thrifts in excess of \$10 billion.

In the event that the warrant is exercisable due to an IPO, the FDIC will be entitled to acquire a number of common shares of the registrant equal to the amount obtained by dividing (i) the warrant value by (ii) the applicable IPO price minus the exercise price per share. If the exercisability event is an exit event, the FDIC will be entitled to acquire a number of common shares of the entity acquiring BUFH or the Company, equal to the amount obtained by dividing (i) the warrant value (ii) by the applicable exit event price minus the exercise price per share, unless the common shares do not meet certain criteria, in which case the FDIC shall receive substitute securities having an aggregate value of the sum of the warrant value and the exercise price. Nonetheless, in accordance with the terms of the warrant, BUFH or the Company could elect not to issue the required securities and in turn issue securities agreed upon by BUFH or the Company and the FDIC. The warrant has an exercise price equal to par value or if par value is \$0.00, the exercise price will be \$0.01.

The warrant has an original contractual life of 10 years and an exercise period of 60 days. At December 31, 2009, the warrant has a remaining contractual term of 9.39 years.

The warrant is redeemable by BUFH or the Company for cash after it becomes exercisable at a redemption price equal to the warrant value. The Company has classified this warrant as a liability to BUFH in the accompanying consolidated balance sheet. Included in other liabilities is approximately \$3.2 million related the fair value of this instrument as of December 31, 2009. The Company has

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# Note 15 Due to BUFH for Equity Awards Classified as Liabilities (Continued)

recognized expense of \$1.7 million related to the increase in fair value of this instrument for the period since May 22, 2009 through December 31, 2009.

See Note 22, Subsequent Events, for additional discussion of the warrant issued to the FDIC.

### **Note 16 Income Taxes**

The components of the provision for income taxes for the period ended December 31, 2009 is as follows (in thousands):

Current income tax expense	
Federal	\$ 70,910
State	11,790
Total current income tax expense	82,700
Deferred income tax expense (benefit)	
Federal	(1,994)
State	(331)
Total deferred income tax benefit	(2,325)
	\$ 80,375

A reconciliation of the expected income tax expense at the statutory federal income tax rate of 35% to the Company's actual income tax expense and effective tax rate for the period ended December 31, 2009 is as follows (amounts in thousands):

	Amount	%
Tax expense at federal income tax rate	\$ 69,797	35.00%
Increases resulting from:		
State tax, net of federal benefit	7,448	3.73%
Liability for PIU	3,078	1.54%
Other, net	52	0.03%
Total	\$ 80,375	40.30%
	\$ 80,375	

Deferred income tax assets and liabilities result from temporary differences between assets and liabilities measured for financial reporting purposes and for income tax return purposes. These assets and liabilities are measured using the enacted tax rates and laws that are currently in effect and are

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### **Note 16 Income Taxes (Continued)**

reported net in the accompanying consolidated balance sheet. The significant components of the net deferred tax assets and liabilities at December 31, 2009 were as follows (in thousands):

Deferred tax assets:	
Excess tax basis of assets acquired over carrying value	
Loans	\$ 524,140
Investment securities	15,159
	539,299
Fair value adjustments on liabilities assumed	35,632
Acquisition costs	14,756
Provision for loan loss	3,159
Impairment losses on OREO	1,624
Unrealized losses included in other comprehensive income	1,546
Other	1,234
Gross deferred tax assets	597,250
Deferred tax liabilities:	
Deferred tax gain	448,863
Excess carrying value of investment securities acquired over tax basis	106,617
Unrealized gains included in other comprehensive income	18,607
Other	630
Gross deferred tax liabilities	574,717
Net deferred tax asset	\$ 22,533

Realization of tax benefits for deductible temporary differences depends on having sufficient taxable income of an appropriate character within the carryforward periods. Sources of taxable income that may allow for the realization of these tax benefits include: (1) taxable income for the period ended December 31, 2009 that would be available through carryback in future years, (2) future taxable income that will result from reversal of existing taxable temporary differences, including the negative tax on goodwill, and (3) taxable income generated from future operations. Management has evaluated the probability of realization of the deferred tax asset and believes that it is more likely than not that the deferred tax asset will be realized.

## **Note 17 Commitments and Contingencies**

The Company issues off-balance sheet financial instruments in connection with BankUnited's lending activities and to meet the financing needs of its customers. These financial instruments include commitments to fund loans, lines of credit, and commercial and standby letters of credit. These commitments expose the Company to varying degrees of credit and market risk which are essentially the same as those involved in extending loans to customers, and are subject to the Company's credit policies. The Company follows the same credit policies in making commitments as it does for instruments recorded on the Company's consolidated balance sheet. Collateral is obtained based on management's assessment of the customer's credit risk. The Company's exposure to credit loss is represented by the contractual amount of these commitments. Amounts funded under non-cancelable

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### Note 17 Commitments and Contingencies (Continued)

commitments in effect at the date of acquisition are covered under the loss sharing agreement if certain conditions are met.

#### **Financial Instruments Commitments**

Total commitments at December 31, 2009 were as follows (in thousands):

	Commitments				
	Covered		Not Covered		Total
Commitments to fund loans					
Residential	\$	_	\$	2,495	\$ 2,495
Commercial and commercial real estate		_		21,606	21,606
Construction		19,140		15,528	34,668
Unfunded commitments under lines of credit	2	29,756		33,201	262,957
Commercial and standby letters of credit				11,175	11,175
Total	\$ 2	48,896	\$	84,005	\$ 332,901

### Commitments to fund loans:

These are agreements to lend funds to customers as long as there is no violation of any condition established in the contract. Commitments to fund loans generally have fixed expiration dates or other termination clauses and may require payment of a fee. Many of these commitments are expected to expire without being funded and, therefore, the total commitment amounts do not necessarily represent future liquidity requirements. The Company evaluates each customer's creditworthiness on a case-by-case basis. The amount of collateral required in connection with an extension of credit is based on management's credit evaluation of the counter-party.

## Unfunded commitments under lines of credit:

To accommodate the financial needs of customers, the Company makes commitments under various terms to lend funds to consumers and businesses. Unfunded commitments under lines of credit include consumer, commercial, and commercial real estate lines of credit to existing customers. Many of these commitments have fixed expiration dates or other termination clauses and may require payment of a fee. Since many of these commitments are expected to expire without being funded, the total commitment amounts do not necessarily represent future liquidity requirements. The amount of collateral obtained, if it is deemed necessary by BankUnited, is based on management's credit evaluation of the customer.

# Commercial and standby letters of credit:

Letters of credit are conditional commitments issued by the Company to guarantee the performance of a customer to a third party. Those letters of credit are primarily issued to support trade transactions or guarantee arrangements. Fees collected on standby letters of credit represent the fair value of those commitments and are deferred and amortized over their term, which is typically one year or less. The credit risk involved in issuing letters of credit is essentially the same as that involved in

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

### December 31, 2009

### Note 17 Commitments and Contingencies (Continued)

extending loan facilities to customers. BankUnited generally holds collateral supporting those commitments if deemed necessary.

### **Other Commitments**

**Employment Agreements:** 

The Company has employment and change in control agreements with certain members of senior management. The employment agreements, which establish the duties and compensation of the executives, have terms ranging from one year to three years, with provisions for extensions, and include specific provisions for salary, bonus, other benefits and termination payments in certain circumstances.

### Legal Proceedings

The Company, from time to time, is involved as plaintiff or defendant in various legal actions arising in the normal course of business. While the ultimate outcome of any such proceedings cannot be predicted with certainty, it is the opinion of management, based upon advice of legal counsel, that no proceedings exist, either individually or in the aggregate, which, if determined adversely to the Company, would have a material effect on the Company's consolidated balance sheet, results of operations or cash flows.

## **Note 18 Related Party Transactions**

In association with the acquisition of certain assets and assumption of certain liabilities of BankUnited, FSB on May 21, 2009, the Company paid fees and other costs to related parties in the amount of \$20.0 million and \$2.5 million, respectively.

# NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

# December 31, 2009

## Note 19 BankUnited, Inc.

The following summarizes the major categories of BankUnited, Inc.'s (holding company only) Balance Sheet at December 31, 2009 (in thousands):

## **Condensed Balance Sheet**

Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	27,717
Deferred tax asset, net		13,623
Investment in subsidiary		1,055,196
Due from subsidiary		7,323
Other assets		3,167
Total assets	\$	1,107,026
	_	
Liabilities and Stockholder's Equity:		
Due to parent—Equity awards classified as liabilities	\$	11,961
Other liabilities		805
Total liabilities		12,766
Stockholder's equity		1,094,260
Total liabilities and stockholder's equity	\$	1,107,026

The following summarizes the major categories of BankUnited, Inc.'s (holding company only) Statement of Income for the period ended December 31, 2009 (in thousands):

## **Condensed Statement of Income**

\$ 3,183
152,943
156,126
12,124
39,800
1,111
53,035
103,091
(15,955)
\$ 119,046

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

## December 31, 2009

## Note 19 BankUnited, Inc. (Continued)

The following summarizes the major categories of BankUnited, Inc.'s (holding company only) Statement of Cash Flows for the period ended December 31, 2009 (in thousands):

## **Condensed Statements of Cash Flows**

Cash flows from operating activities:	
Net income	\$ 119,046
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash used in operating activities:	
Equity in undistributed earnings of subsidiary	(152,943)
Expense on equity awards classified as liabilities	10,497
Compensation expense on non-vested stock options	210
Deferred income tax benefit	(13,057)
Increase in due from subsidiary	(6,424)
Increase in other assets	(3,167)
Increase in other liabilities	805
Net cash used in operating activities	(45,033)
Cash flows from investing activities:	
Capital contributions to subsidiary	(875,000)
Net cash used in investing activities	(875,000)
Cash flows from financing activities:	
Capital contribution	947,750
Net cash provided by financing activities	947,750
Increase in cash and cash equivalents	27,717
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	_
Cash and cash equivalents at ending of period	\$ 27,717

## **Note 20 Fair Value Measurements**

The Company groups its assets and liabilities measured at fair value in three levels, based on the markets in which the assets and liabilities are traded and the reliability of the assumptions used to determine fair value. These levels are as follows:

Level 1—Assets or liabilities for which the identical item is traded on an active exchange, such as publicly-traded instruments or futures contracts.

Level 2—Assets and liabilities valued based on observable market data for similar instruments.

Level 3—Assets or liabilities for which significant valuation assumptions are not readily observable in the market; instruments valued based on the best available data, some of which is internally-developed, and considers risk premiums that a market participant would require. Valuation techniques include use of option pricing models, discounted cash flow models and similar techniques.

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

## December 31, 2009

## **Note 20 Fair Value Measurements (Continued)**

In instances where there is limited or no observable market data, fair value measurements for assets and liabilities are based primarily upon the Company's own estimates or combination of such estimates and independent vendor or broker pricing. When determining the fair value measurements for assets and liabilities and the related fair value hierarchy, the Company considers the principal or most advantageous market in which it would transact and considers assumptions that market participants would use when pricing the asset or liability (observable inputs). When possible, the Company looks to active and observable markets to price identical assets or liabilities and when identical assets and liabilities are not traded in active markets, the Company looks to market observable data for similar assets and liabilities. It is the Company's policy to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. Unobservable inputs are only used to measure fair value to the extent that observable inputs are not available. The need to use unobservable inputs generally results from the lack of market liquidity, resulting in diminished observability of both actual trades and assumptions that would otherwise be available to value these instruments, or the value of the underlying collateral is not market observable. Although third party price indications may be available for a security, limited trading activity would make it difficult to support the observability of these quotations.

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis, as well as the general classification of each instrument under the valuation hierarchy:

Assets and Liabilities Carried at Fair Value on a Recurring Basis

Investment securities available for sale—Investment securities available-for-sale are carried at fair value on a recurring basis. When available, fair value is based on quoted prices in an active market and, as such, would be classified as Level 1 (e.g., U.S. Government agencies and sponsored enterprises securities, preferred stock of U.S. Government agencies and mutual funds). If quoted market prices are not available, fair values are estimated using quoted prices of securities with similar characteristics, discounted cash flows or other pricing models. Investment securities available for sale that the Company classifies as Level 2 include U.S. Government agencies mortgage-backed securities and collateralized mortgage obligations, preferred stock of other issuers and State and municipal obligations. All other investment securities available for sale are classified as Level 3 and include private label mortgage pass-through certificates, collateralized debt obligations and other debt securities, for which fair value estimation requires the use of unobservable inputs. The Company values these securities using third party proprietary pricing models that incorporate observable and unobservable inputs.

Derivative financial instruments—Interest rate swaps are predominantly traded in over-the-counter markets and, as such, values are determined using widely accepted discounted cash flow models, or Level 2 measurements. These discounted cash flow models use projections of future cash payments/receipts that are discounted at mid-market rates. These valuations are adjusted for the unsecured credit risk at the reporting date, which considers collateral posted and the impact of master netting agreements.

Equity awards classified as liabilities—The estimated fair value of equity awards is derived primarily using the Black-Scholes option pricing model. Since the Company's Common Stock is not

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

## December 31, 2009

## **Note 20 Fair Value Measurements (Continued)**

publicly traded in an exchange, significant inputs to the model are not market observable, resulting in Level 3 measurement.

The following table presents the financial instruments measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2009, on the consolidated balance sheet utilizing the hierarchy discussed above (in thousands):

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Investment Securities Available for Sale:				
U.S. Treasury securities	\$ 10,072	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 10,072
U.S. Government agencies and government sponsored entities				
mortgage-backed securities	_	1,288,643	_	1,288,643
Other collateralized mortgage obligations	_	_	506,839	506,839
Mortgage pass-through certificates	_	_	364,672	364,672
Mutual funds and preferred stocks	17,646	25,877	_	43,523
State and Municipal obligations	_	23,106	250	23,356
Other debt securities	_	2,760	3,278	6,038
Derivative assets	_	1,517	_	1,517
Total assets at fair value	\$ 27,718	\$ 1,341,903	\$ 875,039	\$ 2,244,660
Equity awards classified as liabilities	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 11,961	\$ 11,961
Derivative liabilities		4,016		4,016
Total liabilities at fair value	\$ —	\$ 4,016	\$ 11,961	\$ 15,977

The following table includes changes in Level 3 financial instruments that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2009. Level 3 financial instruments typically include unobservable components, but may also include some observable components that may be validated to external sources. The gains or (losses) in the following table may include changes to fair value due in part to unobservable factors that may be part of the valuation methodology (in thousands):

	Other Collaterali Mortgag Obligatio	e	Mortgage State and Pass-thru Municipal Certificates Obligations		Other Debt Securities		cla:	Equity Awards ssified as abilities
Balance at May 22, 2009	\$ 1,	785	\$ 230,092	\$ 250	\$	1,676	\$	(1,464)
Total net gains (losses) for the period included in:								
Net income (losses)		_	_	_		_		(10,497)
Other comprehensive income (loss), gross	(3,	639)	46,654	_		1,400		_
Purchases, sales or settlements, net	507,	263	69,161	_		(73)		_
Discount amortization	1,	430	18,765	_		275		_
Net transfer in/out of Level 3		_	_	_		_		_
Balance at December 31, 2009	\$ 506,	839	\$ 364,672	\$ 250	\$	3,278	\$	(11,961)

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

## December 31, 2009

## Note 20 Fair Value Measurements (Continued)

Assets and Liabilities Measured at Fair Value on a Non-Recurring Basis

Loans and other real estate owned are measured for impairment using the fair value of the collateral or real estate owned and they are carried at the lower of cost or estimated fair value. Fair value of the loan collateral or real estate owned property is primarily determined using estimates which generally use the market and income approach valuation technique and use observable market data to formulate an opinion of the estimated fair value. When current appraisals are not available, we use our judgment regarding changes in market conditions, based on observable market inputs, to adjust the latest appraised value available. As a result, the estimated fair value is considered Level 3. As of December 31, 2009, the Company had \$120.1 million of other real estate owned and did not have any collateral dependent impaired loans. Impairment write-downs on real estate owned for the period ended December 31, 2009, amounted to \$21.1 million.

Goodwill, other intangible assets and FDIC indemnification asset are initially recorded at estimated fair value and measured for impairment on a non-recurring basis. These assets are reviewed for impairment at least annually, or whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying amount may not be recoverable. The estimated fair value of these assets are based on the market and income approach using significant assumptions that are unobservable in the market. As a result, the estimated fair value is considered Level 3.

## **Note 21 Fair Value of Financial Instruments**

The following table presents the carrying value and fair value of financial instruments as of December 31, 2009 (in thousands):

	Carrying Value	Fair Value
Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 356,215	\$ 356,215
Investment securities available for sale	2,243,143	2,243,143
FHLB stock	243,334	243,334
Loans held in portfolio		
Covered	4,465,591	5,138,549
Not covered	123,307	128,778
FDIC Indemnification asset	3,279,165	3,279,165
Bank owned life insurance	132,330	132,330
Accrued interest receivable	9,591	9,591
Derivative assets	1,517	1,517
Liabilities:		
Demand deposits, savings, money market and certificates of deposit	\$ 7,666,775	\$ 7,690,422
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	2,972	2,972
Advances from the FHLB	2,079,051	2,114,431
Due to FDIC	114,006	114,006
Accrued interest payable	12,561	12,561
Income taxes payable	82,701	82,701
Advance payments by borrowers for taxes and insurance	31,237	31,237
Other liabilities	30,421	30,421
Equity awards classified as liabilities	11,961	11,961
Derivative liabilities	4,016	4,016

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

## December 31, 2009

## Note 21 Fair Value of Financial Instruments (Continued)

The following methods and assumptions were used to estimate the fair value of each class of financial instruments not carried at fair value on recurring basis:

Certain financial instruments are carried at amounts that approximate fair value, due to their short-term nature or their generally negligible credit risk. The Company's financial instruments for which fair value approximates the carrying amount at December 31, 2009, include cash and cash equivalents, FHLB stock, FDIC indemnification asset, accrued interest receivable, demand deposits, savings and money market accounts, securities sold under agreements to repurchase, due to FDIC, accrued interest payable, income taxes payable, advance payments by borrowers for taxes and insurance and other liabilities.

Investment securities available for sale:

When available, fair value is based on quoted prices in an active market and as such, would be classified as Level 1 (e.g., U.S. Government agencies and sponsored enterprises securities, preferred stock of U.S. Government agencies and mutual funds). If quoted market prices are not available, fair values are estimated using quoted prices of securities with similar characteristics, discounted cash flows or other pricing models. Investment securities available for sale that the Company classifies as Level 2 include U.S. Government agencies, mortgage-backed securities and collateralized mortgage obligations, preferred stock of other issuers and State and municipal obligations. All other investment securities available for sale are classified as Level 3 and include private label mortgage pass-through certificates, collateralized debt obligations and other debt securities, for which fair value estimation requires the use of unobservable inputs. The Company values these securities using third party proprietary pricing models that incorporate observable and unobservable inputs.

Loans receivable, covered:

Fair values for loans were based on a discounted cash flow methodology that considered various factors including the type of loan and related collateral, classification status, fixed or variable interest rate, term of loan and whether or not the loan was amortizing, and current discount rates. Loans were grouped together according to similar characteristics and were treated in the aggregate when applying various valuation techniques. The discount rates used for loans are based on current market rates for new originations of comparable loans and include adjustments for liquidity concerns. The estimated fair value is not an exit price fair value under ASC 820 *Fair Value Measurement and Disclosures*, when this valuation technique is used.

Loans receivable, not covered:

Fair values for all performing loans are estimated using a discounted cash flow analysis, utilizing interest rates currently being offered for loans with similar terms to borrowers of similar credit quality. In addition, the fair value reflects the decrease in loan values as estimated in the allowance for loan losses calculation. The estimated fair value is not an exit price fair value under ASC 820 Fair Value Measurement and Disclosures, when this valuation technique is used.

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

## December 31, 2009

## Note 21 Fair Value of Financial Instruments (Continued)

Bank Owned Life Insurance:

The estimated fair value of Bank Owned Life Insurance is based on the cash surrender value of the underlying insurance contracts.

Deposits:

The fair value of demand deposits, savings accounts and money market deposits is the amount payable on demand at the reporting date. The fair value of fixed-maturity time deposits are estimated using discounted cash flow analysis using the rates currently offered for deposits of similar remaining maturities.

Advances from the FHLB:

The fair value of the borrowings is estimated by discounting the future cash flows using the current rate at which similar borrowings with similar remaining maturities could be made.

Equity awards classified as liabilities:

The estimated fair value of equity awards is derived primarily using the Black-Scholes option pricing model. Since the Company's Common Stock is not publicly traded in an exchange, significant inputs to the model are not market observable.

Derivative financial instruments:

Fair values are determined using discounted cash flow models. These discounted cash flow models use projections of future cash payments/receipts that are discounted at mid-market rates. These valuations are adjusted for the unsecured credit risk at the reporting date, which considers collateral posted and the impact of master netting agreements.

## **Note 22 Subsequent Events**

Subsequent events have been evaluated through the date that the consolidated financial statements were available to be issued. The Company has not identified any events that would have a material impact on the financial position, result of operations or cash flows of the Company as of and for the period ended December 31, 2009. The following items represent significant events that occurred subsequent to December 31, 2009:

Settlement of FDIC dispute:

During October 2010, the Company reached a settlement with the FDIC regarding the Company's dispute on the purchase price assigned to certain investment securities acquired. Under the settlement, the Company received \$24.1 million from the FDIC. The Company will recognize the results of this settlement in 2010.

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

## December 31, 2009

## **Note 22 Subsequent Events (Continued)**

Minimum guaranteed value on the FDIC warrant:

During October 2010, the Company amended the warrant issued to the FDIC to guarantee a minimum value to the FDIC in the amount of \$25.0 million. The Company will recognize the difference between the recorded liability of \$3.2 million at December 31, 2009, and the guaranteed minimum value of the warrant in 2010.

Dividends declared:

In September 2010, BankUnited declared a dividend of \$30 million to BankUnited, Inc., which was paid in October 2010. BankUnited, Inc. has declared \$20 million in dividends to BUFH, which will be paid in October 2010.

IRR-based PIU:

In October 2010, the Board of Directors of BUFH approved, contingent upon consummation of an IPO, the vesting of all issued and outstanding IRR-based PIU immediately prior to the IPO.

Name change:

Effective October 22, 2010, BU Financial Corporation changed its name to BankUnited, Inc.

Stock split:

The Board of Directors authorized a 10-for-1 split of the Company's outstanding common shares effective January 10, 2011. Stockholder's equity has been retroactively adjusted to give effect to the stock split for all periods presented by reclassifying from paid-in capital to common stock the par value of the additional shares issued. All share and per share data have been retroactively restated for all periods presented to reflect this stock split.

## Report of Independent Registered Certified Public Accounting Firm

To the Board of Directors and Stockholders of BankUnited, Inc.:

We have audited the accompanying consolidated statements of financial condition of BankUnited FSB and its subsidiaries (the "Bank") as of May 21, 2009, September 30, 2008 and September 30, 2007, and the related consolidated statements of operations, of comprehensive (loss) income, of stockholder's equity (deficit), and of cash flows for the period from October 1, 2008 through May 21, 2009 and the fiscal years ended September 30, 2008 and 2007. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Bank's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Bank and its subsidiaries at May 21, 2009 and September 30, 2008 and 2007, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the fiscal periods then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

As discussed in Note 1 to the consolidated financial statements, the Office of Thrift Supervision seized the Bank on May 21, 2009, and named the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") as receiver. Immediately thereafter, substantially all assets and liabilities were acquired by BankUnited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of BankUnited, Inc.

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Fort Lauderdale, Florida October 27, 2010

# CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

# As of May 21, 2009, September 30, 2008 and September 30, 2007 $\,$

# (In thousands)

	May 21, 2009	s	eptember 30, 2008	S	september 30, 2007
ASSETS					
Cash and due from banks	\$ 215,941	\$	169,543	\$	477,170
Due from Federal Reserve Bank	919,755		76,983		34,057
Federal funds sold	7,584		976,820		1,658
Cash and cash equivalents	1,143,280		1,223,346		512,885
Investment securities available for sale, at fair value	538,944		755,225		1,098,665
Federal Home Loan Bank stock	243,334		262,571		305,385
Loans held for sale	788		10,050		174,868
Loans held in portfolio, net of discounts, premiums and deferred costs	11,014,215		11,965,284		12,620,316
Allowance for loan losses	(1,227,173)		(715,917)		(58,623)
Loans held in portfolio, net	9,787,042		11,249,367		12,561,693
Bank owned life insurance	129,111		126,956		122,100
Other real estate owned	177,679		135,324		27,732
Deferred tax asset, net	_		50,306		_
Goodwill and other intangible assets	28,353		28,353		28,353
Other assets	212,331		247,093		275,629
Total assets	\$ 12,260,862	\$	14,088,591	\$	15,107,310
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY (DEFICIT)		_		_	
Liabilities:					
Demand deposits:					
Non-interest bearing	\$ 	\$	293,370	\$	557,901
Interest bearing	155,906		170,051		225,901
Savings and money market	1,682,937		1,253,324		1,980,966
Certificates of deposits	6,469,418		6,460,072		4,541,020
Total deposits	8,555,907		8,176,817		7,305,788
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	1,310		56,930		143,072
Advances from Federal Home Loan Bank	4,429,350		5,279,350		6,234,360
Deferred tax liability	_		_		29,935
Income taxes payable	_		_		20,843
Advance payments by borrowers for taxes and insurance	52,362		91,223		97,455
Other liabilities	110,906		85,501		73,055
Total liabilities	13,149,835		13,689,821		13,904,508
Commitments and contingencies					
Stockholder's Equity (Deficit)					
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value, 100 shares authorized, issued and					
outstanding					
Paid-in capital	793,928		793,928		713,928
Retained earnings (deficit)	(1,589,662)		(356,360)		502,027
Accumulated other comprehensive loss, net of tax	 (93,239)		(38,798)		(13,153)
Total stockholder's equity (deficit)	(888,973)		398,770		1,202,802
Total liabilities and stockholder's equity (deficit)	\$ 12,260,862	\$	14,088,591	\$	15,107,310

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

For the Period from October 1, 2008 through May 21, 2009, and the Years Ended

September 30, 2008 and September 30, 2007 (In thousands, except per share amounts)

	Period from October 1, 2008 through May 21, 2009	Year Ended September 30, 2008	Year Ended September 30, 2007
Interest income:			
Interest and fees on loans	\$ 312,994	\$ 762,170	\$ 876,861
Interest and dividends on investment securities available for sale	22,407	50,434	61,325
Interest and dividends on other interest-earning assets	3,667	21,856	19,711
Total interest income	339,068	834,460	957,897
Interest expense:			
Interest on deposits	199,570	292,855	302,335
Interest on borrowings	133,822	262,739	302,223
Total interest expense	333,392	555,594	604,558
Net interest income before provision for loan losses	5,676	278,866	353,339
Provision for loan losses	919,139	856,374	31,500
Net interest income (loss) after provision for loan losses	(913,463)	(577,508)	321,839
Non-interest income (loss):			
Other than temporary impairment on investment securities available for			
sale	(68,609)	(142,035)	(5,042)
Amortization and impairment of mortgage servicing rights	(26,595)	(8,434)	(4,622)
Gain (loss) on sale of loans, net	196	(9,784)	9,777
Service charges	11,796	25,136	22,169
Gain (loss) on sale of investments, net	39	(1,465)	(564)
Other non-interest income	1,742	7,723	6,649
Total non-interest income (loss)	(81,431)	(128,859)	28,367
Non-interest expense:			
Employee compensation and benefits	51,695	88,893	87,958
Occupancy and equipment	25,247	46,743	41,187
Impairment and other real estate owned related expense	73,439	40,650	608
Professional fees	10,062	8,910	5,631
Foreclosure expense	4,907	6,007	535
Deposit insurance expense	38,299	6,147	3,119
Telecommunications and data processing	9,573	13,536	13,019
Other non-interest expense	25,181	35,594	33,577
Total non-interest expense	238,403	246,480	185,634
Income (loss) before income taxes	(1,233,297)	(952,847)	164,572
Income tax expense (benefit)	<u> </u>	(94,462)	55,067
Net income (loss)	\$ (1,233,297)	\$ (858,385)	\$ 109,505
Earnings (Loss) Per Share:	<u> </u>		
Basic	\$ (12,332,970)	\$ (8,583,850)	\$ 1,095,054
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding:			
Basic	100	100	100

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

# For the Period from October 1, 2008 through May 21, 2009, and the Years Ended

# September 30, 2008 and September 30, 2007 $\,$

# (In thousands)

	Period from October 1, 2008 through May 21, 2009	Year Ended September 30, 2008	Year Ended September 30, 2007
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net (loss) income	\$ (1,233,297)	\$ (858,385)	\$ 109,505
Adjustments to reconcile net (loss) income to net cash used for operating activities:			
Provision for loan losses	919,139	856,374	31,500
Provision for recourse liability on loans sold	_	12,400	_
Negative amortization of option adjustable rate mortgage payment loans	(28,198)	(161,664)	(166,666)
Other-than-temporary impairment on investment securities	68,609	142,035	5,042
Impairment of other real estate owned	38,742	22,749	14
Depreciation and amortization	7,791	15,330	12,943
Amortization of fees, discounts and premiums, net	10,886	53,930	69,949
Amortization of mortgage servicing rights	1,596	5,391	3,329
Impairment of mortgage servicing rights	24,999	3,043	1,293
Increase in bank owned life insurance cash surrender value	(2,155)	(4,856)	(4,933)
Net loss on sale of other real estate owned and other assets	22,211	8,784	29
Net (gain) loss on sale of loans	(113)	3,857	_
Net gain on sale of loans held for sale	(83)	(6,473)	(9,777)
Net (gain) loss on sale of investment securities available for sale	(39)	414	564
Deferred tax expense (benefit)	50,306	(78,486)	(175)
Other:			
Proceeds from sale of loans held for sale, including those sold as mortgage-backed securities	45,140	1,160,121	1,251,059
Loans originated for sale, net of repayments	(35,795)	(999,505)	(1,268,021)
Increase (decrease) in other assets	510	(117,503)	(37,018)
Increase in other liabilities	25,405	19,505	25,639
		77,061	
Net cash (used in) provided by operating activities	(84,346)	//,061	24,276
Cash flows from investing activities:	(40.40=)	(0.10, 11, 1)	(20,000)
Purchase of investment securities available for sale	(10,427)	(213,414)	(38,992)
Proceeds from repayments of investment securities available for sale	96,428	270,345	382,277
Proceeds from sale of investment securities available for sale	9,847	124,357	80,937
Proceeds from sale of loans held in portfolio	7,563		— (4.004.00A)
Net decrease (increase) in loans held in portfolio	340,767	369,153	(1,261,064)
Purchase of Federal Home Loan Bank stock	(113)	(43,045)	(181,353)
Proceed from repayments of Federal Home Loan Bank stock	19,350	85,859	131,310
Purchase of office properties and equipment	(828)	(7,221)	(31,539)
Proceeds from sale of other real estate owned and other assets	107,089	63,723	4,109
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	569,676	649,757	(914,315)

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (Continued)

# For the Period from October 1, 2008 through May 21, 2009, and the Years Ended

# September 30, 2008 and September 30, 2007

# (In thousands)

	Period from October 1, 2008 through May 21, 2009	Year Ended September 30, 2008	Year Ended September 30, 2007
Cash flows from financing activities:			
Net increase in deposits	379,090	871,029	1,194,900
Additions to Federal Home Loan Bank advances	50,000	3,045,000	5,175,000
Repayments of Federal Home Loan Bank advances	(900,000)	(4,000,010)	(4,114,990)
Capital contribution from parent	_	160,000	_
Net decrease in securities sold under repurchase agreements	(55,620)	(86,142)	(923,317)
(Decrease) increase in advances from borrowers for taxes and insurance	(38,861)	(6,232)	4,736
Dividends paid on stock	(5)	(2)	(5)
Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities	(565,396)	(16,357)	1,336,324
(Decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(80,066)	710,461	446,285
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	1,223,346	512,885	66,600
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 1,143,280	\$ 1,223,346	\$ 512,885
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow activity:			
Interest paid on deposits and borrowings	\$ 317,614	\$ 556,783	\$ 598,558
Income taxes (received) paid	\$ (45,712)	\$ —	\$ 40,800
Supplemental schedule of non-cash investing and financing activities:			
Transfers from loans to real estate owned	\$ 209,694	\$ 202,520	\$ 30,528
Transfers of loans held for sale to portfolio	\$	\$ 19,919	\$ 38,603
Transfer of loans from portfolio to loans held for sale	\$ 7,459	\$ 242	\$ 264,707
Capital contribution receivable from parent	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 80,000
Exchange loans for mortgages backed securities	\$ —	\$ 776,796	\$ 291,440

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY (DEFICIT)

# For the Period from October 1, 2008 through May 21, 2009, and the Years Ended

# September 30, 2008 and September 30, 2007

# (In thousands)

	Common Stock	Paid-	-in Capital	R	etained Earnings (Deficit)	Comp	ulated Other prehensive me (Loss)	Total Stockho Equity (De	
Balance at September 30, 2006	\$ —	\$	633,928	\$	392,527	\$	(20,619)	\$ 1,	005,836
Capital contribution Comprehensive income:			80,000						80,000
Net income					109,505				109,505
Other comprehensive income					103,303		7,466		7,466
Total comprehensive income Payment of cash dividends					(5)				116,971 (5)
Balance at September 30, 2007			713,928		502,027		(13,153)	1,	202,802
Capital contribution Comprehensive loss:			80,000						80,000
Net loss Other comprehensive income					(858,385)		(25,645)	(	(858,385) (25,645)
Total comprehensive loss Payment of cash dividends					(2)			(	(884,030) (2)
Balance at September 30, 2008	_		793,928		(356,360)		(38,798)		398,770
Comprehensive loss: Net loss					(1,233,297)	•		(1	233,297)
Other comprehensive income					(1,200,207)		(54,441)		(54,441)
Total comprehensive loss Payment of cash dividends					(5)			(1,	(5) (287,738)
Balance at May 21, 2009	\$ —	\$	793,928	\$	(1,589,662)	\$	(93,239)	\$ (	888,973)

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)

# For the Period from October 1, 2008 through May 21, 2009, and the Years Ended

## September 30, 2008 and September 30, 2007

## (In thousands)

	Period from ctober 1, 2008 through May 21, 2009	Year Ended ptember 30, 2008	Year Ended September 30, 2007
Net income (loss)	\$ (1,233,297)	\$ (858,385)	\$ 109,505
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax:			
Unrealized gains (losses) arising during the period on securities, net of			
tax expense (benefit)(1)	(65,914)	(37,303)	4,442
Unrealized losses on cash flow hedges, net of tax benefit(1)	_	_	(221)
Less reclassification adjustment for:			
Realized losses on securities sold included in net income, net of tax			
benefit(1)	(22)	(414)	(381)
Other-than-temporary impairment on investment securities included			
in net income (loss), net of tax benefit(1)	(11,451)	(11,258)	(2,864)
Realized gains on cash flow hedges, net of tax expense(1)	_	14	_
Total other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax	(54,441)	(25,645)	7,466
Total comprehensive income (loss)	\$ (1,287,738)	\$ (884,030)	\$ 116,971

<sup>(1)</sup> Tax benefit related to 2009 and 2008 unrealized net losses on securities was completely reserved for by a valuation allowance and therefore these years do not show any tax benefit related to investment securities. The following table summarizes the related tax expense (benefit) for the period ended May 21, 2009, and September 30, 2008 and 2007 (in thousands):

		October 1, 2008 Tay 21, 2009		Ended er 30, 2008		Ended er 30, 2007
	Deferred Tax Expense (Benefit)	Deferred Tax Asset Valuation Allowance	Deferred Tax Expense (Benefit)	Deferred Tax Asset Valuation Allowance	Deferred Tax Expense (Benefit)	Deferred Tax Asset Valuation Allowance
Unrealized gains (losses) arising during the period on	(25.400)	25,400	(10 000)	d 20.005	d. 0.000	
securities Unrealized losses on cash flow	\$ (35,492)	\$ 35,492	\$ (20,086)	\$ 20,086	\$ 2,392	<del>-</del>
hedges Realized losses on securities sold included in	_	_	_	_	(119)	_
net income Other-than- temporary impairment on investment securities included in net income	(12)	12	(223)	223	(205)	_
(loss) Realized gains on cash flow hedges	(6,166)	6,166	(6,062)	6,062	(1,542)	_
neuges	_	_		(1)		

#### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## **Note 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

BankUnited, FSB ("BankUnited" or the "Bank") was founded in 1984 and offers a full range of consumer and commercial banking products and services to individual and corporate customers through its branch network in Florida. The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Bank and its whollyowned subsidiaries Bay Holdings, Inc., CRE Properties Inc., T&D Properties of South Florida, Inc. and BU Delaware, Inc. and its wholly-owned subsidiary BU REIT, Inc. BankUnited Financial Corporation ("BKUNA"), the parent company, is a Florida corporation organized in 1993 as the holding company for the Bank.

At the close of business on May 21, 2009, the Bank was seized by the Office of Thrift Supervision and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") was appointed as Receiver. Immediately thereafter, a de novo institution ("New BankUnited") acquired certain assets and assumed certain liabilities of the former BankUnited. The change in control of the Bank may affect the accounting policies followed by the Bank under its new ownership.

#### Regulatory Matters

On September 19, 2008, the Bank reached an agreement with the Office of Thrift Supervision (the "OTS") on regulatory consent orders (the "Orders"). The Orders, among other things, required that BankUnited continue its capital augmentation plan to raise additional capital and to provide an alternative capital strategy to be implemented in the event the capital raising efforts in the capital augmentation plan are unsuccessful (together, the "Capital Plan"). The Capital Plan was approved by the OTS, and on November 1, 2008, the Bank's Board of Directors ("Board") approved and adopted the Capital Plan and began its implementation. Additionally, the Orders required that the Bank's Board prepare and submit to the OTS a comprehensive business plan covering the last three months of calendar year 2008, all of calendar years 2009 and 2010, and the first three quarters of calendar 2011 ("Business Plan"). The Business Plan includes a detailed description of the Bank's plans to improve earnings, preserve and enhance capital and franchise value, and strengthen liquidity.

The Orders required the Bank to meet and maintain a minimum Tier One Core Capital Ratio of 7% and a minimum total Risk-Based Capital Ratio of 14% on and after December 31, 2008. As of December 31, 2008, due primarily to establishing reserves for loan losses and its inability to raise additional equity, the Bank was not in compliance with the capital ratios as required by the Orders. As a result, the Bank was subject to enforcement action by federal regulators, including placing the Bank into receivership.

The Orders prohibit the Bank from paying dividends or capital distributions without receiving the prior written approval of the OTS. The Orders also require, among other things, that BankUnited notify the OTS prior to adding directors or senior executive officers; limit certain kinds of severance and indemnification payments; and obtain OTS approval before entering into, renewing, extending, or revising any compensatory or benefits arrangements with any director or officer.

Additionally, the Orders required the Bank to restrict or prohibit the origination of payment option adjustable rate mortgages ("option ARM loans"), prepare a plan to ensure the Bank maintains and adheres to its allowance for loan losses policies, procedures, time frames and calculation inputs; restricts assets growth; and appoint a regulatory compliance committee.

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

## Note 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Effective April 14, 2009, the Board entered into a Stipulation and Consent to Prompt Corrective Action Directive ("PCA Directive") with the OTS. The PCA Directive addresses the Bank's failure to operate under an accepted capital restoration plan and imposes various corrective measures and operational limitations mandated by statute. As of January 30, 2009, the Bank was critically undercapitalized for purposes of the Prompt Corrective Action provisions of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act. The PCA Directive was issued when the OTS notified the Bank that its previously filed capital restoration plan was unacceptable and directs the Bank to be recapitalized by a merger with or an acquisition by another financial institution or another entity, or through the sale of all or substantially all of the Bank's assets and liabilities to another financial institution or another entity within twenty days pursuant to a written definitive agreement, which the Bank is required to execute within fifteen days of the effective date of the PCA Directive, unless such timeframes are extended in writing by the OTS.

#### **Accounting Estimates and Assumptions**

The accounting and reporting policies of the Bank and the methods of applying those policies that materially affect the accompanying consolidated financial statements conform with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States ("GAAP") and where applicable to general practices in the banking industry or guidelines prescribed by regulatory agencies. The consolidated financial statements of the Bank include the accounts of BankUnited, FSB and its wholly-owned subsidiaries. All significant intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, management is required to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, revenues and expenses and valuation and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities. Management has made significant estimates in certain areas, including the determination of the allowance for loan losses, reserve for recourse liability for loans sold, valuing certain financial instruments and other assets, the valuation of mortgage servicing rights, the determination of other-than-temporary impairment losses on available-for-sale investment securities, determination of the valuation allowance for deferred tax assets and goodwill impairment. Actual results could differ from those estimates. The current economic environment has increased the degree of uncertainty inherent in those estimates and assumptions.

#### Financial Statement Reclassifications

Certain prior period amounts have been reclassified to conform to the May 21, 2009 consolidated financial statements presentation.

#### Fair Value Measurements

In September 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued a new accounting standard on fair value measurements. The standard defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value and expands disclosure about fair value measurements. The standard changed key concepts in fair value measures including the establishment of a fair value hierarchy and the concept of the most advantageous or principal market. This standard did not require any new fair value measurement. The Bank adopted this statement for its financial assets and liabilities effective

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

## Note 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

October 1, 2008. The adoption of this statement did not have a material effect on the Bank's consolidated financial statements.

The Bank uses fair value measurements to record fair value adjustments to certain assets and liabilities and to determine fair value disclosures. Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Securities available for sale and derivative instruments are recorded at fair value on a recurring basis. Additionally, from time to time, the Bank may be required to record other financial assets at fair value on a nonrecurring basis, such as impaired loans. These nonrecurring fair value adjustments typically involve application of lower-of-cost-or-market accounting or impairment write-downs of individual assets.

In February 2007, the FASB issued a new accounting standard on the fair value option for financial assets and financial liabilities. This standard allows the Bank an irrevocable option for measurement of eligible financial assets or financial liabilities at fair value on an instrument by instrument basis (the fair value option). Subsequent to the initial adoption of the standard, which the Bank adopted effective October 1, 2008, the Bank may elect to account for eligible financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value. Such an election may be made at the time an eligible financial asset, financial liability or firm commitment is recognized or when certain specified reconsideration events occur. The Bank has not elected the fair value option for any eligible financial instrument during the period ended May 21, 2009.

A fair value measurement assumes that the transaction to sell the asset or transfer the liability occurs in the principal market for the asset or liability or, in the absence of a principal market, the most advantageous market for the asset or liability. The fair value hierarchy distinguishes between assumptions developed based on market data obtained from independent sources (observable inputs) and assumptions made by the Bank about market participant assumptions (unobservable inputs). It is the Bank's policy to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs when developing fair value measurements. Because no active market exists for a portion of the Bank's financial assets, fair value estimates are subjective in nature. Additionally, the fair value estimates do not necessarily reflect the price that the Bank might receive if it were to sell at one time its entire holding of a particular financial instrument.

Fair value is based on quoted prices in an active market when available. In certain cases where a quoted price for an asset or liability is not available, the Bank uses quoted market prices for comparable or similar securities, and when not available, uses internal valuation models to estimate its fair value. These models incorporate inputs such as forward yield curves, loan prepayment assumptions, expected loss assumptions, market volatilities and pricing spreads utilizing market-based inputs where readily available. The Bank's estimates of fair value reflect inputs and assumptions which management believes are comparable to those that would be used by other market participants. As an estimate, the fair value cannot be determined with precision and may not be realized in an actual sale or transfer of the asset or liability in a current market exchange.

## Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash, Federal Home Loan Bank ("FHLB") overnight deposits, federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell with original maturities of three

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

## Note 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

months or less. The collateral held by the Bank for securities purchased under agreements to resell consists of the securities underlying those agreements.

The Bank must comply with Federal Reserve Board regulations requiring the maintenance of reserves against its net transaction accounts. As of May 21, 2009, and September 30, 2008 and 2007, cash reserves maintained by the Bank at the Federal Reserve Bank for this purpose exceeded this requirement.

## **Investment Securities Available for Sale**

Investment securities available for sale are carried at fair value, net of unrealized gains and losses, and net of discount accretion and premium amortization computed using the level yield method. Net unrealized gains and losses are included in other comprehensive income (loss) net of applicable income taxes (benefit). Gains or losses on sales of investment and mortgage-backed securities available for sale are recognized on the specific identification basis.

The Bank reviews available for sale securities for impairment on a quarterly basis or more frequently if events and circumstances indicate that a potential loss may have occurred. An investment security is impaired if its fair value is lower than its amortized cost basis. The Bank considers many factors in determining whether the decline in fair value below amortized cost is an other-than-temporary impairment ("OTTI"), including, but not limited to, adverse changes in expected cash flows, the length of time and extent to which the fair value has been less than amortized cost, the Bank's intent and ability to hold the security for a period of time sufficient for a recovery in value and issuer-specific factors such as the issuer's financial condition, external credit ratings and general market conditions.

The Bank uses third party sources to assist in the determination of the fair value of its investment securities, which are subject to validation procedures performed by management. The third-party pricing sources use proprietary models to determine the fair value of the Bank's collateralized mortgage obligations and mortgage pass-through certificates. Management reviews and documents all assumptions used by both internal and third party sources to ensure they are market based and reflective of the structural and collateral characteristics of the respective securities.

#### Loans Receivable

Loans held in portfolio

The Bank's loans held in portfolio consists primarily of real estate loans collateralized by first mortgages and also includes commercial real estate, commercial land, consumer and home equity loans and lines of credit. Loans held in portfolio are loans which management has the intent and ability to hold for the foreseeable future, are considered held for investment, and, accordingly, are carried at amortized cost. The length of the foreseeable future is a management judgment which is determined based on the type of loan, asset/liability strategies, including available investment opportunities and funding sources, expected liquidity demands, long-term business strategies and current economic and market conditions. Evaluation of these factors requires a significant degree of judgment. Management's view of the foreseeable future may change based on changes in these conditions.

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

## Note 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Mortgage loans held for sale

BankUnited originates loans that are held for sale in the secondary market to government-sponsored entities and other investors. Loans held for sale are recorded at the lower of cost or fair value, determined in the aggregate, or at fair value when they are designated as the hedged item in a hedging relationship. Origination fees and costs for loans held for sale are capitalized as part of the cost of the loan. Fair value is derived from observable current market prices, when available, and includes loan servicing value. When market data is not available, the Bank estimates fair value based on third party indications of fair value, which may also include adjustments made for specific loan characteristics. Management reviews and documents all assumptions used by both internal and third party sources to ensure they are market based and reflective of the structural and collateral characteristics of the respective assets. Adjustments to reflect unrealized gains and losses resulting from changes in fair value and realized gains and losses upon ultimate sale of the loans are classified as noninterest income in the consolidated statements of operations.

BankUnited transfers certain residential mortgage loans to the held for sale classification at the lower of cost or fair value. At the time of transfer, any losses are recorded as a component of noninterest income, with subsequent losses also recorded as a component of noninterest income in the consolidated statements of operations. BankUnited may also transfer loans from held for sale to held in portfolio. At the time of transfer, any difference between the carrying amount of the loan and its outstanding principal balance is recorded as a component of noninterest income. Subsequently the discount on the loan is recognized as an adjustment to yield using the interest method. Triggers for transfer of loans to the held for sale category would include loans for which the Bank no longer had the intent or ability to hold the loans for the foreseeable future, or to maturity. Triggers for transfers to held in portfolio would include those loans that are no longer saleable due to credit, performance, or market conditions.

#### Non-Accrual Loans

The Bank typically classifies loans as nonaccrual when one of the following events occurs: (i) interest or principal has been in default, unless the loan is well-secured and in the process of collection; (ii) collection of recorded interest or principal is not anticipated; or (iii) income for the loan is recognized on a cash basis due to the deterioration in the financial condition of the debtor. Consumer and residential mortgage loans are typically placed on nonaccrual when payments have been in default more than 150 days. All other loans are typically placed on nonaccrual when the loans become 90 days past due, or the collection of principal or interest is deemed doubtful.

When a loan is placed on nonaccrual, unpaid interest is reversed against interest income. Interest income on nonaccrual loans, if recognized, is either recorded using the cash basis method of accounting or recognized at the end of the loan term after the principal has been reduced to zero, depending on the type of loan. If and when borrowers demonstrate the ability to repay a loan in accordance with the contractual terms of a loan classified as nonaccrual, the loan may be returned to accrual status. If a nonaccrual loan is returned to accruing status, the accrued interest at the date the loan is placed on nonaccrual status, and foregone interest during the nonaccrual period, are recorded as interest income only after all principal has been collected for commercial real estate and commercial loans. For residential mortgage loans and consumer loans, the accrued interest at the date the loan is placed on

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

## Note 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

nonaccrual status, and forgone interest during the nonaccrual period, are recorded as interest income as of the date the loan no longer meets the applicable criteria.

Loans whose terms have been modified in troubled debt restructurings are placed on nonaccrual status, until the Bank determines that future collection of principal and interest is reasonably assured. Generally, a nonaccrual loan that is restructured remains on nonaccrual for a period of six months to demonstrate the borrower can meet the restructured terms. Payment performance immediately prior to the restructuring may be considered when making this determination. Where the borrower of a restructured residential mortgage loan has no history of missed payments for at least six months prior to the restructuring, the loans remain on accrual status at the time of the modification.

## **Impaired Loans**

Loans are considered impaired when, based on current information and events, it is probable that the Bank will be unable to collect the scheduled payments of principal or interest when due, according to the contractual terms of the loan agreement. Factors considered by management in determining impairment include payment status, collateral value, and the probability of collecting scheduled principal and interest payments when due. When a loan is deemed impaired, the amount of specific allowance required is measured by a complete analysis of the most probable source of repayment, including the present value of the loan's expected future cash flows, the fair value of the underlying collateral less costs of disposition, or the loan's estimated fair value. In these measurements, the Bank uses assumptions and methodologies that are relevant to estimating the level of impairment and unrealized losses in the loan portfolio. To the extent that the data supporting such assumptions has limitations, management's judgment and experience play a key role in recording the specific allowance estimates. BankUnited generally applies cash receipts on impaired loans not performing according to contractual terms to reduce the carrying value of the loan, unless the Bank believes it will recover the remaining principal balance of the loan, in which case the Bank may recognize interest income. The Bank includes impairment losses in the allowance for loan losses through a charge to provision for loan losses.

The Bank accounts for loans as troubled debt restructurings, when due to a deterioration in a borrower's financial position, the Bank grants concessions that would not otherwise be considered. Troubled debt restructured loans are tested for impairment and where the borrower has no history of missed payments for six months prior to the restructuring, the loan remains on accrual status at the time of the modification. Other troubled debt restructured loans are placed in nonaccrual status at the time of the modifications. If borrowers perform pursuant to the modified loan terms for at least six months and the remaining loan balances are considered collectible, the loans are returned to accrual status.

## Allowance for Loan Losses

The Bank's allowance for loan losses is established for both performing loans and non-performing loans. BankUnited's allowance for loan losses is established and maintained at a level management deems prudent and adequate to cover probable losses on loans based upon a periodic evaluation of current information relating to the risks inherent in BankUnited's loan portfolio. In evaluating the allowance for loan losses, management evaluates both quantitative and qualitative elements which may

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

## Note 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

require the exercise of judgment. When evaluating loan loss allowances, management reviews performing and non-performing loans separately.

Additions to the allowance are made by provisions charged to current operations. The allowance is decreased by charge-offs due to losses and increased by recoveries.

For commercial loans and commercial loans secured by real estate, losses are recognized at the time they are identified. For the period ended May 21, 2009 and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2008, losses on one-to-four family residential loans were charged-off at the time they become 270 days past due. The amount of the loss equals the excess of the recorded investment in the loan over estimated the fair value of the collateral, less costs to sell. Previously, the Bank's policy was to recognize charge-offs as the losses on one-to-four family residential loans were identified at the completion of the foreclosure process and repossession of the collateral, which could be an undetermined length of time, generally in excess of 270 days.

During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2007, the Bank's policy was to fully reserve the entire balance of home equity lines when they reached 91 days delinquent, and recognize charge-offs as the losses were identified. Subsequent to September 30, 2007, the policy was revised to continue to fully reserve for loans at 91 days past due and require that loans that reach 270 days delinquent be charged-off.

Recoveries are reported at the time received, except for balances recoverable under mortgage insurance policies. Recoveries under mortgage insurance policies are recorded at the time collection of the claim from the mortgage insurance company is deemed probable. Claims are deemed probable of collection at approximately the time of repossession of the property and the filing of the claim. Recoveries under mortgage insurance policies are reported at the lesser of the amount of the loss for the related loan or the amount recoverable under the mortgage insurance policy, net of a valuation allowance for potential rejections of mortgage insurance claims.

## Reserve for Recourse Liability for Loans Sold

The Bank has established a reserve for recourse liability for loans sold. The reserve is established and maintained at a level management deems prudent and adequate to cover probable losses under representations and warranties on loans securitized or sold. The reserve is based upon periodic evaluation of current information relating to the inherent risks, and takes into account historical experiences and trends, and current and projected market, industry, and economic conditions.

## Unearned Discounts, Premiums, and Deferred Costs

Loan origination fees and certain direct loan origination costs are included in the carrying value of loans, and amortized over the contractual maturities of the loans as an adjustment to interest income. Prepayments of loans result in acceleration of the amortization of these items. Commitment fees and costs relating to commitments are recognized over the commitment period. If the commitment is subsequently exercised during the commitment period, the remaining unamortized commitment fee at the time of exercise is recognized over the life of the loan as an adjustment of yield.

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

## Note 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

## FHLB Stock and Other Earning Assets

The Bank's investment in the stock of the FHLB Atlanta is carried at cost since these are restricted securities. Periodically and as conditions warrant, the Bank reviews its investment in FHLB stock for impairment and adjusts the carrying value of the investment if it is determined to be impaired.

## Office Properties and Equipment, net

Office properties and equipment are carried at cost less accumulated depreciation. Building and leasehold improvements are carried at amortized cost. The estimated useful life of newly constructed branch office buildings is 30 years. The lives of improvements to existing buildings are based on the lesser of the remaining life of the original building or the useful life of the improvement. Leasehold improvements are amortized over the shorter of the expected term of the lease at inception, considering options to extend that are reasonably assured, or their useful lives, whichever is shorter. The estimated useful life for furniture, fixtures and equipment is 7 - 10 years, and for computer equipment and software is 3 - 5 years. Depreciation is calculated based on the straight line method using the estimated service lives of the assets. Repair and maintenance costs are charged to operations as incurred, and improvements are capitalized.

## Other Real Estate Owned

Property acquired through foreclosure or deed in lieu of foreclosure is initially recorded at estimated fair value, based on independent appraisal by third parties, less estimated costs to sell the property. Any excess of the loan balance over the fair value less estimated costs to sell the property is charged to the allowance for loan losses at the time of foreclosure. The carrying value is reviewed periodically and, when necessary, any decline in the value of the real estate less estimated cost to sell is charged to operations. Significant property improvements, which enhance the salability of the property, are capitalized to the extent that the carrying values do not exceed their estimated realizable values. Legal fees, maintenance and other direct costs of foreclosed properties are expensed as incurred. The amount the Bank ultimately recovers from foreclosed properties may differ substantially from the net carrying value of these assets because of future market factors that are beyond its control or because of changes in the Bank's strategy for sale of the properties.

## Mortgage Servicing Rights and Transfers

Mortgage Servicing Rights

BankUnited recognizes mortgage servicing rights ("MSR") as an asset when it sells loans and retains the right to service those loans. The value of servicing assets is derived from estimated future revenues from contractually specified servicing fees, late charges, prepayment fees and other ancillary revenues that are expected to be more than adequate compensation to cover the costs associated with performing the service, and is generally expressed as a percent of the unpaid principal balance of the loans being serviced. Estimated future revenues are determined using the estimated future balance of the underlying mortgage loan portfolio, which, absent new purchases, declines over time from prepayments and cash flows. MSR assets are carried at the lower of aggregate cost or market and amortized in proportion to and over the period of estimated net servicing income. BankUnited charges

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

## Note 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

impairment as a direct write-down of its MSR assets. BankUnited does not currently utilize a valuation allowance for recognizing impairment of its MSR assets. BankUnited assesses the MSR assets for impairment on a disaggregated basis by strata based on the fair value of those assets.

The estimated fair value of mortgage servicing rights is estimated using various assumptions including future cash flows, market discount rates, as well as expected prepayment rates, servicing costs and other factors. Changes in these factors could result in impairment of the servicing asset and a charge against earnings. For purposes of evaluating impairment, the Bank stratifies its mortgage servicing portfolio on the basis of certain risk characteristics, including loan type. Impairment related to mortgage servicing rights is recorded in other non-interest income. Contractually specified servicing fees, late fees and other ancillary income related to the servicing of mortgage loans are recorded in other non-interest income.

## **Transfers**

When BankUnited sells (transfers) mortgage loans for securitization it may acquire beneficial interests in the securities created as well as the rights to service the loans underlying the securities. Gains or losses on these transactions are recognized only for the portion of securities that are not acquired by BankUnited. Expenses related to the transaction are not deferred but are included in the gain or loss calculation. The book values of securities retained by BankUnited are based on their relative fair values at the date of transfer. BankUnited classifies retained securities as available for sale in its consolidated balance sheets, which are carried at fair value. BankUnited obtains fair values of its retained securities, at both the date of securitization and at each reporting date, from independent third parties.

#### Goodwill

Goodwill represents the excess of purchase price over the fair value of net assets acquired. The excess purchase price, which is related to banking acquisitions, is tested for impairment on an annual basis, or more often if events or circumstances indicate that there may be impairment. Adverse changes in the economic environment, declining operations, or other factors could result in a decline in the implied fair value.

The goodwill impairment test is performed in two phases during the fourth quarter of each fiscal year (performed as of May 21, 2009 for the period then ended). The first phase is used to identify potential impairment by comparing the fair value of the reporting unit with its carrying amount, including goodwill. The fair value of the reporting unit is determined based upon the present value of estimated future cash flows, using a discount rate that approximates the cost of capital in the industry in which the Bank operates. If the fair value is less than the carrying value, then the second phase is required to identify the amount of impairment by comparing the carrying amount of goodwill to its implied fair value. If the implied fair value is less than the carrying amount, a loss would be recognized in other non-interest expense to reduce the carrying amount to the implied fair value.

Performing an impairment test involves estimating the fair value of a reporting unit, which requires the Bank to make assumptions about future market conditions and its ability to perform as planned. When available, the Bank uses external data in its assumptions.

# NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

## Note 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

#### **Bank Owned Life Insurance**

Bank owned life insurance is carried at an amount that could be realized under the insurance contract as of the date of the consolidated balance sheets. The change in contract value is recorded as an adjustment to the premiums paid in determining the expense or income to be recognized under the contract.

#### **Income Taxes**

BankUnited and its subsidiaries, other than BU REIT, Inc., are part of the consolidated federal income tax return of BKUNA. BKUNA, BankUnited and its subsidiaries filed separate income tax returns in various state jurisdictions through fiscal year 2006. Beginning with the taxable year ended September 30, 2007, BKUNA, BankUnited and its subsidiaries filed combined state income tax returns where combined filings are required for companies that are considered to be unitary with related entities. The Bank and its subsidiaries have a Tax Sharing Agreement with BKUNA, whereby the Bank pays to or receives cash from BKUNA as if the Bank filed separate tax returns. Any amount of current tax due to or receivable from BKUNA is included in their intercompany balance. Income taxes are accounted for on a separate return basis.

The Bank accounts for income taxes using the asset and liability method, recording deferred tax assets and liabilities by applying federal and state statutory tax rates currently in effect to its cumulative temporary differences. Temporary differences are differences between financial statement carrying amounts and the corresponding tax bases of assets and liabilities. Under the asset and liability method, income tax expense or benefit is comprised of the current and deferred tax provisions (benefit) for the year. The current tax provision (benefit) represents amounts that are payable to or receivable from taxing authorities based on current year taxable income or loss. The deferred tax provision (benefit) reflects changes in deferred tax assets and liabilities during the year as a result of current year operations.

Generally accepted accounting principles require that when determining the need for a valuation allowance against a deferred tax asset, management must assess both positive and negative evidence with regard to the realization of the deferred tax asset. To the extent available sources of taxable income are insufficient to absorb tax losses, a valuation allowance is necessary. Sources of taxable income for this analysis include prior years' carry-backs, the expected reversals of taxable temporary differences between book and tax income, prudent and feasible tax-planning strategies, and future taxable income. A valuation allowance is recognized for a deferred tax asset if, based on the available evidence, it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax asset will not be realized. Subsequent changes in the tax laws require adjustment to these assets and liabilities with the cumulative effect included in income from continuing operations for the period in which the change was enacted. In computing the income tax provision, the Bank evaluates the technical merits of its income tax positions based on current legislative, judicial, and regulatory guidance.

The Bank recognizes a liability for uncertain tax positions. An uncertain tax position is defined as a position in a previously filed tax return or a position expected to be taken in a future tax return that is not based on clear and unambiguous tax law and which is reflected in measuring current or deferred income tax assets and liabilities for interim or annual periods. The Bank must recognize the tax benefit from an uncertain tax position only if it is more-likely-than-not that the tax position will be sustained

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

## Note 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

on examination by the taxing authorities, based on the technical merits of the position. The Bank measures the tax benefits recognized based on the largest benefit that has a greater than 50% likelihood of being realized upon ultimate resolution. The Bank recognizes interest and penalties related to uncertain tax benefits in its provision for income taxes. At May 21, 2009 and September 30, 2008 there were no significant uncertain tax positions.

## Earnings (Loss) per Share

Basic earnings (loss) per share are computed by dividing income available to common stockholders by the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding during each period. Diluted earnings per share are based on the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding during the period, plus the dilutive effect of securities or other contracts to issue common stock ("common share equivalents"). Common share equivalents are excluded from the computation of earnings (loss) per share in periods in which they have an anti-dilutive effect. The Bank does not have securities which qualify as common share equivalents that could potentially dilute earnings per share; therefore the weighted average number of shares used to compute basic and diluted income (loss) per share is the same.

## Segment Reporting

Public companies are required to report certain financial information about significant revenue-producing segments of the business for which such information is available and utilized by the chief operating decision maker. Specific information to be reported for individual operating segments includes a measure of profit and loss, certain revenue and expense items, and total assets. As a community-oriented financial institution, substantially all of BankUnited's operations involve the delivery of loan and deposit products to customers. Management makes operating decisions and assesses performance based on an ongoing review of these banking operations, which constitute BankUnited's only operating segment.

## Derivative Instruments Held for Purposes Other than Trading

BankUnited enters into derivative contracts as a means of reducing its interest rate exposures. No derivatives are held for trading purposes. At inception these contracts are evaluated in order to determine if they qualify for hedge accounting. The hedging instrument must be highly effective in achieving offsetting changes in the hedge instrument and hedged item attributable to the risk being hedged. Any ineffectiveness, which arises during the hedging relationship is recognized in non-interest expense in the period in which it arises. All derivatives are valued at fair value and included in other assets or other liabilities. For cash flow hedges, the unrealized changes in fair value to the extent effective are recognized in other comprehensive income. The fair value of cash flow hedges related to forecasted transactions is recognized in non-interest expense in the period when the forecasted transaction occurs. Any ineffectiveness related to cash flow-hedges is recorded in interest expense.

Residential mortgage loan commitments related to loans to be sold and forward sales contracts for loans to be sold are accounted for as derivatives at fair value. The commitments and forward sales contracts are recorded as either assets or liabilities in the consolidated balance sheets with the changes in fair value recorded in non-interest expense.

# NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

## Note 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

## Accounting Policies Recently Adopted and Pending Adoption

As discussed in Note 1 to the consolidated financial statements, BankUnited was closed by the OTS on May 21, 2009. The impact of accounting policies pending adoption is dependent upon the method of application of those policies by New BankUnited management.

In April 2009, the FASB issued new guidance regarding the recognition and presentation of other-than-temporary impairments. This guidance amends the other-than-temporary impairment guidance for debt securities to make the guidance more operational and to improve the presentation and disclosure of OTTI on debt and equity securities in the financial statements. This guidance does not amend existing recognition and measurement guidance related to OTTI of equity securities.

In May 2009, the FASB issued new guidance regarding subsequent events. The new guidance establishes general standards of accounting for and disclosures of events that occur after the balance sheet date but before financial statements are issued or are available to be issued.

In June 2009, the FASB issued new guidance impacting transfers and servicing of financial assets. The objective of this guidance is to improve the relevance, representational faithfulness, and comparability of the information that a reporting entity provides in its financial reports about a transfer of financial assets; the effects of a transfer on its financial position, financial performance, and cash flows; and a transferor's continuing involvement in transferred financial assets. This guidance is effective for financial asset transfers occurring after December 31, 2009.

In June 2009, the FASB issued new guidance impacting consolidation of variable interest entities. The objective of this guidance is to improve financial reporting by enterprises involved with variable interest entities and to provide more relevant and reliable information to users of financial statements. This guidance was effective as of January 1, 2010.

Effective July 1, 2009, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") established the Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC" or "Codification") as the source of authoritative GAAP for companies to use in the preparation of financial statements. The guidance contained in the Codification supersedes all existing accounting and reporting standards for public and non-public companies.

In August 2009, the FASB amended the measurement of liabilities at fair value and related disclosures. The amendment provides additional guidance on how to measure the fair value of a liability. The amendment clarifies that when estimating the fair value of a liability the entity is not required to include a separate adjustment to other inputs relating to the existence of a restriction that prevents the transfer of a liability. The amendment also clarifies that the quoted price in an active market at the measurement date of a liability when traded as an asset represents a Level 1 fair value measurements.

In September 2009, the FASB issued new guidance that creates a practical expedient to measure the fair value of an alternative investment that does not have a readily determinable fair value. This guidance also requires certain additional disclosures. This guidance was effective for interim and annual periods ending after December 15, 2009.

In February 2010, the FASB issued new guidance impacting fair value measurements and disclosures. The new guidance requires a gross presentation of purchases and sales of Level 3 activities and adds a new requirement to disclose transfers in and out of Level 1 and Level 2 measurements. The

# NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

## Note 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

guidance related to the transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 measurements is effective for the Bank on January 1, 2010. The guidance that requires increased disaggregation of the Level 3 activities is effective for the Bank on January 1, 2011.

In March 2010, the FASB issued new guidance impacting purchased receivables. The new guidance clarifies that a modification to a loan that is part of a pool of loans that was acquired with deteriorated credit quality should not result in the removal of the loan from the pool. This guidance is effective for any modifications of loans accounted for within a pool in the first interim or annual reporting period ending after July 15, 2010.

In July 2010, the FASB issued new guidance impacting the disclosure of financing receivables and the allowance for credit losses. The new guidance requires additional disclosures that will allow users to understand the nature of credit risk inherent in a company's loan portfolios, how that risk is analyzed and assessed in arriving at the allowance for credit losses, and changes and reasons for those changes in the allowance for credit losses. The new disclosures that relate to information as of the end of the reporting period is effective as of December 31, 2010, whereas the disclosures related to activity that occurred during the reporting periods is effective January 1, 2011.

## **Note 2 Investment Securities Available for Sale**

Investment securities available for sale at May 21, 2009, and September 30, 2008 and 2007 are summarized as follows (in thousands):

	May 21, 2009				
	Amortized Gross I Cost Gains		Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	
U.S. Treasury securities	\$ 35,167	\$ 261	\$ (5)	\$ 35,423	
U.S. Government agencies and sponsored enterprises mortgage-backed					
securities	224,587	4,294	(1,002)	227,879	
Other collateralized mortgage obligations	3,371	_	(1,586)	1,785	
Mortgage pass-through certificates	323,829	_	(93,738)	230,091	
Mutual funds and preferred stocks	18,241	230	(377)	18,094	
State and Municipal obligations	22,671	33	(8)	22,696	
Other debt securities	4,317	_	(1,341)	2,976	
Total	\$ 632,183	\$ 4,818	\$ (98,057)	\$ 538,944	

# NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

# Note 2 Investment Securities Available for Sale (Continued)

	September 30, 2008				
	Amortized Cost	Gross U	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	
U.S. Treasury securities	\$ 45,567	\$ 159	\$ —	\$ 45,726	
U.S. Government agencies and sponsored enterprises mortgage-backed					
securities	256,392	798	(1,707)	255,483	
Other collateralized mortgage obligations	3,495	_	(32)	3,463	
Mortgage pass-through certificates	430,711		(36,390)	394,321	
Mutual funds and preferred stocks	24,886	_	(404)	24,482	
State and Municipal obligations	22,220	120	(80)	22,260	
Other debt securities	10,752	_	(1,262)	9,490	
Total	\$ 794,023	\$ 1,077	\$ (39,875)	\$ 755,225	

	September 30, 2007				
	Amortized Gross Unit		Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	
U.S. Treasury securities	\$ 25,000	\$ —	\$ (23)	\$ 24,977	
U.S. Government agencies and sponsored enterprises mortgage-backed					
securities	214,198	274	(4,186)	210,286	
Other collateralized mortgage obligations	4,284	_	(18)	4,266	
Mortgage pass-through certificates	714,189	980	(13,498)	701,671	
Mutual funds and preferred stocks	109,929	_	(2,771)	107,158	
State and Municipal obligations	47,314	35	(731)	46,618	
Other debt securities	4,000	_	(311)	3,689	
Total	\$ 1,118,914	\$ 1,289	\$ (21,538)	\$ 1,098,665	

Investment securities available for sale at May 21, 2009 by contractual maturity, and adjusted for anticipated prepayments, are shown below (in thousands):

	May 2	1, 2009
	Amortized Cost	Fair Value
Due in one year or less	\$ 159,964	\$ 139,782
Due after one year through five years	272,567	229,362
Due after five years through ten years	92,254	77,346
Due after ten years	89,157	74,360
Mutual funds and preferred stock	18,241	18,094
Total	\$ 632,183	\$ 538,944

Based on BankUnited's proprietary model and assumptions, the weighted average life of the mortgage-backed securities portfolio as of May 21, 2009 was 4.87 years. The model results are based on assumptions that may differ from the eventual outcome.

# NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

# Note 2 Investment Securities Available for Sale (Continued)

The Bank monitors its investment securities available for sale for OTTI. Impairment is evaluated on an individual security basis considering numerous factors, and their relative significance varies depending on the situation. The following table shows aggregate fair value and the aggregate amount by which cost exceeds fair value of investments that are in a loss position at May 21, 2009, and September 30, 2008 and 2007 (in thousands):

	May 21, 2009											
	Less than 12 Months				12 Months	or C	Greater	Total				
		Fair	U	nrealized		Fair	U	nrealized		Fair	U	nrealized
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Available for sale securities:												
U.S. Treasury securities	\$	5,005	\$	(5)	\$		\$		\$	5,005	\$	(5)
U.S. Government agencies and sponsored												
enterprises mortgage-backed securities		26,417		(946)		3,199		(56)		29,616		(1,002)
Other collateralized mortgage obligations		1,340		(1,464)		445		(122)		1,785		(1,586)
Mortgage pass-through certificates		10,123		(8,481)		176,440		(85,257)		186,563		(93,738)
Mutual funds and preferred stocks		17,307		(377)		_		_		17,307		(377)
State and municipal obligations		3,841		(8)		_		_		3,841		(8)
Other debt securities		1,676		(1,341)		_		_		1,676		(1,341)
Total	\$	65,709	\$	(12,622)	\$	180,084	\$	(85,435)	\$	245,793	\$	(98,057)

	September 30, 2008								
	Less than	12 Months	12 Months	or Greater	To	otal			
	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses			
Available for sale securities:									
U.S. Government agencies and sponsored									
enterprises mortgage-backed securities	\$ 132,031	\$ (849)	\$ 35,783	\$ (858)	\$ 167,814	\$ (1,707)			
Other collateralized mortgage obligations	_	_	660	(32)	660	(32)			
Mortgage pass-through certificates	205,155	(22,251)	108,487	(14,139)	313,642	(36,390)			
Mutual funds and preferred stocks	_	_	21	(404)	21	(404)			
State and municipal obligations	8,980	(80)		_	8,980	(80)			
Other debt securities	6,490	(1,262)	_	_	6,490	(1,262)			
Total	\$ 352,656	\$ (24,442)	\$ 144,951	\$ (15,433)	\$ 497,607	\$ (39,875)			

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

## Note 2 Investment Securities Available for Sale (Continued)

	September 30, 2007											
	Less than 12 Months					12 Months or Greater				Total		
		Fair Unrealized Fair Unrealiz		nrealized	Fair		Unrealized					
		Value		Losses		Value		Losses		Value		Losses
Available for sale securities:												
U.S. Treasury securities	\$	_	\$	_	\$	24,977	\$	(23)	\$	24,977	\$	(23)
U.S. Government agencies and sponsored												
enterprises mortgage-backed securities		_		_		155,478		(4,186)		155,478		(4,186)
Other collateralized mortgage obligations		_		_		959		(18)		959		(18)
Mortgage pass-through certificates	1	115,584		(5,205)		426,293		(8,293)		541,877		(13,498)
Mutual funds and preferred stocks		28,452		(2,771)						28,452		(2,771)
State and municipal obligations		5,580		(7)		27,638		(724)		33,218		(731)
Other debt securities		1,889		(111)		1,800		(200)		3,689		(311)
Total	\$ 1	51,505	\$	(8,094)	\$	637,145	\$	(13,444)	\$	788,650	\$	(21,538)

Management has completed an assessment of each security with unrealized losses for impairment. The following describes the basis under which the Bank has evaluated OTTI.

*U.S.* Government Agencies and Sponsored Enterprises Mortgage-backed Securities ("MBS"):

The unrealized losses associated with U.S. Government agencies and Sponsored Enterprises MBS are primarily driven by changes in interest rates and not due to credit losses. These securities do not have any OTTI given the explicit or implicit government guarantee. There was no OTTI as of May 21, 2009, and September 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

Other Collateralized Mortgage Obligations ("CMO") and Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates:

These securities are assessed for impairment using a third party developed model, and proprietary behavioral assumptions using default and loss severity levels, and Voluntary Annual Prepayment Rates ("VPRs"). Based upon its assessment of the unrealized losses associated with these securities, management concluded that OTTI of \$55.6 million and \$95.1 million existed during the period ended May 21, 2009 and the year ended September 30, 2008, respectively. There was no OTTI for the year ended September 30, 2007. The Bank considers the remaining unrealized losses in this portfolio as of May 21, 2009, and September 30, 2008 and 2007 to be temporary.

Mutual Funds and Preferred Stock:

The Bank evaluates its investment in mutual funds for OTTI based on the quoted market value per share. The preferred stock in the investment portfolio was issued by U.S. Government sponsored enterprises. Based upon its assessment of the securities, management concluded that OTTI of \$6.6 million, \$45.9 million, and \$5.0 million existed during the period ended May 21, 2009, and the years ended September 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively. The Bank considers the remaining decline in the value of investment securities classified as available for sale as of May 21, 2009, and September 30, 2008 and 2007 to be temporary.

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

## Note 2 Investment Securities Available for Sale (Continued)

State and Municipal Obligations:

The unrealized losses associated with securities of State and municipal obligations are primarily driven by changes in interest rates and are not due to the credit quality of the securities. These investments are primarily investment grade. The securities were generally underwritten in accordance with the Bank's own investment standards prior to the decision to purchase, without relying on a bond issuer's guarantee in making the investment decision. These investments will continue to be monitored as part of the Bank's ongoing impairment analysis, but are expected to perform in accordance with terms, even if the rating agencies reduce the credit rating of the bond issuers. As a result, the Bank expects to recover the entire amortized cost basis of these securities.

#### Other Debt Securities:

These securities are assessed for impairment using a third party developed model, and proprietary behavioral assumptions using default and loss severity levels, and Voluntary Annual Prepayment Rates ("VPRs"). Based upon its assessment of the securities, management concluded that OTTI of \$6.4 million and \$1.0 million existed during the period ended May 21, 2009 and the year ended September 30, 2008, respectively. There was no OTTI for other debt securities for the year ended September 30, 2007.

For the remaining unrealized losses, the Bank believes that these securities will recover their losses in the foreseeable future and management has the intent and ability to hold the securities until the price recovers.

The fair values of the Bank's investment securities could decline in the future if the underlying performance of the collateral for the residential MBS or other securities deteriorate and the Bank's credit enhancement levels do not provide sufficient protection to the Bank's contractual principal and interest. As a result, there is a risk that OTTI may occur in the future.

Proceeds from sales of investment securities were \$9.8 million, \$124.4 million, and \$80.9 million for the period from October 1, 2008 through May 21, 2009, and for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2008, and September 30, 2007, respectively. Realized gains from these sales were \$371.9 thousand, and \$329.8 thousand for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2008, and September 30, 2007, respectively. There were no gains recognized during the period from October 1, 2008 through May 21, 2009. Realized losses from these sales were \$38.9 thousand, \$1.8 million, and \$894.0 thousand for the period from October 1, 2008 through May 21, 2009, and for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2008, and September 30, 2007, respectively.

As part of the Bank's liquidity management strategy, the Bank pledges securities to secure borrowings from the FHLB. The Bank also pledges securities to collateralize public deposits and securities sold under agreements to repurchase and due to the Federal Reserve. The carrying value of pledged securities totaled \$474.8 million, \$667.7 million, and \$302.6 million at May 21, 2009, September 30, 2008, and September 30, 2007, respectively.

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

## Note 3 FHLB Stock

BankUnited, as a member institution of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta, is required to own capital stock in the FHLB. The required stock ownership is based generally on (i) membership requirement and (ii) activity based requirement related to the levels that BankUnited borrows from the FHLB. In connection therewith, the Bank held stock with the aggregate carrying value of \$243.3 million, \$262.6 million, and \$305.4 million as of May 21, 2009, September 30, 2008, and September 30, 2007, respectively. The stock is restricted and can only be repurchased by the FHLB. No market exists for this stock and there is no quoted market price. Redemption of FHLB stock has historically been at par value, which is BankUnited's carrying value. The redemption of any excess stock BankUnited holds is at the discretion of the FHLB.

In evaluating OTTI of the FHLB stock, the Bank considered the most recent financial results, the resumption of dividends on common stock in the second quarter of 2009 and information from credit rating agencies. Management believes that there is no OTTI in its investment in FHLB stock as of May 21, 2009, September 30, 2008 and September 30, 2007.

## **Note 4 Loans Receivable**

At May 21, 2009, September 30, 2008, and September 30, 2007 loans receivable consisted of the following (amounts in thousands):

	May 21, 20	009	September 30	, 2008	September 30	, 2007
	Total	Percent of Total	Total	Percent of Total	Total	Percent of Total
Real Estate Loans:						
1-4 single family residential	\$ 8,993,077	91.9% \$	9,916,696	88.2% \$	10,693,832	85.1%
Home equity loans and lines of credit	505,642	5.2%	486,467	4.3%	420,386	3.3%
Multi-family	129,481	1.3%	144,324	1.3%	120,058	1.0%
Commercial real estate	594,877	6.1%	600,261	5.3%	496,556	4.0%
Construction	187,333	1.9%	171,213	1.5%	146,557	1.2%
Land	219,736	2.2%	224,723	2.0%	303,294	2.4%
Total real estate loans	10,630,146	108.6%	11,543,684	102.6%	12,180,683	97.0%
Other Loans:						
Commercial	181,484	1.9%	197,985	1.8%	187,951	1.5%
Consumer	12,179	0.1%	12,740	0.1%	16,228	0.1%
Total commercial and consumer loans	193,663	2.0%	210,725	1.9%	204,179	1.6%
Total loans held in portfolio	10,823,809	110.6%	11,754,409	104.5%	12,384,862	98.6%
Unearned discounts, premiums and		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				
deferred costs, net	190,406	1.9%	210,875	1.9%	235,454	1.9%
Allowance for loan losses	(1,227,173)	(12.5)%	(715,917)	(6.4)%	(58,623)	(0.5)%
Total loans held in portfolio, net	\$ 9,787,042	100.0% \$	11,249,367	100.0% \$	12,561,693	100.0%

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

## Note 4 Loans Receivable (Continued)

The following table provides a detail of loans to customers for states with balances of 4.4% of the portfolio and higher (dollars in millions):

May	21,	September 30,					
200	9	200	08	200	07		
	Percent		Percent		Percent		
Amount	of Total	Amount	of Total	Amount	of Total		
\$ 6,928	63.7%	\$ 7,340	62.4%	\$ 7,710	61.4%		
723	6.6%	824	7.0%	872	6.9%		
515	4.7%	611	5.2%	668	5.3%		
505	4.6%	544	4.6%	626	5.0%		
480	4.4%	518	4.4%	553	4.4%		
	Amount \$ 6,928 723 515 505	Amount     of Total       \$ 6,928     63.7%       723     6.6%       515     4.7%       505     4.6%	Z0005         Color           Amount         Percent of Total         Amount           \$ 6,928         63.7%         7,340           723         6.6%         824           515         4.7%         611           505         4.6%         544	Z00⊎         Z00⊎           Amount         Percent of Total         Amount         Of Total           \$ 6,928         63.7% \$ 7,340         62.4% \$ 7.0%           723         6.6%         824         7.0%           515         4.7%         611         5.2%           505         4.6%         544         4.6%	Amount         Percent of Total         Amount of Solution         Percent of Total         Percent of Total         Amount of Total         Percent of Total         Amount of T		

As part of the Bank's liquidity management strategy, the Bank pledges loans to secure FHLB borrowings. Pledged loans must meet specific requirements of eligibility and the unpaid principal balance is discounted based on criteria established by the FHLB. As of May 21, 2009, the Bank had pledged real estate loans with an unpaid principal balance of approximately \$7.6 billion (\$4.6 billion in lendable collateral value) for advances from the FHLB. As of September 30, 2008, the Bank had pledged real estate loans with an unpaid principal balance of approximately \$8.5 billion (\$6.1 billion in lendable collateral value) for advances from the FHLB. As of September 30, 2007, the Bank had pledged real estate loans with an unpaid principal balance of approximately \$9.1 billion (\$7.2 billion in lendable collateral value) for advances from the FHLB.

The following table presents total 1-4 single family residential loans categorized between fixed rate mortgages and adjustable rate mortgages ("ARMs") as of May 21, 2009, and September 30, 2008 and September 30, 2007 (dollars in thousands):

	May 21	,		September			
	2009	_	2008		2007		
	Amount	Percent of Total	Amount	Percent of Total	Amount	Percent of Total	
1-4 single family residential loans:							
Fixed rate loans	\$ 1,774,598	19.7%\$	1,636,063	16.5%\$	1,574,004	14.7%	
Adjustable rate loans (ARM):							
Monthly payment option(1)	3,876,584	43.1%	5,494,871	55.4%	6,496,835	60.8%	
Select-My-Payment(1)	808,506	9.0%	1,219,589	12.3%	1,100,020	10.3%	
Non option ARM	2,533,389	28.2%	1,566,173	15.8%	1,522,973	14.2%	
Total(2)	\$ 8,993,077	100.0%\$	9,916,696	100.0%\$	10,693,832	100.0%	

<sup>(1)</sup> As of May 21, 2009, payment option loans with a balance of \$3.8 billion, representing 78.9% of the payment option portfolio, were negatively amortizing and approximately \$265.3 million, or 5.6%, of the total payment option portfolio resulted from negative amortization. As of September 30, 2008, payment option loans with a balance of \$5.9 billion, representing 88.2% of the payment option portfolio, were negatively amortizing and approximately \$374.5 million, or 5.6%, of the total payment option portfolio results were from negative amortization. As of September 30, 2007, payment option loans with a balance of \$6.7 billion, representing 89% of the payment option

# NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

## Note 4 Loans Receivable (Continued)

portfolio, were negatively amortizing and approximately \$270.2 million, or 3.6%, of the total payment option portfolio results were from negative amortization. These loans are subject to interest rate caps.

(2) Excluding deferred costs, unearned discounts and premiums and allowance for loan losses.

The following table summarizes changes in the allowance for loan losses for the period from October 1, 2006 through May 21, 2009 (in thousands):

Balance as of September 30, 2006	\$ 36,378
Provision	31,500
Charge-offs	(11,050)
Recoveries	1,795
Balance as of September 30, 2007	58,623
Provision	856,374
Charge-offs	(230,309)
Recoveries	31,229
Balance as of September 30, 2008	715,917
Provision	919,139
Charge-offs	(449,010)
Recoveries	41,127
Balance as of May 21, 2009	\$ 1,227,173

The total allowance reflects management's estimate of credit losses inherent in the loan portfolio at the balance sheet date. The computation of the allowance for loan losses includes elements of judgment and high level of subjectivity. The Bank considers the allowance for loan losses to be adequate to cover credit losses inherent in the loan portfolio at May 21, 2009, September 30, 2008, and September 30, 2007.

Certain loans have been classified as impaired based on the Bank's inability to collect all amounts due under the contractual terms of the loan. The following table shows the Bank's investment in

# NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

# Note 4 Loans Receivable (Continued)

impaired and non-accrual loans as of and for the period ended May 21, 2009 and September 30, 2008 and September 30, 2007 (in thousands):

	May 21, 2009	September 30, 2008 2007	
Impaired loans on non-accrual:			
Real Estate Loans:			
1-4 single family residential:			
Payment option	\$ 1,674,325	\$ 968,647	\$ 149,749
Non-payment option	453,743	153,125	22,894
Total one-to-four family(1)	2,128,068	1,121,772	172,643
Home equity loans and lines of credit	27,263	8,866	2,251
Multi-family	21,544	10,028	_
Commercial real estate	2,888	_	5,593
Construction	78,403	58,549	_
Land	94,493	38,465	_
Total real estate loans	2,352,659	1,237,680	180,487
Other Loans:			
Commercial	763	65	232
Consumer	23	30	91
Total commercial and consumer loans	786	95	323
Total non-accrual loans	2,353,445	1,237,775	180,810
Impaired Loans and still accruing:			
Real Estate Loans:			
1-4 single family residential(2)	804,218	181,911	_
Commercial real estate	162,937	70,670	8,651
Construction	1,379	_	_
Land	22,780	8,672	9,697
Total real estate loans	991,314	261,253	18,348
Other Loans:			
Commercial	13,271	1,302	907
Consumer	554	550	516
Total commercial and consumer loans	13,825	1,853	1,423
Other loans past due 90 days and still accruing	_	71	493
Total non-accrual and impaired loans	\$ 3,358,584	\$ 1,500,952	\$ 201,074

<sup>(1)</sup> Included in non-accrual loans at May 21, 2009 and September 30, 2008 were \$154.9 million and \$43.3 million, respectively, of troubled debt restructured loans. There were no troubled debt restructured loans included in non-accrual loans at September 30, 2007.

# NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

#### Note 4 Loans Receivable (Continued)

(2) The amount of impaired 1-4 single family residential loans at May 21, 2009 and September 30, 2008 represents troubled debt restructured loans.

Had loans in non-accrual status been in accrual, the Bank would have recognized additional interest income of approximately \$88.9 million, \$85.9 million and \$10.0 million for the period ended May 21, 2009, September 30, 2008, and September 30, 2007, respectively.

Interest income recognized on non-accrual loans amounted to \$6.0 million, \$32.0 million, and \$6.2 million for the period ended May 21, 2009, September 30, 2008, and September 30, 2007, respectively.

The following table presents information related to the Bank's impaired loans and allocated reserves as of May 21, 2009 and September 30, 2008 and 2007 (in thousands):

	May	21,	September 30,				
	200	9	200	8	2007	<u>'</u>	
	Outstanding	Specific	Outstanding Specific		Outstanding Principal	Specific Reserves	
Impaired loans with specific reserves:	Principal	Reserves	Principal	Reserves	Frincipai	Reserves	
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1-4 single family residential	\$ 1,464,787	\$ 381,013	\$ 967,573	\$ 263,136	\$ 923	\$ 407	
Home equity loans and lines of credit	12,944	12,944	7,672	7,672	_	_	
Commercial real estate	188,373	133,683	107,042	25,147			
Commercial	1,755	1,272	160	160	232	232	
Total	1,667,860	528,913	1,082,446	296,115	1,155	639	
Impaired loans without specific reserves:							
1-4 single family residential	1,467,498		336,110		171,720		
Home equity loans and lines of credit	14,319	_	1,194	_	2,251	_	
Commercial real estate	196,051		79,342		23,941		
Commercial	12,279		1,207		907		
Consumer	577		580		607		
Loans past due 90 days and still							
accruing	_		71		493		
Total	1,690,724		418,505		199,919		
Total impaired loans	\$ 3,358,584	\$ 528,913	\$ 1,500,952	\$ 296,115	\$ 201,074	\$ 639	

Specific reserves related to troubled debt restructured loans amounted to \$56.5 million, and \$24.7 million at May 21, 2009 and September 30, 2008, respectively.

## Loans Held For Sale

Loans held for sale are accounted for under the lower of cost or fair value method. Lower of cost or fair value adjustments are recorded in earnings under non-interest income. During the period from

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

#### Note 4 Loans Receivable (Continued)

October 1, 2008 through May 21, 2009, the Bank transferred \$7.5 million of loans from loans held in portfolio to loans held for sale and recorded a loss of \$6 thousand, which is included in other non-interest income. During the years ended September 30, 2008 and September 30, 2007, the Bank transferred \$20.0 million, and \$37.8 million, respectively, of loans from loans held for sale to loans held in portfolio and recorded a loss of \$2.3 million, and \$0.0 million, respectively, which is included in other non-interest income.

#### Note 5 Servicing and Transfers of Mortgage Loans

#### Servicing

As of May 21, 2009, September 30, 2008, and September 30, 2007 the Bank had mortgage servicing rights ("MSR") with a carrying amount of \$1.1 million, \$27.1 million and \$20.6 million, respectively. MSRs are included with Other Assets on the consolidated balance sheet. The Bank accounted for MSRs using the amortization method (i.e., lower of cost or fair value) with impairment recognized as a reduction to non-operating income.

On November 17, 2008, Freddie Mac notified the Bank that they were terminating the Seller/Servicer Eligibility Contract with the Bank effective as of November 17, 2008. The Bank had the right to market the servicing rights until April 2009. Since the Bank was unable to sell the servicing rights, the termination of this agreement required the Bank to write-off the recorded Freddie Mac servicing asset, which totaled \$2.3 million, at February 28, 2009. On March 17, 2009, the Bank provided to Fannie Mae a notification whereby it voluntary terminated the Mortgage Selling and Servicing Contract between the Bank and Fannie Mae, effective as of April 1, 2009. The voluntarily termination required the Bank to write-off the recorded Fannie Mae servicing asset, which totaled \$15.8 million, at February 28, 2009. The termination of these contracts is consistent with the Bank's strategy of no longer being active in the wholesale residential lending business. At May 21, 2009, the remaining carrying value of the MSR of \$1.1 million, which approximates fair value, relates primarily to the servicing of remaining private label mortgage loans.

# NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

## Note 5 Servicing and Transfers of Mortgage Loans (Continued)

The following table provides activity related to the Bank's MSR assets from October 1, 2006 through May 21, 2009:

	 SR From oan Sales	_	MSR curitization thousands)	<u>T</u>	otal MSR
Balance October 1, 2006	\$ 15,628	\$	4,631	\$	20,259
New MSR assets from loan sales	4,994				4,994
Amortization of MSR assets	(2,263)		(1,066)		(3,329)
Impairment of MSR assets	(659)		(634)		(1,293)
Balance September 30, 2007	\$ 17,700	\$	2,931	\$	20,631
Fair Value at September 30, 2007	\$ 18,100	\$	2,931	\$	21,031
Balance October 1, 2007	\$ 17,700	\$	2,931	\$	20,631
New MSR assets from loan sales	14,885				14,885
MSR servicing sales	(14)		_		(14)
Amortization of MSR assets	(4,026)		(1,365)		(5,391)
Impairment of MSR assets	(3,043)		_		(3,043)
Balance September 30, 2008	\$ 25,502	\$	1,566	\$	27,068
Fair Value at September 30, 2008	\$ 26,646	\$	1,973	\$	28,619
Balance October 1, 2008	\$ 25,502	\$	1,566	\$	27,068
New MSR assets from loan sales	668		_		668
MSR servicing sales	_		_		_
Amortization of MSR assets	(1,435)		(161)		(1,596)
Impairment of MSR assets	(24,449)		(550)		(24,999)
Balance May 21, 2009	\$ 286	\$	855	\$	1,141

#### **Transfers**

On September 26, 2005, the Bank sold mortgage loans for securitization to a trust ("BUMT 2005-1") in a sale transaction. The BUMT 2005-1 securities are held in a trust established by a third party for the purpose of issuing securities arising from the securitization of one-to-four family residential mortgage loans originated by the Bank. The Bank's Trust 2005-1 is not controlled by, or affiliated with the Bank or any of its subsidiaries. The investors and the securitization trust have no recourse to the Bank's assets for failure of debtors to pay when due.

While the Bank does not retain credit risk on the loans it has securitized, it has potential liability, under representations and warranties it made to the trust purchasing the loans. Upon securitization of the mortgage loans, the Bank acquired subordinated securities, including an interest only strip (collectively retained securities), and recognized the value of the rights to servicing the underlying loans (MSRs). The Bank has classified the retained securities as available for sale.

Considerable judgment is required to determine the fair values of the Bank's retained securities. Unlike government securities and other highly liquid investments, the precise market value of retained securities cannot be readily determined because these assets are not actively traded in stand-alone

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

## Note 5 Servicing and Transfers of Mortgage Loans (Continued)

markets. Accordingly, the Bank utilizes independent third parties specializing in secondary market transactions to assist in the determination of the fair values of its retained securities through the use of discounted cash flow models. BankUnited values these securities using third party proprietary pricing models that incorporate observable and unobservable inputs. Unobservable inputs include BankUnited's expectation of projected prepayment speeds, discount rates and projected loss severity and default rates. The estimated fair value of the Bank's retained securities amounted to \$27.2 million, \$75.3 million and \$179.0 million as of May 21, 2009 and September 2008 and 2007, respectively.

At May 21, 2009, September 30, 2008 and September 30, 2007, BankUnited was servicing loans for others of approximately \$43.7 million, \$2.2 billion and \$1.6 billion, respectively.

### Note 6 Office Properties and Equipment, net

Included in other assets are office properties and equipment, net. At May 21, 2009, September 30, 2008 and September 30, 2007, office properties and equipment, net are summarized as follows (in thousands):

	May 21,			Septem	ber	30,
		2009	2008			2007
	(Dollars in thousands)					
Branch buildings	\$	3,738	\$	3,733	\$	3,530
Leasehold Improvements		47,481		47,515		44,330
Furniture, fixtures and equipment		31,679		32,551		35,491
Computer equipment and software		38,037		37,318		31,440
Total		120,935		121,117		114,791
Less: accumulated depreciation		(70,344)		(62,869)		(48,043)
Office properties and equipment, net	\$	50,591	\$	58,248	\$	66,748

Depreciation expense was \$7.8 million, \$15.3 million and \$13.0 million, for the period from October 1, 2008 through May 21, 2009, and the fiscal years ended September 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

Total rental expense on operating leases for the period from October 1, 2008 through May 21, 2009, and for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2008 and September 30, 2007, was \$10.9 million, \$16.2 million, and \$16.1 million, respectively.

The Bank and its subsidiaries lease premises and equipment under cancelable and non-cancelable leases, some of which contain renewal options under various terms. The leased properties are used primarily for banking purposes.

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

## Note 6 Office Properties and Equipment, net (Continued)

As of May 21, 2009, the Bank had entered into non-cancelable operating leases with approximate minimum future rentals as follows (in thousands):

Periods Ending May 21,	
2010	\$ 12,442
2011	11,262
2012	10,039
2013	8,457
2014	6,159
Thereafter through 2026	9,052
Total	\$ 57,411

#### **Note 7 Other Real Estate Owned**

An analysis of other real estate owned for the period from October 1, 2006 through May 21, 2009, as follows (in thousands):

Balance as of September 30, 2006	\$ 729
Transfers from loan portfolio, net	30,528
Transfers from other assets	51
Sales	(3,562)
Impairment	(14)
Balance as of September 30, 2007	 27,732
Transfers from loan portfolio, net	202,520
Transfers to other assets	(50)
Sales	(72,129)
Impairment	(22,749)
Balance as of September 30, 2008	 135,324
Transfers from loan portfolio, net	209,694
Sales	(128,597)
Impairment	(38,742)
Balance as of May 21, 2009	\$ 177,679

# **Note 8 Deposits**

At May 21, 2009, the Bank had outstanding non-interest bearing deposits of \$247.6 million and interest bearing deposits of \$8.3 billion. At September 30, 2008, the Bank had outstanding non-interest bearing deposits of \$293.3 million and interest bearing deposits of \$7.9 billion. At September 30, 2007, the Bank had outstanding non-interest bearing deposits of \$557.9 million and interest bearing deposits of \$6.7 billion. Deposits as of May 21, 2009 and September 30, 2008 include brokered time deposits amounting to \$348.4 million and \$773.9 million, respectively. There were no brokered deposits as of September 30, 2007.

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

## **Note 8 Deposits (Continued)**

The following table sets forth average amounts and weighted average rates paid on each of the Bank's deposit categories for the period ended May 21, 2009, September 30, 2008, and September 30, 2007 (amounts in thousands):

	May 21			September	ıber 30,			
	2009		2008		2007			
	Amount	Rate	Amount	Rate	Amount	Rate		
Transaction accounts, demand:								
Non-interest bearing	\$ 282,215	\$	441,570	\$	503,353			
Interest bearing	164,669	0.85%	199,942	1.07%	232,451	1.66%		
Money market accounts	784,043	3.11%	548,812	3.65%	280,864	4.63%		
Savings accounts	701,412	2.78%	1,324,916	3.59%	1,456,083	4.59%		
Certificates of deposit	6,611,919	4.04%	4,929,198	4.53%	4,325,561	5.06%		
Total average deposits	\$ 8,544,258	3.66%\$	7,444,438	3.93%\$	6,798,312	4.45%		

Time deposit accounts with balances of \$100,000 or more totaled approximately \$2.8 billion at May 21, 2009, including \$865.1 million with balances of \$250,000 or more. Time deposits accounts with balances of \$100,000 or more totaled approximately \$3.0 billion at September 30, 2008, including \$1.3 billion with balances of \$250,000 or more. Time deposit accounts with balances of \$100,000 or more totaled approximately \$2.1 billion at September 30, 2007, including \$676.5 million with balances of \$250,000 or more.

The following table sets forth maturities of time deposits equal to or greater than \$100,000 as of May 21, 2009, September 30, 2008, and September 30, 2007 (in thousands):

2008	2007
	2007
\$ 628,755	\$ 543,137
726,180	844,072
853,366	402,476
653,815	95,475
118,840	119,232
42,191	55,000
754	31,321
_	
\$ 3,023,901	\$ 2,090,713
	\$ 628,755 726,180 853,366 653,815 118,840 42,191 754

Included in the table above are \$211.9 million, \$259.4 million, and \$293.4 million of time deposits issued to the State of Florida which are collateralized by a letter of credit of \$325 million, \$345 million and \$155 million at May 21, 2009, September 30, 2008, and September 30, 2007, respectively.

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

#### **Note 8 Deposits (Continued)**

Interest expense on deposits for the period from October 1, 2008 through May 21, 2009, and the fiscal years ended September 30, 2008 and September 30, 2007, is as follows (in thousands):

	May 21,			Septem	ber	30,
	2009			2008		2007
Transaction accounts	\$	895	\$	2,146	\$	3,858
Money market		15,576		20,017		13,008
Savings accounts		12,433		47,583		66,580
Certificates of deposit		170,666		223,109		218,889
Total	\$	199,570	\$	292,855	\$	302,335

On October 3, 2008, the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act ("EESA") of 2008 became effective. This legislation was passed in response to the financial crisis affecting the banking system and financial markets and threats to investment banks and other financial institutions. The EESA temporarily raises the basic limit on federal deposit insurance coverage from \$100,000 to \$250,000 per depositor until December 31, 2009. The legislation did not increase coverage for retirement accounts and it continues to be \$250,000.

On October 14, 2008, the FDIC announced the Temporary Liquidity Guarantee Program ("TLGP") to strengthen confidence and encourage liquidity in the banking system. The new program provides full deposit insurance coverage for non-interest bearing deposit transaction accounts in FDIC-insured institutions, regardless of the dollar amount. These are mainly payment-processing accounts, such as payroll accounts used by businesses, which frequently exceed the maximum limit of \$250,000.

## Note 9 Securities Sold under Agreements to Repurchase

The following sets forth information concerning repurchase agreements for the period from October 1, 2008 through May 21, 2009, and the fiscal years ended September 30, 2008 and September 30, 2007 (amounts in thousands):

	May 21,	Septem	ber 30,
	2009	2008	2007
Maximum amount outstanding at any month end during the period	\$ 48,114	\$ 177,218	\$ 829,435
Average amount outstanding during the period	\$ 22,732	\$ 114,368	\$ 377,014
Weighted average interest rate for the period	0.40%	6 3.00%	6 5.29%

Interest expense on securities sold under agreements to repurchase aggregated \$58 thousand, \$3.4 million and \$19.9 million for the period from October 1, 2008 through May 21, 2009, and the fiscal years ended September 30, 2008 and September 30, 2007, respectively.

As of May 21, 2009, September 30, 2008, and September 30, 2007, the Bank had pledged mortgage-backed securities with a fair value of approximately \$30.4 million, \$79.4 million and \$143.0 million, respectively, for securities sold under agreements to repurchase. The agreements are overnight agreements with an average interest rate of 0.00%, 0.99%, and 4.58% at May 21, 2009, September 30, 2008, and September 30, 2007, respectively.

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#### **Note 10 FHLB Advances**

Advances from the FHLB outstanding as of May 21, 2009 incur interest and have contractual repayments as follows (amounts in thousands):

	Amount	Range of Intere	est Rates
Repayable During Period Ending May 21,			_
2010	\$ 2,300,000	2.52%	5.24%
2011	605,000	2.47%	4.97%
2012	235,000	2.81%	4.36%
2013	750,000	3.09%	4.83%
2014	<u> </u>	_	_
2015	100	0.00%	0.00%
2016	364,250	0.00%	4.79%
2017	<u> </u>	_	_
2018	175,000	2.76%	2.95%
Total Carrying Value	\$ 4,429,350		

The terms of a security agreement with the FHLB include a specific assignment of collateral that requires the maintenance of qualifying first mortgage, commercial real estate loans, home equity lines of credit and mortgage-backed securities as pledged collateral with unpaid principal amounts at least equal to 100% of the FHLB advances, when discounted at various percentages of their unpaid principal balance. As of May 21, 2009, September 30, 2008 and September 30, 2007, the Bank had pledged investment securities and mortgage loans with an aggregate carrying amount of approximately \$7.9 billion, \$8.8 billion and \$9.1 billion, respectively, for advances from the FHLB.

Interest expense for FHLB Advances was \$133.8 million, \$259.0 million and \$280.8 million, for the period from October 1, 2008 through May 21, 2009, and the fiscal years ended September 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

## **Note 11 Derivatives and Hedging Activities**

The Bank uses derivative instruments as part of its interest rate risk management activities to reduce risks associated with its loan origination and borrowing activities. Derivatives used for interest rate risk management include loan commitments and forward contracts that relate to the pricing of specific on-balance sheet instruments and forecasted transactions. The Bank recognizes all derivatives as either assets or liabilities on the consolidated balance sheets and reports them at fair value with realized and unrealized gains and losses included in either earnings or in other comprehensive income, depending on the purpose for which the derivative is held and whether the derivative qualifies for hedge accounting.

## **Loan Commitments**

The Bank commits to originate one-to-four family residential mortgage loans with potential borrowers at specified interest rates for short periods of time, usually thirty days. If potential borrowers meet underwriting standards, these loan commitments obligate the Bank to fund the loans, but do not obligate the potential borrowers to accept the loans. If the borrowers do not allow the commitments to expire, the loans are funded, and either placed into the Bank's loan portfolio or held for sale. Based on

#### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

## Note 11 Derivatives and Hedging Activities (Continued)

historical experience, the interest rate environment, and the underlying loan characteristics, the Bank estimates the amount of commitments that will ultimately become loans held for sale and accounts for those as derivatives during the commitment period. As derivatives, the changes in the fair value of the commitments are recorded in current earnings under other non-interest expense with an offset to the consolidated balance sheets in other liabilities. Fair values are based solely on the relationship of observable market interest rates and are calculated with the assistance of third parties.

#### Forward Sales Contracts

The Bank enters into forward sales contracts in order to economically hedge fair value exposure of loan commitments and fair value exposure to a change in interest rates of loans held for sale. Fair value changes of forward sales contracts, not eligible for hedge accounting, are recorded in earnings under non-interest expense with an offset in other liabilities. Hedge accounting was not applied to these contracts in the period from October 1, 2007 through May 21, 2009. Loans held for sale do not include any payment option loans.

## Interest Rate Swaps

The Bank had an interest rate swap agreement that expired during the year ended September 30, 2007. As of May 21, 2009 and September 30, 2008, the Bank had no interest rate swap agreements outstanding.

The following table summarizes certain information with respect to the use of derivatives and their impact on the Bank's consolidated statements of operations during the period ended May 21, 2009 and the years ended September 30, 2008 and September 30, 2007:

	May 21,		Septem		nbei	· 30,
	2	009	2	2008		2007
	(in thousands)					
Interest Rate Swaps						
Net gain (loss) recorded in non-interest income related to swaps	\$	_	\$	14	\$	(327)
Other Derivatives(1)						
Gain (loss) recorded in non-interest expense related to loan commitments	\$	183	\$	97	\$	(9)
Loss recorded in non-interest expense related to forward sales contracts	\$	(435)	\$	(627)	\$	(763)
Total net loss recorded in earnings due to derivatives	\$	(252)	\$	(516)	\$	(1,099)

<sup>(1)</sup> BankUnited uses other derivatives to economically hedge interest rate risk, but they do not qualify for hedge accounting treatment. As of September 30, 2008 and September 30, 2007, \$16 thousand and \$4 thousand, respectively, were reclassified out of other comprehensive income as a charge to expense from cash flow hedges. There were no such reclassifications for the period ended May 21, 2009.

## **Note 12 Regulatory Capital**

See Note 1 for a discussion of regulatory matters affecting regulatory capital.

#### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

## Note 12 Regulatory Capital (Continued)

On September 5, 2008, BankUnited received notification that the OTS reclassified the Bank's regulatory capital status from well-capitalized to adequately capitalized due to the deterioration in the Bank's non-traditional mortgage loan portfolio, the concentration of risk associated with that portfolio, and a resultant need for significant additional capital. As of May 21, 2009, the Bank had negative regulatory capital which created significant capital deficiencies in Tier 1 leverage, Tier 1 risk-based and total risk-based capital ratios.

BankUnited's regulatory capital levels as of September 30, 2008 and September 30, 2007 were as follows (amounts in thousands):

	September 30, 2008								
					Required to be co				
	Ac	Actual well-capitalized(1)			adequately capitalized				
	Ratio	Amount	Ratio	Amount	Ratio	Amount			
Tier 1 leverage ratio	2.89%	\$ 406,599	5.00%\$	703,458	4.00%\$	562,767			
Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio	4.90%	403,795	6.00%	494,443	4.00%	329,629			
Total risk based capital ratio	6.21%	512,446	10.00%	825,195	8.00%	660,156			

September 30, 2007										
Required to be considered Actual well-capitalized			<u>*</u>			Actual			-	
Ratio	Amount	Ratio	Amount	Ratio	Amount					
7.84%	\$ 1,183,375	5.00%\$	754,703	4.00%\$	603,763					
14.64%	1,173,788	6.00%	481,061	4.00%	320,707					
15.37%	1,232,706	10.00%	802,021	8.00%	641,617					
	7.84% 14.64%	Ratio         Amount           7.84%         \$ 1,183,375           14.64%         1,173,788	Actual         Required to be or well-capital Ratio           Ratio         Amount         Ratio           7.84%         \$ 1,183,375         5.00% \$           14.64%         1,173,788         6.00%	Actual         well-capitalized           Ratio         Amount         Ratio         Amount           7.84%         \$ 1,183,375         5.00%         754,703           14.64%         1,173,788         6.00%         481,061	Required to be considered well-capitalized           Ratio         Amount         Ratio         Ratio           7.84%         \$ 1,183,375         5.00%         \$ 754,703         4.00%           14.64%         1,173,788         6.00%         481,061         4.00%					

<sup>(1)</sup> As defined by OTS Banking Regulations, before consideration of requirements imposed by the Orders as discussed in Note 1.

No capital distributions were made by the Bank during the period ended May 21, 2009, and for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2008 and 2007.

In each of the fiscal years ended September 30, 2008 and September 30, 2007, BKUNA, the Bank's sole shareholder at that time, contributed \$80 million, in additional capital to the Bank.

## **Note 13 Benefit Plans**

# BankUnited 401(k) Plan

The Bank sponsors a 401(k) profit sharing plan (the "401(k) Plan") for eligible employees. Under the terms of the 401(k) Plan, eligible employees may contribute up to the limits set by law. Employees are eligible to participate in the plan after one month of service and the Bank's matching contributions begin vesting after two years of service at the rate of 25% per year up to 100% by the fifth year of service. The Bank makes matching contributions to the 401(k) Plan equal to 75% of the eligible employee pre-tax contribution up to 6% of salary. The matching contributions are made in the form of cash and allocated to the 401(k) Plan participants' investments. For the period from October 1, 2008 through May 21, 2009 and for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2008 and September 30, 2007, the

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## Note 13 Benefit Plans (Continued)

Bank made matching contributions of approximately \$1.4 million, \$2.4 million and \$2.1 million, respectively.

## **Note 14 Income Taxes**

The components of the provision (benefit) for income taxes for the period from October 1, 2008 through May 21, 2009 and for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2008 and September 30, 2007, is as follows (in thousands):

	May 21, 2009	_	Septemb 2008	er 3	<u>0,</u> 2007
Current income tax expense (benefit):					
Federal	\$ (50,306)	\$	(15,976)	\$	55,196
State	_		_		46
Total current income tax expense (benefit):	(50,306)		(15,976)		55,242
Deferred income tax expense (benefit):					
Federal	(382,587)		(320,645)		(175)
State	(19,787)		(30,890)		_
Valuation allowance	452,680		273,049		_
Total deferred income tax expense (benefit)	50,306		(78,486)		(175)
Total income tax expense (benefit)	\$	\$	(94,462)	\$	55,067

A reconciliation of the expected income tax expense (benefit) at the statutory federal income tax rate of 35% to the Bank's actual income tax expense and effective tax rate for the period from October 1, 2008 through May 21, 2009 and for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2008 and September 30, 2007, is as follows (amounts in thousands):

	May 21,					
	2009		2008		2007	
	Amount	%	Amount	<u>%</u>	Amount	%
Tax expense (benefit) at federal income tax rate	\$ (431,808)	35.0%	\$ (334,260)	35.0%	\$ 57,601	35.0%
Increases (decreases) resulting from:						
State tax, net of federal benefit	(19,787)	1.6%	(30,890)	3.2%	46	0.0%
Tax exempt income	(1,184)	0.2%	(2,017)	0.2%	(2,737)	(1.7)%
Other	99	0.0%	(344)	0.1%	157	0.1%
Valuation allowance	452,680	(36.7)%	273,049	(28.6)%		0.0%
Total	<u> </u>	0.1%	\$ (94,462)	9.9%	\$ 55,067	33.4%

Deferred income tax assets and liabilities result from temporary differences between assets and liabilities measured for financial reporting purposes and for income tax return purposes. These assets and liabilities are measured using the enacted tax rates and laws that are currently in effect and are reported net in the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets. The significant components of the net

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

#### **Note 14 Income Taxes (Continued)**

deferred tax assets and liabilities at May 21, 2009, September 30, 2008, and September 30, 2007 were as follows (in thousands):

	May 21,		Septeml			
	_	2009	_	2008	_	2007
Deferred tax assets:						
Allowance for loan losses and other reserves	\$	521,487	\$	293,069	\$	16,568
Impairment losses on available for sale securities		84,822		58,549		_
Unrealized losses in other comprehensive income		4,043		16,810		7,061
Non-accrual interest		15,518		9,615		3,054
AMT credit carryover		3,250		_		_
Impairment on other real estate owned and other expenses		_		8,802		1,845
Reserve for recourse liability		4,748		4,748		_
NOL carryforward		151,220		_		_
Other		2,182		1,402		452
Gross deferred tax assets		787,270		392,995		28,980
Valuation allowance		(730,041)		(287,823)		_
Net deferred tax asset	\$	57,229	\$	105,172	\$	28,980
Deferred tax liabilities:						
Deferrals and amortization		186		_		7,341
Sale of mortgage servicing rights		_		10,113		_
Other real estate owned expenses		5,945		_		_
Deferred REIT income		50,783		44,381		51,342
Other		315		372		232
Gross deferred liabilities	\$	57,229	\$	54,866	\$	58,915
Net deferred tax asset (liability)	\$	_	\$	50,306	\$	(29,935)

Realization of tax benefits for deductible temporary differences depends on having sufficient taxable income of an appropriate character within the carryforward periods. Sources of taxable income that may allow for the realization of these tax benefits include: (1) taxable income that would be available through carryback in future years, (2) future taxable income that will result from reversal of existing taxable temporary differences, (3) taxable income generated from future operations, and (4) prudent and feasible tax planning strategies.

At May 21, 2009 and September 30, 2008, the Bank had deferred tax assets net of deferred tax liabilities, before valuation allowances, of \$730.0 and \$338.1 million. The Bank's net deferred tax asset before valuation allowances resulted primarily from an increase in its allowance for loan losses and the recognition of other-than-temporary impairment losses on certain securities available for sale. At May 21, 2009 and September 30, 2008, after considering all available evidence the Bank determined that it was more likely than not that only a portion of its deferred tax assets in each fiscal period will not be realized. The determination that a valuation allowance was needed was primarily based on the current level of losses the Bank is experiencing, in addition to the uncertainty with respect to its future forecasted results. As a result of this determination, the Bank recorded a valuation allowance of \$730.0

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

#### **Note 14 Income Taxes (Continued)**

and \$287.8 million against its net deferred tax assets at May 21, 2009 and September 30, 2008, respectively.

The Bank determined that it is more likely than not that it will realize \$50.3 million of its net deferred tax assets as a result of the future carryback of losses generated by the deferred tax assets that will reverse during fiscal year 2009 and will be carried back to fiscal year 2007. This carryback is expected to result in a refund of \$50.3 million of income taxes paid by the Bank in 2007.

As of May 21, 2009, the Bank had a net operating loss carryforward for Federal tax purposes of \$432.1 million which will expire in 2029. The Bank's state income tax net operating loss carryforward is approximately \$951 million which will begin to expire in 2027. The Federal and State net operating loss deferred tax asset is completely offset by a valuation allowance.

The Bank adopted the provisions of FIN 48 effective October 1, 2007. The adoption of FIN 48 did not have a material effect on the Bank's financial condition, as the Bank recognized no increase in its liability for unrecognized income tax benefits. In addition, the Bank had no liabilities recorded for unrecognized income tax benefits for fiscal year 2007. For the period ended May 21, 2009, the Bank did not have any material unrecognized income tax benefits and, accordingly, the company continued to have a zero liability balance relating to FIN 48. The Company has elected to account for any applicable interest and penalties on uncertain tax positions as a component of income tax expense.

BKUNA federal returns through 2005 have been examined by the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS"), and therefore, it remains subject to examination for its fiscal years ended September 30, 2006, 2007 and 2008. Generally, the state jurisdictions in which the Bank files income tax returns are subject to examination for a period of up to four years after the returns are filed.

#### **Note 15 Commitments and Contingencies**

#### Reserve for Recourse Liability for Loans Sold

BankUnited has sold and securitized loans (hereinafter referred to as loan sales or loans sold) without recourse to government sponsored entities and private investors. When a loan sold to an investor without recourse contains fraudulent representations, errors, omissions or negligence on the part of the seller or any party involved in the origination, including the borrower or appraiser, or a breach of other representations and warranties, the Bank may be required to repurchase the loan or indemnify the investor for losses sustained.

The estimated losses related to forecasted loan repurchase activity and make whole indemnity claims meet the criteria for accrual of a loss contingency as of September 30, 2008. Management estimated the amount of potential losses related to the Bank's recourse obligations as of September 30, 2008 based on various sensitivity analyses taking into account historical experience and trends and current and projected market, industry and economic conditions. These factors are used to develop forecasted repurchase activity and estimated severity of losses. This analysis resulted in the Bank recording a provision for recourse liability amounting to \$12.4 million during the year ended September 30, 2008, which is included in gain (loss) on sale of loans in the consolidated statement of operations. The reserve for recourse liability on loans sold is included in other liabilities in the consolidated balance sheets as of May 21, 2009 and September 30, 2008. The Bank accounts for loans repurchased under recourse provisions at fair value on the date of repurchase, and recognizes an adjustment to the reserve for recourse liability for any difference between the fair value of the loan and the amount due to the investor.

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## Note 15 Commitments and Contingencies (Continued)

A summary of the activity in the reserve for the period ended May 21, 2009 and the year ended September 30, 2008 is as follows (no such reserve was deemed necessary at September 30, 2007):

	 The Period ed May 21, 2009	 r The Year Ended otember 30, 2008
Balance at beginning of period	\$ 8,663	\$ _
Provision for recourse liability	_	12,400
Mark-to-market adjustment for loans repurchased	(1,635)	(3,689)
Make whole indemnifications	(2,786)	(48)
Balance at end of period	\$ 4,242	\$ 8,663

#### **Financial Instruments Commitments**

These financial instruments in connection with BankUnited's lending activities and to meet the financing needs of its customers. These financial instruments include commitments to fund loans, lines of credit, and commercial and standby letters of credit. These commitments expose the Bank to varying degrees of credit and market risk which are essentially the same as those involved in extending loans to customers, and are subject to the Bank's credit policies. The Bank follows the same credit policies in making commitments as it does for instruments recorded on the Bank's consolidated balance sheet. Collateral is obtained based on management's assessment of the customer's credit risk. The Bank's exposure to credit loss is represented by the contractual amount of these commitments.

Total commitments at May 21, 2009 were as follows (in thousands):

Commitments to fund loans	
Commercial and commercial real estate	\$ 18,438
Construction	25,148
Unfunded commitments under line of credit	294,748
Commercial and standby letters of credit	27,149
Total	\$ 365,483

# Commitments to fund loans:

These are agreements to lend funds to customers as long as there is no violation of any condition established in the contract. Commitments to fund loans generally have fixed expiration dates or other termination clauses and may require payment of a fee. Many of these commitments are expected to expire without being funded, and therefore the total commitment amounts do not necessarily represent future liquidity requirements. The Bank evaluates each customer's creditworthiness on a case-by-case basis. The amount of collateral required in connection with an extension of credit is based on management's credit evaluation of the counterparty.

Unfunded commitments under lines of credit:

To accommodate the financial needs of customers, the Bank makes commitments under various terms to lend funds to consumers and businesses. Unfunded commitments under lines of credit include consumer, commercial and commercial real estate lines of credit to existing customers. Many of these

#### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

#### Note 15 Commitments and Contingencies (Continued)

commitments have fixed expiration dates or other termination clauses and may require payment of a fee. Since many of these commitments are expected to expire without being funded, the total commitment amounts do not necessarily represent future liquidity requirements. The amount of collateral obtained, if it is deemed necessary, is based on management's credit evaluation of the customer.

Commercial and standby letters of credit:

Letters of credit are conditional commitments issued by the Bank to guarantee the performance of a customer to a third party. Those letters of credit are primarily issued to support trade transactions or guarantee arrangements. Fees collected on standby letters of credit represent the fair value of those commitments and are deferred and amortized over their term, which is typically one year or less. The credit risk involved in issuing letters of credit is essentially the same as that involved in extending loan facilities to customers. BankUnited generally holds collateral supporting those commitments if deemed necessary.

#### **Other Commitments**

*Employment Agreements.* The Bank has employment and change in control agreements with certain members of senior management. The employment agreements, which establish the duties and compensation of the executives, have terms ranging from one year to five years, and include specific provisions for salary, bonus, other benefits and termination payments in certain circumstances. In addition to other provisions, the change in control agreements provide for severance payments in the event of a change in control.

*Operating leases.* BankUnited leases premises and equipment under cancelable and non-cancelable operating leases, some of which contain renewal options under various terms.

Legal Proceedings.

BankUnited and its subsidiaries, from time to time, are involved as plaintiff or defendant in other various legal actions arising in the normal course of their businesses. While the ultimate outcome of any such proceedings cannot be predicted with certainty, it is the opinion of management, based on advice of legal counsel, that no proceedings exist, either individually or in the aggregate, which, if determined adversely to BankUnited and its subsidiaries, would have a material effect on BankUnited's consolidated financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

As discussed in note 1 to the consolidated financial statements, the OTS seized the Bank on May 21, 2009 and appointed the FDIC as receiver. Pursuant to the terms of the Purchase and Assumption Agreement under which the New BankUnited purchased certain assets and assumed certain deposits and other liabilities of the Bank, all defensive litigation liabilities of the Bank were retained by the FDIC, as receiver, except those defensive litigation liabilities that relate to an asset purchased by New BankUnited and that are subject to a loss sharing agreement, which such liabilities were assumed by New BankUnited.

# **Note 16 Related Party Transactions**

The Bank has a Management Agreement with BKUNA dated October 1, 2006. The Management Agreement requires that BKUNA reimburse the Bank for management and other services provided to BKUNA on a monthly basis. BKUNA paid management fees to the Bank in conjunction with the

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

#### Note 16 Related Party Transactions (Continued)

Management Agreement amounting to \$0.6 million, \$1.1 million and \$1.1 million for the period ended May 21, 2009 and for the years ended September 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively. The management fees paid by BKUNA are included in non-interest income—service charges in the consolidated statements of operations.

The Bank and BU Financial Services (BUFS), a wholly-owned subsidiary of BKUNA, entered into a Fee Agreement dated October 1, 2007. The Fee Agreement requires that BUFS reimburse the Bank for management and other services provided to BUFS on a monthly basis. BUFS paid management fees to the Bank in conjunction with the Fee Agreement amounting to \$1.2 million and \$4.1 million for the period ended May 21, 2009 and for the year ended September 30, 2008, respectively. The fees received are included in non-interest income—service charges in the consolidated statements of operations.

The Bank has entered into a Tax Sharing Agreement with BKUNA, whereby the Bank pays to or receives cash from BKUNA as if the Bank filed separate tax returns. Any amount of current tax due to or receivable from BKUNA is included in the intercompany balance.

The consolidated balance sheets include \$10.6 million, \$1.9 million and \$1.7 million in other assets as of May 21, 2009 and September 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively, related to amounts receivable from BKUNA and BUFS related to the intercompany agreements discussed above and other intercompany transaction in the ordinary course of business, including amounts related to intercompany settlement of current taxes due or payable. In addition, included in interest bearing demand deposits in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets as of May 21, 2009 and September 30, 2008 and 2007 are \$18.1 million, \$29.1 million and \$204.5 million, respectively, of deposits from BKUNA and BUFS.

BKUNA had a capital commitment to the Bank as of September 30, 2007 amounting to \$80 million which was recorded as a capital contribution and is included in other assets. The capital commitment was paid on October 1, 2007.

From time to time, the Bank makes loans in the ordinary course of business as a financial institution to directors, officers and employees of the Bank, as well as to members of their immediate families and affiliates, to the extent consistent with applicable laws and regulations. As of May 21, 2009, September 30, 2008, and September 30, 2007 these loans totaled \$1.7 million, \$2.0 million, and \$2.0 million, respectively.

For the period ended May 21, 2009 and the years ended September 30, 2008 and September 30, 2007, the Bank retained the law firm of Camner, Lipsitz and Poller, P.A ("CLP"), as general counsel. The Bank's and BKUNA's former Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Directors, until October 20, 2008 is the senior managing director of CLP and one of two of the shareholders of the law firm. For the period ended May 21, 2009 and the years ended September 30, 2008 and September 30, 2007, the Bank paid CLP approximately \$3.2 million, \$7.1 million, and \$4.9 million respectively, in legal fees and reimbursable expenses, related to loan closings, foreclosures, litigation, corporate and other matters.

CLP subleases approximately 2,223 square feet of office space in Coral Gables, Florida from the Bank. The sublease extends through January 31, 2014 and may be renewed for up to four additional five-year terms, subject to the Bank exercising its right to renew under the master lease. Under the terms of the sublease the minimum annual rental payments for the property is \$65.7 thousand. Payments from CLP to the Bank during the period from October 1, 2008 to May 21, 2009 and the fiscal years ended September 30, 2008, and September 30, 2007, totaled \$55 thousand, \$81 thousand

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

## **Note 16 Related Party Transactions (Continued)**

and \$79 thousand, respectively, which included payments for tenant improvements of \$8 thousand, \$13 thousand, and \$23 thousand, respectively. The Bank believes that the terms of the sublease reflect market rates comparable to those prevailing in the area for similar rental properties involving non-affiliated parties at the time the sublease was made.

For the period ended May 21, 2009 and the fiscal years ended September 30, 2008 and September 30, 2007, BankUnited obtained policies for directors' and officers' liability insurance, banker's blanket bond insurance, commercial multi-peril insurance, workers' compensation insurance and BankUnited's health and dental insurance through HBA Insurance Group, of which a director of the Bank, is a member of the Board of Directors and shareholder. For the period ended May 21, 2009 and the years ended September 30, 2008 and September 30, 2007, the Bank paid HBA Insurance Group \$490 thousand, \$350 thousand, and \$319 thousand, respectively, in commissions on premiums paid for these policies.

The Bank paid the firm of Rachlin, LLP \$10 thousand and \$75 thousand for consulting services for the period ended May 21, 2009 and the year ended September 30, 2008, respectively. The managing partner of Rachlin, LLP is a member of the Bank's Board of Directors.

#### Note 17 Fair Value

The Bank groups its assets and liabilities measured at fair value in three levels, based on the markets in which the assets and liabilities are traded and the reliability of the assumptions used to determine fair value. These levels are as follows:

- Level 1—Assets or liabilities for which the identical item is traded on an active exchange, such as publicly-traded instruments or futures contracts.
- Level 2—Assets and liabilities valued based on observable market data for similar instruments.

Level 3—Assets or liabilities for which significant valuation assumptions are not readily observable in the market; instruments valued based on the best available data, some of which is internally-developed, and considers risk premiums that a market participant would require. Valuation techniques include use of option pricing models, discounted cash flow models and similar techniques.

In instances where there is limited or no observable market data, fair value measurements for assets and liabilities are based primarily upon the Bank's own estimates or combination of such estimates and independent vendor or broker pricing. When determining the fair value measurements for assets and liabilities and the related fair value hierarchy, the Bank considers the principal or most advantageous market in which it would transact and considers assumptions that market participants would use when pricing the asset or liability (observable inputs). When possible, the Bank looks to active and observable markets to price identical assets or liabilities and when identical assets and liabilities are not traded in active markets, the Bank looks to market observable data for similar assets and liabilities. It is the Bank's policy to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. Unobservable inputs are only used to measure fair value to the extent that observable inputs are not available. The need to use unobservable inputs generally results from the lack of market liquidity, resulting in diminished observability of both actual trades and assumptions that would otherwise be available to value these instruments, or the value of the underlying collateral is not market observable. Although third party price indications may be available for a security, limited trading activity would make it difficult to support the observability of these quotations.

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

#### Note 17 Fair Value (Continued)

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis, as well as the general classification of each instrument under the valuation hierarchy.

Assets and Liabilities Carried at Fair Value on a Recurring Basis

Investment securities available for sale—Investment securities available-for-sale are carried at fair value on a recurring basis. When available, fair value is based on quoted prices in an active market and as such would be classified as Level 1 (e.g., U.S. Government agencies and sponsored enterprises securities, preferred stock of U.S. Government agencies and mutual funds). If quoted market prices are not available, fair values are estimated using quoted prices of securities with similar characteristics, discounted cash flows or other pricing models. Investment securities available for sale that the Bank classifies as Level 2 include U.S. Government agencies mortgage-backed securities and collateralized mortgage obligations, preferred stock of other issuers and State and municipal obligations. All other investment securities available for sale are classified as Level 3 and include private label mortgage pass-through certificates, collateralized debt obligations and other debt securities, for which fair value estimation requires the use of unobservable inputs. The Bank values these securities using third party proprietary pricing models that incorporate observable and unobservable inputs.

The following table presents the financial instruments measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of May 21, 2009 on the consolidated balance sheet utilizing the hierarchy discussed above (in thousands):

May 21, 2009			
Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
\$ 35,423	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 35,423
_	227,879	_	227,879
_	_	1,785	1,785
_	_	230,091	230,091
17,981	113	_	18,094
_	22,446	250	22,696
_	1,300	1,676	2,976
\$ 53,404	\$ 251,738	\$ 233,802	\$ 538,944
	\$ 35,423 ————————————————————————————————————	Level 1     Level 2       \$ 35,423     \$ —       —     227,879       —     —       17,981     113       —     22,446       —     1,300	Level 1     Level 2     Level 3       \$ 35,423     \$ —     \$ —       —     227,879     —       —     —     1,785       —     —     230,091       17,981     113     —       —     22,446     250       —     1,300     1,676

The following table identifies changes in Level 3 financial instruments that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of May 21, 2009. Level 3 financial instruments typically include unobservable components, but may also include some observable components that may be validated to

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

## **Note 17 Fair Value (Continued)**

external sources. The gains or losses in the following table may include changes to fair value due in part to unobservable factors that may be part of the valuation methodology (in thousands):

	Other Collateralized Mortgages Obligations	Mortgages Pass-through Certificates	State and Municipal obligations	Other Debt Securities
Balance September 30, 2008	\$ 3,463	\$ 394,321	\$ 250	\$ 6,490
Total net gains (losses) for the year included in:				
Other comprehensive income	(1,554)	(57,543)	(0)	(80)
Purchases, sales or settlements, net	(124)	(106,687)	(0)	(4,734)
Balance May 21, 2009	\$ 1,785	\$ 230,091	\$ 250	\$ 1,676
		, , , ,	(0)	

Financial Assets and Liabilities Measured at Fair Value on a Non-Recurring Basis

Loans are measured for impairment using the fair value of the collateral. Fair value of the loan collateral is primarily determined using estimates which generally use the market and income approach valuation technique and use observable market data to formulate an opinion of the estimated fair value. When current appraisals are not available, the Bank uses its judgment regarding changes in market conditions, based on observable market inputs, to adjust the latest appraised value available. As a result, the estimated fair value is considered Level 3.

## Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The following table presents the carrying value and fair value of financial instruments as of May 21, 2009 and for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2008 and September 30, 2007 (in thousands):

	May 21, 2009		September 30, 2008			September 30, 200			, 2007			
	Carrying Value		Fair Value	Carrying Value						Carrying Value		Fair Value
Financial Instruments:												
Assets:												
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,143,280	\$	1,143,280	\$ 1,223,346	\$	1,223,346	\$	512,885	\$	512,885		
Investment securities available for sale, at fair value	538,944		538,944	755,225		755,225		1,098,665		1,098,665		
Federal Home Loan Bank stock	243,334		243,334	262,571		262,571		305,385		305,385		
Loans held for sale	788		788	10,050		10,050		174,868		174,868		
Loans held in portfolio, net	9,787,042		5,010,328	11,249,367		11,264,161		12,561,693		12,531,026		
Bank owned life insurance	129,111		129,111	126,956		126,956		122,100		122,100		
Accrued interest receivable	43,310		43,310	66,394		66,394		85,853		85,853		
Liabilities:												
Demand deposits, savings, money market and												
certificates of deposit	8,555,907		8,664,473	8,176,817		8,176,839		7,305,788		7,309,925		
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	1,310		1,310	56,930		56,930		143,072		143,072		
Advances from Federal Home Loan Bank	4,429,350		4,630,614	5,279,350		5,357,556		6,234,360		6,253,423		
Accrued interest payable	52,283		52,283	36,505		36,505		37,694		37,694		
Income taxes payable	_		_	_		_		20,843		20,843		
Advance payments by borrowers for taxes and												
insurance	52,362		52,362	91,223		91,223		97,455		97,455		
Other liabilities	58,623		58,623	48,923		48,923		34,576		34,576		
Derivative instruments	_		_	73		73		785		785		

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

#### Note 17 Fair Value (Continued)

The following methods and assumptions were used to estimate the fair value of each class of financial instruments not carried at fair value on recurring basis:

Certain financial instruments are carried at amounts that approximate fair value, due to their short-term nature or their generally negligible credit risk. The Bank's financial instruments for which fair value approximates the carrying amount at May 21, 2009, September 30, 2008, and September 30, 2007 include cash and cash equivalents, FHLB stock, accrued interest receivable, Bank owned life insurance, demand deposits, savings and money market accounts, securities sold under agreements to repurchase, income taxes payable, advance payments by borrowers for taxes and insurance and other liabilities.

Loans receivable

Fair values for all performing loans are estimated using a discounted cash flow analysis, utilizing interest rates currently being offered for loans with similar terms to borrowers of similar credit quality.

Bank Owned Life Insurance—The estimated fair value of Bank Owned Life Insurance is based on the cash surrender value.

Deposits.

The fair value of demand deposits, savings accounts and money market deposits is the amount payable on demand at the reporting date. The fair value of fixed-maturity certificates of deposit are estimated using discounted cash flow analysis using the rates currently offered for deposits of similar remaining maturities.

FHLB advances:

The fair value of the borrowings is estimated by discounting the future cash flows using the current rate at which similar borrowings with similar remaining maturities could be made.

Through and including , 2011 (25 days after the date of this prospectus), all dealers that buy, sell or trade our common stock, whether or not participating in this offering, may be required to deliver a prospectus. This delivery requirement is in addition to the obligation of dealers to deliver a prospectus when acting as underwriters and with respect to their unsold allotments or subscriptions.

26,250,000 Shares



# BankUnited, Inc.

Common Stock						
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	Prospectus , 2011					

**Morgan Stanley** 

**BofA Merrill Lynch** 

**Deutsche Bank Securities** 

Goldman, Sachs & Co.

Keefe, Bruyette & Woods

**RBC Capital Markets** 

**UBS Investment Bank** 

#### PART II

## INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS

#### Item 13. Other Expenses of Issuance and Distribution.

The following table sets forth the costs and expenses, other than underwriting discounts and commissions, payable by us in connection with the sale of the common stock being registered. All amounts, except the SEC registration fee and the FINRA filing fee, are estimates.

SEC registration fee	\$ 87,619
FINRA filing fee	75,500
NYSE listing fees and expenses	250,000
Transfer agent and registrar fees and expenses	10,000
Printing fees and expenses	750,000
Legal fees and expenses	2,500,000
Accounting fees and expenses	1,250,000
Miscellaneous	100,000
Total	\$ 5,023,119

## Item 14. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

Section 102(b)(7) of the DGCL permits a corporation to provide in its certificate of incorporation that a director of the corporation shall not be personally liable to the corporation or its stockholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director, except for liability (i) for any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to the corporation or its stockholders, (ii) for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, (iii) under Section 174 of the DGCL (regarding, among other things, the payment of unlawful dividends or unlawful stock purchases or redemptions), or (iv) for any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit. Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation will provide for such limitation of liability.

Section 145(a) of the DGCL empowers a corporation to indemnify any director, officer, employee or agent, or former director, officer, employee or agent, who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of the corporation) by reason of such person's service as a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or such person's service, at the corporation's request, as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation or enterprise, against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with such action, suit or proceeding; provided that such director or officer acted in good faith and in a manner reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding; provided that such director or officer had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful.

Section 145(b) of the DGCL empowers a corporation to indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action or suit by or in the right of the corporation to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that such person is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another enterprise, against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred in connection with the defense or settlement of such action or suit; provided that such director or officer acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation,

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except that no indemnification may be made in respect of any claim, issue or matter as to which such director or officer shall have been adjudged to be liable to the corporation unless and only to the extent that the Delaware Court of Chancery or the court in which such action or suit was brought shall determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all the circumstances of the case, such director or officer is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses which the court shall deem proper. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, except as otherwise provided in the by-laws, we shall be required to indemnify any such person in connection with a proceeding (or part thereof) commenced by such person only if the commencement of such proceeding (or part thereof) by any such person was authorized by the board.

In addition, our amended and restated certificate of incorporation will provide that we must indemnify our directors and officers to the fullest extent authorized by law. We are also expressly required to advance certain expenses to our directors and officers and carry directors' and officers' insurance providing indemnification for our directors and officers for some liabilities. We believe that these indemnification provisions and the directors' and officers' insurance are useful to attract and retain qualified directors and executive officers.

Prior to completion of this offering, we intend to enter into separate indemnification agreements with each of our directors and executive officers. Each indemnification agreement is expected to provide, among other things, for indemnification to the fullest extent permitted by law and our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and by-laws against (i) any and all expenses and liabilities, including judgments, fines, penalties, interest and amounts paid in settlement of any claim with our approval and counsel fees and disbursements, (ii) any liability pursuant to a loan guarantee, or otherwise, for any of our indebtedness, and (iii) any liabilities incurred as a result of acting on behalf of us (as a fiduciary or otherwise) in connection with an employee benefit plan. The indemnification agreements will provide for the advancement or payment of expenses to the indemnitee and for reimbursement to us if it is found that such indemnitee is not entitled to such indemnification under applicable law and our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and by-laws. Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers or persons controlling us pursuant to the foregoing provisions, in the opinion of the SEC, such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is therefore unenforceable.

The proposed form of Underwriting Agreement filed as Exhibit 1.1 to this Registration Statement provides for indemnification of directors and officers of the Registrant by the underwriters against certain liabilities.

#### Item 15. Recent Sales of Unregistered Securities.

In the three years preceding the filing of this registration statement, BankUnited, Inc. has issued the following securities:

On April 28, 2009, in connection with its incorporation and initial capitalization, BankUnited, Inc. issued 1,000 shares of its common stock to BU Financial Holdings LLC for \$10, which shares were subsequently canceled at the time of the Acquisition.

Since the Acquisition on May 21, 2009, BankUnited, Inc. issued an aggregate of 92,971,850.8 shares of its common stock to BU Financial Holdings LLC for consideration of \$930.3 million in capital investment transactions.

The issuances of securities described in the preceding paragraphs were made in reliance upon the exemption from registration under Section 4(2) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, for transactions by an issuer not involving a public offering. BankUnited, Inc. did not offer or sell the securities by any form of general solicitation or general advertising, informed the purchaser that the

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securities had not been registered under the Securities Act and were subject to restrictions on transfer, and made offers only to the purchaser, whom BankUnited, Inc. believed had the knowledge and experience in financial and business matters to evaluate the merits and risks of an investment in the securities.

BankUnited, Inc. granted certain of its employees (none of whom are named executive officers) 1,031,700 options to purchase an aggregate of 1,031,700 shares of our common stock under our 2009 Stock Option Plan. 49,990 of these options were forfeited subsequent to grant. These grants were exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act pursuant to Rule 701 promulgated thereunder inasmuch as they were offered and sold under written compensatory benefit plans and otherwise in compliance with the provisions of Rule 701.

The information presented in the preceding paragraphs does not give effect to the reorganization transactions described in the prospectus.

#### Item 16. Exhibits and Financial Statements Schedules.

- (a) Exhibits: The list of exhibits is set forth under "Exhibit Index" at the end of this registration statement and is incorporated herein by reference.
- (b) Financial Statement Schedules: None.

#### Item 17. Undertakings.

The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes to provide to the underwriters at the closing specified in the Underwriting Agreement certificates in such denominations and registered in such names as required by the underwriters to permit prompt delivery to each purchaser.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that, in the opinion of the SEC such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

The Registrant hereby undertakes that:

- (1) For purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, the information omitted from the form of prospectus filed as part of this Registration Statement in reliance upon Rule 430A and contained in a form of prospectus filed by the Registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b)(1) or (4) or 497(h) under the Securities Act shall be deemed to be part of this Registration Statement as of the time it was declared effective.
- (2) For purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each post-effective amendment that contains a form of prospectus shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

## **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant has duly caused this amendment to the registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized in the City of Miami Lakes, State of Florida, on January 24, 2011.

# BANKUNITED, INC.

By: /s/ JOHN A. KANAS

Name: John A. Kanas

Title: Chairman, President and Chief

Executive Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this amendment to the registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
/s/ JOHN A. KANAS	Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)	January 24, 2011
John A. Kanas	Officer (Finicipal Executive Officer)	
/s/ DOUGLAS J. PAULS	Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial	January 24, 2011
Douglas J. Pauls	and Accounting Officer)	
*	Vice Chairman, Chief Lending Officer and	January 24, 2011
John Bohlsen	Director	
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Chinh E. Chu	Director	January 24, 2011
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Ambassador Sue M. Cobb	Director	January 24, 2011
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Eugene F. DeMark	Director	January 24, 2011
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Richard S. LeFrak	Director	January 24, 2011
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	<u>Signature</u>	<u>Titl</u>	<u>Date</u>	
	*			
	Wilbur L. Ross, Jr.	— Director	January 24, 2011	
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	Pierre Olivier Sarkozy	Director	January 24, 2011	
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	Lance N. West	Director	January 24, 2011	
*By:	/s/ JOHN A. KANAS			
	Attorney-in-Fact	<del></del>		
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## **Exhibit Index**

Exhibit Description 1.1 Form of Underwriting Agreement 2.1a Purchase and Assumption Agreement, dated as of May 21, 2009, among the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Receiver of BankUnited, FSB, Coral Cables, Florida, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and BankUnited (Single Family Shared-Loss Agreement and Commercial and Other Shared-Loss Agreement included as Exhibits 4.15A and 4.15B thereto, respectively)\*\*† 2.1b Addendum to Purchase and Assumption Agreement, dated as of May 21, 2009, by and among the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Receiver of BankUnited, FSB, Coral Gables, Florida, BankUnited, and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation\*\* 2.1c Amendment No. 1 to the BankUnited Single Family Shared-Loss Agreement with the FDIC, dated as of November 2, 2010\*\* 2.1d Amendment No. 2 the BankUnited Single Family Shared-Loss Agreement with the FDIC, dated as of December 22, 2010\*\* 3.1 Form of Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation\*\* 3.2 Form of Amended and Restated By-Laws\*\* 4.1 Specimen common stock certificate\*\* 5.1 Opinion of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP 10.1a Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement of BU Financial Holdings LLC, dated as of May 21, 2009, by and among John A. Kanas, Rajinder P. Singh, John N. DiGiacomo, John Bohlsen and the other parties listed on Schedule A thereto (Schedule A as of January 15, 2011)\*\* 10.1b Joinders to the Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement 10.2a Employment Agreement, dated August 18, 2010, among BU Financial Holdings LLC, BankUnited, Inc. (formerly known as BU Financial Corporation) and John A. Kanas\*\* 10.2b Amended and Restated Employment Agreement, dated August 18, 2010, between BankUnited, a federally chartered thrift institution and John A. Kanas\*\* 10.3a Employment Agreement, dated August 18, 2010, among BU Financial Holdings LLC, BankUnited, Inc. (formerly known as BU Financial Corporation) and John Bohlsen\*\* 10.3b Amended and Restated Employment Agreement, dated August 18, 2010, between BankUnited, a federally chartered thrift institution and John Bohlsen\*\* 10.4a Employment Agreement, dated August 18, 2010, among BU Financial Holdings LLC, BankUnited, Inc. (formerly known as BU Financial Corporation) and Douglas J. Pauls\*\* 10.4b Amended and Restated Employment Agreement, dated August 18, 2010, between BankUnited, a federally chartered thrift institution and Douglas J. Pauls\*\* 10.5a Employment Agreement, dated August 18, 2010, among BU Financial Holdings LLC, BankUnited, Inc. (formerly known as BU Financial Corporation) and Rajinder P. Singh\*\* Amended and Restated Employment Agreement, dated August 18, 2010, between BankUnited, a federally chartered thrift institution and Rajinder P. Singh\*\*

10.6 BankUnited Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Plan\*\*

10.7 BankUnited, Inc. (formerly known as BU Financial Corporation) 2009 Stock Option Plan\*\*

Exhibit Number	Description				
10.8	Description BankUnited, Inc. 2010 Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan**				
10.9	Form of Registration Rights Agreement by and among BankUnited, Inc., John A. Kanas, Rajinder P. Singh, Douglas J. Pauls and John Bohlsen, and each of the other parties thereto				
10.10	Form of Director Nomination Agreement by and among BankUnited, Inc., John A. Kanas and the other parties thereto**				
10.11	Transaction Fee Agreement, dated May 21, 2009, among BU Financial Holdings LLC, Blackstone Management Partners L.L.C., Carlyle Investment Management L.L.C., Centerbridge Advisors, LLC and WL Ross & Co. LLC**				
10.12	BU Financial Holdings LLC Warrant to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation dated May 21, 2009**				
10.13	Form of indemnification agreement between BankUnited, Inc. and each of its directors and executive officers**				
10.14	BankUnited, Inc. Policy on Incentive Compensation Arrangements				
21.1	Subsidiaries of BankUnited, Inc.**				
23.1	Consent of KPMG LLP				
23.2	Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP				
23.3	Consent of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1)				
24.1	Power of Attorney**				

<sup>\*\*</sup> Previously filed.

<sup>†</sup> Schedules and similar attachments to the Purchase and Assumption Agreement have been omitted pursuant to Item 601(b)(2) of Regulation S-K. The registrant will furnish supplementally a copy of any omitted schedules or similar attachment to the SEC upon request.

[ ] Shares

#### BANKUNITED, INC.

## COMMON STOCK, PAR VALUE \$0.01 PER SHARE

#### UNDERWRITING AGREEMENT

, 2011

[ ], 2011

Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated

c/o Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated 1585 Broadway New York, New York 10036

Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated One Bryant Park New York, New York 10036

As representatives of the several underwriters

Ladies and Gentlemen:

BankUnited, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), proposes to issue and sell to the several Underwriters named in Schedule II hereto (the "Underwriters"), and certain unitholders of BU Financial Holdings LLC (the "LLC") which, substantially concurrently with the Closing Date, will be liquidated whereupon the unitholders of the LLC will become stockholders of the Company (the "Selling Stockholders") named in Schedule I hereto severally propose to sell to the several Underwriters, an aggregate of 26,250,000 shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of the Company (the "Firm Shares"), of which 4,000,000 shares are to be issued and sold by the Company and 22,250,000 shares are to be sold by the Selling Stockholders, each Selling Stockholder selling the amount set forth opposite such Selling Stockholder's name in Schedule I hereto.

The Selling Stockholders also propose to issue and sell to the several Underwriters not more than an additional 3,937,500 shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Additional Shares"), of the Company, if and to the extent that you, as representatives of the several Underwriters (the "Representatives"), shall have determined to exercise, on behalf of the Underwriters, the right to purchase such shares of common stock granted to the Underwriters in Section 3 hereof. The Firm Shares and the Additional Shares are hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Shares." The shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of the Company to be outstanding after giving effect to the sales contemplated hereby are hereinafter referred to as the "Common

Stock." The Company and the Selling Stockholders are hereinafter sometimes collectively referred to as the "Sellers."

The Company has filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") a registration statement, including a prospectus, relating to the Shares. The registration statement as amended at the time it becomes effective, including the information (if any) deemed to be part of the registration statement at the time of effectiveness pursuant to Rule 430A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), is hereinafter referred to as the "Registration Statement"; the prospectus in the form first used to confirm sales of the Shares (or in the form first made available to the Underwriters by the Company to meet requests of purchasers pursuant to Rule 173 under the Securities Act) is hereinafter referred to as the "Prospectus." If the Company has filed an abbreviated registration statement to register additional shares of Common Stock pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act (the "Rule 462 Registration Statement"), then any reference herein to the term "Registration Statement" shall be deemed to include such Rule 462 Registration Statement.

For purposes of this Agreement, "**free writing prospectus**" has the meaning set forth in Rule 405 under the Securities Act, "**Time of Sale Prospectus**" means the preliminary prospectus together with the free writing prospectuses, if any, each identified in Schedule III hereto, and "**broadly available road show**" means a "bona fide electronic road show" as defined in Rule 433(h)(5) under the Securities Act that has been made available without restriction to any person. As used herein, the terms "Registration Statement," "preliminary prospectus," "Time of Sale Prospectus" and "Prospectus" shall include the documents, if any, incorporated by reference therein.

1. Representations and Warranties of the Company. The Company represents and warrants to and agrees with each of the Underwriters that:

- (a) The Registration Statement has become effective; no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement is in effect, and no proceedings for such purpose are pending before or, to the Company's knowledge, threatened by the Commission.
- (b) (i) The Registration Statement, when it became effective, did not contain and, as amended or supplemented, if applicable, at all times during which a prospectus is required by the Securities Act to be delivered in connection with the sale of the Shares, will not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, (ii) the Registration Statement and the Prospectus comply and, as amended or supplemented, if applicable, at all times during which a prospectus is required by the Securities Act to be delivered in connection with the sale of the Shares, will comply in all material respects with

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the Securities Act and the applicable rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder, (iii) the Time of Sale Prospectus does not, and at the time of each sale of the Shares in connection with the offering when the Prospectus is not yet available to prospective purchasers and at the Closing Date (as defined in Section 5), the Time of Sale Prospectus, as then amended or supplemented by the Company, if applicable, will not, contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, (iv) each broadly available road show, if any, when considered together with the Time of Sale Prospectus, does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading and (v) the Prospectus does not contain and, as amended or supplemented, if applicable, at all times during which a prospectus is required by the Securities Act to be delivered in connection with the sale of the Shares, will not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, except that the representations and warranties set forth in this paragraph do not apply to statements or omissions in the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus or the Prospectus based upon information relating to any Underwriter furnished to the Company in writing by such Underwriter through you expressly for use therein.

- (c) The Company is not an "ineligible issuer" in connection with the offering pursuant to Rules 164, 405 and 433 under the Securities Act. Any free writing prospectus that the Company is required to file pursuant to Rule 433(d) under the Securities Act has been, or will be, filed with the Commission in accordance with the requirements of the Securities Act and the applicable rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder. Each free writing prospectus that the Company has filed, or is required to file, pursuant to Rule 433(d) under the Securities Act or that was prepared by or on behalf of or used or referred to by the Company complies or will comply in all material respects with the requirements of the Securities Act and the applicable rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder. Except for the free writing p rospectuses, if any, identified in Schedule III hereto, and electronic road shows, if any, each furnished to you before first use, the Company has not prepared, used or referred to, and will not, without your prior consent, prepare, use or refer to, any free writing prospectus.
- (d) The Company has been duly incorporated, is validly existing as a corporation in good standing under the laws of the State of Delaware, is a savings and loan holding corporation registered under Section 10 of the Home Owners' Loan Act, as amended ("HOLA"), has the corporate power and authority to own its property and to conduct its business as described in the Time of Sale Prospectus and is duly qualified to transact business and is in good standing in each jurisdiction in which the conduct of its business or its ownership or leasing

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of property requires such qualification, except to the extent that the failure to be so qualified or be in good standing would not have a material adverse effect on the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole.

- (e) (i) BankUnited (the "Bank") was chartered under the laws of the United States to transact the business of a Federal savings bank and the charter of the Bank is in full force and effect, (ii) each other subsidiary of the Company has been duly incorporated, is validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its incorporation, and (iii) each subsidiary of the Company, including the Bank, has the corporate or federal savings association power and authority to own its property and to conduct its business as described in the Time of Sale Prospectus and is duly qualified to transact business and is in good standing in each jurisdiction in which the conduct of its business or its ownership or leasing of property requires such qualification, except in each case to the extent that the failure to be so qualified or be in good standing would not have a material adverse effect on the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, and except that the representation regarding due incorporation of each other subsidiary of the Company is based solely on good standing certificates received from the subsidiary's jurisdiction of incorporation; all of the issued and outstanding capital stock of the Bank and all of the issued and outstanding shares of capital stock of each other subsidiary of the Company have been duly authorized and validly issued, are fully paid and non-assessable and are owned directly or indirectly by the Company, free and clear of all liens, encumbrances, equities or claims.
  - (f) This Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company.
- (g) The authorized capital stock of the Company, on the Closing Date (as defined in Section 5), will conform as to legal matters to the description thereof contained in each of the Time of Sale Prospectus and the Prospectus.
- (h) The shares of Common Stock (including the Shares to be sold by the Selling Stockholders) outstanding prior to the issuance of the Shares to be sold by the Company have been duly authorized and are validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable.
- (i) The Shares to be sold by the Company have been duly authorized and, when issued and delivered in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable, and the issuance of such Shares will not be subject to any preemptive or similar rights.
- (j) The execution and delivery by the Company of, and the performance by the Company of its obligations under, this Agreement will not contravene (i) any provision of applicable law, (ii) the certificate of incorporation or by-laws of the Company, (iii) any agreement or other instrument binding upon

the Company or any of its subsidiaries, or (iv) any judgment, order or decree of any governmental body, agency or court having jurisdiction over the Company or any subsidiary, except, in the case of clauses (i), (iii) and (iv) above where such contravention would not, singly or in the aggregate, have a material adverse effect on the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole. No consent, approval, authorization or order of, or qualification with, any governmental body or agency is required for the performance by the Company of its obligations under this Agreement, except such as may be required by the securities or Blue Sky laws of the various states in connection with the offer and sale of the Shares and except for those which have been obtained or made.

- (k) There has not occurred any material adverse change, or any development involving a prospective material adverse change, in the condition, financial or otherwise, or in the earnings, business or operations of the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, from that set forth in the Time of Sale Prospectus.
- (l) There are no legal or governmental proceedings pending or, to the knowledge of the Company, threatened to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries is a party or to which any of the properties of the Company or any of its subsidiaries is subject (i) other than proceedings that would not be reasonably expected to have a material adverse effect on the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, or on the power or ability of the Company to perform its obligations under this Agreement or to consummate the transactions contemplated by the Time of Sale Prospectus or (ii) that are required to be described in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus or to be filed as exhibits to the Re gistration Statement that are not described or filed as required.
- (m) Each preliminary prospectus filed as part of the registration statement as originally filed or as part of any amendment thereto, or filed pursuant to Rule 424 under the Securities Act, complied when so filed in all material respects with the Securities Act and the applicable rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder.
- (n) The Company is not, and solely after giving effect to the offering and sale of the Shares to be sold by the Company and the application of the proceeds thereof as described in the Prospectus will not be, required to register as an "investment company" as such term is defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.
- (o) The Company and its subsidiaries (i) are in compliance with any and all applicable foreign, federal, state and local laws and regulations relating to the protection of human health and safety, the environment or hazardous or toxic

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substances or wastes, pollutants or contaminants ("Environmental Laws"), (ii) have received all permits, licenses or other approvals required of them under applicable Environmental Laws to conduct their respective businesses and (iii) are in compliance with all terms and conditions of any such permit, license or approval, except where such noncompliance with Environmental Laws, failure to receive required permits, licenses or other approvals or failure to comply with the terms and conditions of such permits, licenses or approvals would not, singly or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole.

- (p) There are no costs or liabilities associated with Environmental Laws (including, without limitation, any capital or operating expenditures required for clean-up, closure of properties or compliance with Environmental Laws or any permit, license or approval, any related constraints on operating activities and any potential liabilities to third parties) that would, singly or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole.
- (q) Except as described in the Time of Sale Prospectus, there are no contracts, agreements or understandings between the Company and any person granting such person the right to require the Company to file a registration statement under the Securities Act with respect to any securities of the Company or to require the Company to include such securities with the Shares registered pursuant to the Registration Statement.
- (r) None of the Company, any of its subsidiaries, any director or officer thereof, or, to the Company's knowledge, any affiliate, employee or agent or representative of the Company or of any of its subsidiaries or affiliates, has violated any provision of the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977, as amended, and the rules and regulations thereunder (the "FCPA"), including, without limitation, by making use of the mails or any means or instrumentality of interstate commerce corruptly in furtherance of an offer, payment, promise to pay or authorization or approval of the payment or giving of any money, property, gifts or anything else of value to any "foreign official" (as such term is defined in the FCPA) or any foreign political party or party official or any candidate for foreign political office in contravention of the FCPA; and the Company and its subsidiaries have conducted their businesses in compliance with the FCPA and have instituted and maintain policies and procedures reasonably designed to promote and achieve compliance therewith.
- (s) The operations of the Company and its subsidiaries are and have been conducted at all times in material compliance with all applicable financial recordkeeping and reporting requirements, including those of the Bank Secrecy Act, as amended by Title III of the Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act of

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2001 (USA PATRIOT Act), and the applicable anti-money laundering statutes of jurisdictions where the Company and its subsidiaries conduct business, the rules and regulations thereunder and any related or similar rules, regulations or guidelines, issued, administered or enforced by any governmental agency (collectively, the "Anti-Money Laundering Laws"), and no action, suit or proceeding by or before any court or governmental agency, authority or body or any arbitrator involving the Company or any of its subsidiaries with respect to the Anti-Money Laundering Laws is pending or, to the knowledge of the Company, threatened.

(t) The Company and each of its subsidiaries are in compliance with all applicable laws administered by, and regulations of, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (the "FDIC"), the Office of Thrift Supervision (the "OTS"), the Florida Office of Financial Regulation (the "Office of Financial Regulation") and any other federal or state bank regulatory authorities with jurisdiction over the Company or any of its subsidiaries (together with the FDIC, the OTS and the Office of Financial Regulation, the "Bank Regulatory Authorities"), except where the failure to be in compliance with such laws and regulations would not, singly or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a

whole. The deposit accounts of each banking subsidiary of the Company are insured up to applicable limits by the FDIC and no proceedings for the termination or revocation of such insurance are pending or, to the knowledge of the Company, threatened. Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries is a party to or otherwise subject to any consent decree, memorandum of understanding, cease and desist order, order of prohibition or suspension, written commitment, supervisory agreement, or written agreement or other written statement as described under 12 U.S.C. 1818(u) (whether or not such federal banking agency has determined that publication would be contrary to the public interest) with any of the Bank Regulatory Authorities, nor have the Company or any of its subsidiaries been advised by any of the Bank Regulatory Authorities that it is contemplating issuing or requesting any of the foregoing.

- (u) (i) None of the Company, any of its subsidiaries, any director or officer thereof, or, to the Company's knowledge, any employee, agent, affiliate or representative of the Company or any of its subsidiaries, is an individual or entity ("**Person**") that is, or is owned or controlled by a Person that is:
  - (A) currently the subject of any sanctions administered or enforced by the U.S. Department of Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control ("OFAC") (collectively, "Sanctions"), or
  - (B) located, organized or resident in a country or territory that is the subject of Sanctions (including, without limitation, Burma/Myanmar, Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Sudan and Syria).

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- (ii) The Company will not, directly or indirectly, use the proceeds of the offering of the Shares hereunder, or lend, contribute or otherwise make available such proceeds to any subsidiary, joint venture partner or other Person:
  - (A) to fund or facilitate any activities or business of or with any Person or in any country or territory that, at the time of such funding or facilitation, is the subject of Sanctions; or
  - (B) in any other manner that will result in a violation of Sanctions by any Person (including any Person participating in the offering, whether as underwriter, advisor, investor or otherwise).
- (iii) The Company and its subsidiaries have not knowingly engaged in, are not now knowingly engaged in, and will not engage in, any dealings or transactions with any Person, or in any country or territory, that at the time of the dealing or transaction is or was the subject of Sanctions.
- (v) Subsequent to the respective dates as of which information is given in each of the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus and the Prospectus, (i) the Company and its subsidiaries have not incurred any material liability or material obligation, direct or contingent, nor entered into any material transaction; (ii) the Company has not purchased any of its outstanding capital stock, nor declared, paid or otherwise made any dividend or distribution of any kind on its capital stock other than ordinary and customary dividends; and (iii) there has not been any material change in the capital stock, short-term debt or long-term debt of the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole amongst the Company and its subsidiaries, except in each case as described in each of the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus and the Prospectus, respectively.
- (w) The Company and its subsidiaries have valid title in fee simple to all real property and valid title to all personal property owned by them that is material to the business of the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, in each case free and clear of all liens, encumbrances and defects, except such as are described in the Time of Sale Prospectus or such as do not materially affect the value of such property and do not materially interfere with the use made and proposed to be made of such property by the Company and its subsidiaries; and any real property and buildings held under lease by the Company and its subsidiaries that, singly or in the aggregate, are material to the business of the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, are held by them under valid, subsisting and enforceable leases with such exceptions as are not material and do not interfere with the use made and proposed to be made of such property and buildings by the Company and its subsidiaries, in each case except as described in the Time of Sale Prospectus.

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- (x) The Company and its subsidiaries own or possess, or, to the knowledge of the Company, can acquire on reasonable terms, all material patents, patent rights, licenses, inventions, copyrights, know-how (including trade secrets and other unpatented and/or unpatentable proprietary or confidential information, systems or procedures), trademarks, service marks and trade names currently employed by them in connection with the business now operated by them, and neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has received any notice of infringement of or conflict with asserted rights of others with respect to any of the foregoing that, singly or in the aggregate, would reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole.
- (y) No material labor dispute with the employees of the Company or any of its subsidiaries exists, except as described in the Time of Sale Prospectus, or, to the knowledge of the Company, is imminent.
- (z) The Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, are insured by insurers of recognized financial responsibility against such losses and risks and in such amounts as are prudent and customary in the businesses in which they are engaged; and neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has any reason to believe that it will not be able to obtain the same or similar coverage from similar insurers as may be necessary to continue their business at a cost that would not have a material adverse effect on the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, except as described in the Time of Sale Prospectus.
- (aa) The Company and its subsidiaries possess all certificates, authorizations and permits issued by the appropriate federal, state or foreign regulatory authorities necessary to conduct their respective businesses, except as could not reasonably be expected, singly or in the aggregate, to have a material adverse effect on the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, and neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has received any notice of proceedings relating to the revocation or modification of any such certificate, authorization or permit that, singly or in the aggregate, could reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, except as described in the Time of Sale Prospectus.
- (bb) Except as described in the Time of Sale Prospectus, the Company and its subsidiaries, on a consolidated basis, maintain a system of internal accounting controls sufficient to provide reasonable assurance that (i) transactions are executed in accordance with management's general or specific authorizations; (ii) transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles and to maintain asset accountability; (iii) access to assets is permitted only in accordance with management's general or specific authorization; and

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described in the Time of Sale Prospectus, since the end of the Company's most recent audited fiscal year, there has been (i) no material weakness in the Company's internal control over financial reporting (whether or not remediated) and (ii) no change in the Company's internal control over financial reporting that has materially and adversely affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

- (cc) Except as described in the Time of Sale Prospectus, including any shares or options issued in the reorganization described therein, the Company has not sold, issued or distributed any shares of Common Stock during the six-month period preceding the date hereof, including any sales pursuant to Rule 144A under, or Regulation D or S of, the Securities Act, other than shares issued pursuant to employee benefit plans, qualified stock option plans or other employee compensation plans or pursuant to outstanding options, rights or warrants.
- (dd) The Company and its subsidiaries have filed all federal, state, local and foreign tax returns required to be filed through the date of this Agreement or have requested extensions thereof (except where the failure to file would not have a material adverse effect on the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole) and have accrued or paid all taxes required to be reflected thereon and any other tax, assessment, fine or penalty levied against them (except where the failure to accrue or pay would not have a material adverse effect on the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, or except as currently being contested in good faith and for which reserves required by U.S. GAAP have been created in the consolidated financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries), and no tax deficiency has been determined adversely to the Company or rany of its subsidiaries (nor does the Company or its subsidiaries have any notice or knowledge of any tax deficiency which could reasonably be expected to be determined adversely to the Company or its subsidiaries, taken as a whole.
- (ee) The Bank is "well-capitalized" (as that term is defined at 12 C.F.R. 565.4(b)(1)), and the Bank has not yet received a Community Reinvestment Act ("CRA") rating. The Bank has not been informed by the Bank Regulatory Authorities that its status as "well-capitalized" will change within one year, nor has the Bank been informed by the Bank Regulatory Authorities that it may receive a less than "satisfactory" rating for CRA purposes.
- 2. *Representations and Warranties of the Selling Stockholders.* Each Selling Stockholder, severally and not jointly, represents and warrants to and agrees with each of the Underwriters that:

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- (a) This Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by or on behalf of such Selling Stockholder.
- (b) The execution and delivery by such Selling Stockholder of, and the performance by such Selling Stockholder of its obligations under, this Agreement, the Custody Agreement signed by such Selling Stockholder and Registrar and Transfer Company, as Custodian, relating to Shares to be sold by such Selling Stockholder (the "Custody Agreement") and the Power of Attorney appointing certain individuals as such Selling Stockholder's attorneys-infact to the extent set forth therein, relating to the transactions contemplated hereby and by the Registration Statement (the "Power of Attorney") will not contravene (i) any provision of applicable law, (ii) the certificate of incorporation or by-laws or other organizational documents of such Selling Stockholder (if such Selling Stockholder is a corporation or other business entity or trust), (iii) any agreement or other instrument binding upon such Selling Stockholder or (iv) any judgment, order or decree of any governmental body, agency or court having jurisdiction over such Selling Stockholder, except, in the case of clauses (i), (iii) and (iv) above, where such contravention would not, singly or in the aggregate, have a material adverse effect on such Selling Stockholder's ability to perform its obligations under this Agreement. No consent, approval, authorization or order of, or qualification with, any governmental body or agency is required for the performance by such Selling Stockholder of its obligations under this Agreement or the Custody Agreement or Power of Attorney of such Selling Stockholder, except such as may be required by the securities or Blue Sky laws of the various states in connection with the offer and sale of the Shares.
- (c) Such Selling Stockholder has valid title to units of the LLC which will entitle such Selling Stockholder to the Shares to be sold by such Selling Stockholder, and on the Closing Date will have, valid title to, or a "security entitlement" within the meaning of Section 8-501 of the New York Uniform Commercial Code (the "UCC") in respect of, the Shares to be sold by such Selling Stockholder free and clear of all security interests, claims, liens, equities or other encumbrances and the legal right and power, and all authorization and approval required by law, to enter into this Agreement, the Custody Agreement and the Power of Attorney and to sell, transfer and deliver the Shares to be sold by such Selling Stockholder or a security entitlement in respect of such Shares.
- (d) The Custody Agreement and the Power of Attorney of such Selling Stockholder have been duly authorized, executed and delivered by such Selling Stockholder and are valid and binding agreements of such Selling Stockholder.
- (e) Upon payment by the Underwriters for the Shares to be sold by such Selling Stockholder pursuant to this Agreement, delivery of such Shares, as directed by the Underwriters, to Cede & Co. ("Cede") or such other nominee as may be designated by the Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), registration of

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such Shares in the name of Cede or such other nominee on the Company's share registry and the crediting of such Shares on the books of DTC to securities accounts of the Underwriters maintained at DTC (assuming that neither DTC nor any such Underwriter has notice of any adverse claim (within the meaning of Section 8-105 of the UCC) to such Shares), (A) under Section 8-501 of the UCC, the Underwriters will acquire a security entitlement in respect of such Shares and (B) no action based on any "adverse claim", within the meaning of Section 8-102 of the UCC, to such Shares may be asserted against the Underwriters with respect to such security entitlement; for purposes of this representation, such Selling Stockholder may assume that when such payment, delivery and crediting occur, (x) such Shares will have been registered in the name of Cede or another nominee designated by D TC, in each case on the Company's share registry in accordance with its certificate of incorporation, by-laws and applicable law, (y) DTC will be registered as a "clearing corporation" within the meaning of Section 8-102 of the UCC and (z) appropriate book entries crediting the Shares to the securities accounts of the several

Underwriters maintained at DTC will have been made on records of DTC pursuant to Section 8-501 of the UCC. As used in this Section 2(e), the terms "delivery," "securities account," "security entitlement" and "adverse claim" have the meanings given them in Article 8 of the UCC.

- (f) In respect of any statements in or omissions from the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus or the Prospectus made in reliance upon and in conformity with information furnished to the Company by or on behalf of such Selling Stockholder specifically for use in connection with the preparation thereof, such Selling Stockholder hereby makes the same representations and warranties with respect to such information as the Company makes under paragraph 1(b) hereof, it being understood and agreed that such information consists only of its name and any information relating to its holdings of Common Stock (including for the avoidance of doubt that information set forth in the footnotes to the beneficial ownership table in "Principal and Selling Stockholders") as set forth in the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus and the Prospectus.
- 3. Agreements to Sell and Purchase. Each Seller, severally and not jointly, hereby agrees to sell to the several Underwriters, and each Underwriter, upon the basis of the representations and warranties herein contained, but subject to the conditions hereinafter stated, agrees, severally and not jointly, to purchase from such Seller at \$[ ] a share (the "Purchase Price") the number of Firm Shares (subject to such adjustments to eliminate fractional shares as you may determine) that bears the same proportion to the number of Firm Shares to be sold by such Seller as the number of Firm Shares set forth in Schedule II hereto opposite the name of such Underwriter bears to the total number of Firm Shares.

On the basis of the representations and warranties contained in this Agreement, and subject to its terms and conditions, the Selling Stockholders agree

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to sell to the Underwriters the Additional Shares, and the Underwriters shall have the right to purchase, severally and not jointly, up to [ Shares at the Purchase Price, provided, however, that the amount paid by the Underwriters for any Additional Shares shall be reduced by an amount per share equal to any dividends declared by the Company and payable on the Firm Shares but not payable on such Additional Shares. You may exercise this right on behalf of the Underwriters in whole or from time to time in part by giving written notice not later than 30 days after the date of this Agreement. Any exercise notice shall specify the number of Additional Shares to be purchased by the Underwriters and the date on which such shares are to be purchased. The number of Additional Shares to be purchased from each Selling Stockholder by the Underwri ters, collectively, pursuant to an exercise notice shall equal the number of Additional Shares to be purchased from the Selling Stockholders, collectively, pursuant to an exercise notice multiplied by the fraction obtained by dividing (i) the number opposite such Selling Stockholder's name under the column titled "Number of Additional Shares to Be Sold" on Schedule I hereto by (ii) the total number opposite the word "Total" under the column titled "Number of Additional Shares to Be Sold" on Schedule I hereto (subject to such adjustments to eliminate fractional shares as you may determine). The number of such Additional Shares to be purchased by each Underwriter from each Selling Stockholder pursuant to an exercise notice shall be the number of Additional Shares (subject to such adjustments to eliminate fractional shares as you may determine) that bears the same proportion to the number of Additional Shares to be sold by such Selling Stockholder as (i) the number opposite such Underwriter's name under the column titled "Number of Additional Shares to Be Purchased" on Schedule II hereto bears to (ii) the total number opposite the word "Total" under the column titled "Number of Additional Shares to Be Purchased" on Schedule II hereto. Each purchase date must be at least one business day after the written notice is given and may not be earlier than the closing date for the Firm Shares nor later than ten business days after the date of such notice. Additional Shares may be purchased as provided in Section 5 hereof solely for the purpose of covering over-allotments made in connection with the offering of the Firm Shares. On each day, if any, that Additional Shares are to be purchased (an "Option Closing Date"), each Underwriter agrees, severally and not jointly, to purchase the number of Additional Shares (subject to such adjustments to eliminate fractional shares as you may determine) that bears the same proportion to the total number of Additional Shares to be purchased on such Option Closing Date as the number of Additional Shares set forth in Schedule II hereto opposite the name of such Underwriter bears to the total number of Additional Shares.

The Company hereby agrees that, without the prior written consent of the Representatives on behalf of the Underwriters, it will not, during the period commencing on the date hereof and ending 180 days after the date of the Prospectus, (1) offer, pledge, sell, contract to sell, sell any option or contract to purchase, purchase any option or contract to sell, grant any option, right or

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warrant to purchase, lend or otherwise transfer or dispose of, directly or indirectly, any shares of Common Stock beneficially owned (as such term is used in Rule 13d-3 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act") by the Company or any other securities so owned convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for Common Stock or (2) enter into any swap or other arrangement that transfers to another, in whole or in part, any of the economic consequences of ownership of the Common Stock, whether any such transaction described in clause (1) or (2) above is to be settled by delivery of Common Stock or such other securities, in cash or otherwise or (3) file any registration statement with the Commission relating to the offering of any shares of Common Stock or any securities convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for Common Stock.

The restrictions contained in the preceding paragraph shall not apply to (a) the Shares to be sold hereunder and any shares or options issued in connection with the reorganization transactions described in the Time of Sale Prospectus, (b) the issuance by the Company of shares of Common Stock upon the exercise of an option or a warrant granted under stock incentive, compensation or similar plans, in each case of which the Representatives have been advised in writing, or issuances or transfers in accordance with the terms of any stock incentive, compensation or similar plan in effect on the date hereof, as described in the Time of Sale Prospectus and of which the Representatives have been advised in writing, (c) the filing by the Company of a registration statement with the Commission on Form S-8 relating to the offering of securities by the Company pursuant to terms of any stock incent ive, compensation or similar plan in effect on the date hereof and as described in the Time of Sale Prospectus or (d) the filing of a registration statement on Form S-4 or other appropriate form with respect to the issuance by the Company of Common Stock or securities convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for Common Stock in connection with an acquisition or business combination (or the entering into of an acquisition agreement or other offer or contract to sell with respect thereto); provided that no such Common Stock or other securities are issued in connection with any such acquisition or business combination during the 180day restricted period. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if (1) during the last 17 days of the 180-day restricted period the Company issues an earnings release or material news or a material event relating to the Company occurs; or (2) prior to the expiration of the 180-day restricted period, the Company announces that it will release earnings results during the 16-day period beginning on the last day of the 180-day period, the restrictions imposed by this section shall continue to apply until the expiration of the 18-day period beginning on the issuance of the earnings release or the occurrence of the material news or material event. The Company shall promptly notify the Representatives of any earnings release, news or event that may give rise to an extension of the initial 180-day restricted period.

5. Payment and Delivery. Payment for the Firm Shares to be sold by each Seller shall be made to such Seller in Federal or other funds immediately available in New York City against delivery of such Firm Shares for the respective accounts of the several Underwriters at 10:00 a.m., New York City time, on [ ], 2011, or at such other time on the same or such other date, not later than [ ], 2011, as shall be designated in writing by you. The time and date of such payment are hereinafter referred to as the "Closing Date."

Payment for any Additional Shares shall be made to the Selling Stockholders in Federal or other funds immediately available in New York City against delivery of such Additional Shares for the respective accounts of the several Underwriters at 10:00 a.m., New York City time, on the date specified in the corresponding notice described in Section 3 or at such other time on the same or on such other date, in any event not later than [ ], 2011, as shall be designated in writing by you.

The Firm Shares and Additional Shares shall be registered in such names and in such denominations as you shall request in writing not later than one full business day prior to the Closing Date or the applicable Option Closing Date, as the case may be. The Firm Shares and Additional Shares shall be delivered to you on the Closing Date or an Option Closing Date, as the case may be, for the respective accounts of the several Underwriters. The Purchase Price payable by the Underwriters shall be reduced by any withholding required by law.

6. *Conditions to the Underwriters' Obligations*. The obligations of the Sellers to sell the Shares to the Underwriters and the several obligations of the Underwriters to purchase and pay for the Shares on the Closing Date are subject to the condition that the Registration Statement shall have become effective not later than 4:00 p.m., New York City time, on the date hereof.

The several obligations of the Underwriters are subject to the following further conditions:

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(a) Subsequent to the execution and delivery of this Agreement and prior to the Closing Date:

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- (i) there shall not have occurred any downgrading, nor shall any notice have been given of any intended or potential downgrading or of any review for a possible change that does not indicate the direction of the possible change, in the rating accorded to any securities of the Company or any of its subsidiaries by any "nationally recognized statistical rating organization," as such term is defined for purposes of Rule 436(g) (2) under the Securities Act; and
- (ii) there shall not have occurred any change, or any development involving a prospective change, in the condition, financial or otherwise, or in the earnings, business or operations of the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, from that set forth in the Time of Sale Prospectus as of the date of this Agreement that, in your judgment, is material and adverse and that makes it, in your judgment, impracticable to market the Shares on the terms and in the manner contemplated in the Time of Sale Prospectus.
- (b) The Underwriters shall have received on the Closing Date a certificate, dated the Closing Date and signed by an executive officer of the Company, to the effect set forth in Section 6(a)(i) above and to the effect that the representations and warranties of the Company contained in this Agreement are true and correct as of the Closing Date and that the Company has complied with all of the agreements and satisfied all of the conditions on its part to be performed or satisfied hereunder on or before the Closing Date.

The officer signing and delivering such certificate may rely upon the best of his or her knowledge as to proceedings threatened.

- (c) The Underwriters shall have received on the Closing Date opinions and a letter of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, outside counsel for the Company, dated the Closing Date, in or substantially in the form set forth in Exhibits B-1, B-2 and B-3 hereto.
- (d) The Underwriters shall have received on the Closing Date an opinion of Jeffrey Starr, General Counsel of the Bank, dated the Closing Date, in or substantially in the form set forth in Exhibit C hereto.
- (e) The Underwriters shall have received on the Closing Date an opinion of Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP, counsel for certain Selling Stockholders, in or substantially in the form set forth in Exhibit D hereto, and opinions for the other Selling Stockholders as the Representatives may request in form and substance reasonable satisfactory to the Representatives.
- (f) The Underwriters shall have received on the Closing Date an opinion of Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP, counsel for the Underwriters, dated the

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The opinions of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP and the other persons described in Sections 6(c), 6(d) and 6(e) above shall be rendered and addressed to the Underwriters.

- The Underwriters shall have received, on each of the date hereof and the Closing Date, a letter dated the date hereof or the Closing Date, as the case may be, in form and substance satisfactory to the Underwriters, from each of KPMG LLP, independent public accountants, and PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, independent public accountants, containing statements and information of the type ordinarily included in accountants' "comfort letters" to underwriters with respect to the financial statements and certain financial information contained in the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus and the Prospectus; *provided* that the letter delivered on the Closing Date shall use a "cut-off date" not earlier than the date hereof.
- (h) The "lock-up" agreements, each substantially in the form of Exhibit A hereto, between you and certain stockholders, officers and directors of the Company, relating to sales and certain other dispositions of shares of Common Stock or certain other securities, delivered to you on or before the date hereof, shall be in full force and effect on the Closing Date.
  - (i) The reorganization shall have taken place as described in the Time of Sale Prospectus and the Prospectus under "Reorganization".

The several obligations of the Underwriters to purchase Additional Shares hereunder are subject to the delivery to you on the applicable Option Closing Date of such documents as you may reasonably request with respect to the good standing of the Company, the due authorization of the Additional Shares to be sold on such Option Closing Date and other matters related to the Additional Shares.

- 7. *Covenants of the Company*. The Company covenants with each Underwriter as follows:
- (a) To furnish to you, without charge, three signed copies of the Registration Statement (including exhibits thereto) and for delivery to each other Underwriter a conformed copy of the Registration Statement (without exhibits thereto), upon the reasonable request of such other Underwriter, and to furnish to you in New York City, without charge, prior to 10:00 a.m., New York City time, on the business day next succeeding the date of this Agreement and during the period mentioned in Section 7(e) or 7(f) below, as many copies of the Time of Sale Prospectus, the Prospectus and any supplements and amendments thereto or to the Registration Statement as you may reasonably request.

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- (b) Subject to Section 7(e) below, before amending or supplementing the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus or the Prospectus, to furnish to you a copy of each such proposed amendment or supplement and not to file any such proposed amendment or supplement to which you reasonably object, and to file with the Commission within the applicable period specified in Rule 424(b) under the Securities Act any prospectus required to be filed pursuant to such Rule.
- (c) To furnish to you a copy of each proposed free writing prospectus to be prepared by or on behalf of, used by, or referred to by the Company and not to use or refer to any proposed free writing prospectus to which you reasonably object.
- (d) Not to take any action that would result in an Underwriter or the Company being required to file with the Commission pursuant to Rule 433(d) under the Securities Act a free writing prospectus prepared by or on behalf of the Underwriter that the Underwriter otherwise would not have been required to file thereunder.
- (e) If the Time of Sale Prospectus is being used to solicit offers to buy the Shares at a time when the Prospectus is not yet available to prospective purchasers and any event shall occur or condition exist as a result of which it is necessary to amend or supplement the Time of Sale Prospectus in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances, not misleading, or if any event shall occur or condition exist as a result of which the Time of Sale Prospectus conflicts with the information contained in the Registration Statement then on file, or if, in the opinion of counsel for the Underwriters, it is necessary to amend or supplement the Time of Sale Prospectus to comply with applicable law, forthwith to prepare, file with the Commission and furnish, at the Company's own expense, to the Underwriters and to any dealer upon request, either amendments or supplements to the Time of Sale Prospectus so that the statements in the Time of Sale Prospectus as so amended or supplemented will not, in the light of the circumstances when the Time of Sale Prospectus is delivered to a prospective purchaser, be misleading or so that the Time of Sale Prospectus, as amended or supplemented, will no longer conflict with the Registration Statement, or so that the Time of Sale Prospectus, as amended or supplemented, will comply with applicable law.
- (f) If, during such period after the first date of the public offering of the Shares as in the opinion of counsel for the Underwriters the Prospectus (or in lieu thereof the notice referred to in Rule 173(a) of the Securities Act) is required by law to be delivered in connection with sales by an Underwriter or dealer, any event shall occur or condition exist as a result of which it is necessary to amend or supplement the Prospectus in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances when the Prospectus (or in lieu thereof the notice referred to in

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Rule 173(a) of the Securities Act) is delivered to a purchaser, not misleading, or if, in the opinion of counsel for the Underwriters, it is necessary to amend or supplement the Prospectus to comply with applicable law, forthwith to prepare, file with the Commission and furnish, at the Company's own expense, to the Underwriters and to the dealers (whose names and addresses you will furnish to the Company) to which Shares may have been sold by you on behalf of the Underwriters and to any other dealers upon request, either amendments or supplements to the Prospectus so that the statements in the Prospectus as so amended or supplemented will not, in the light of the circumstances when the Prospectus (or in lieu thereof the notice referred to in Rule 173(a) of the Securities Act) is delivered to a purchaser, be misleading or so that the Prospectus, as amended or supplemented, will comply with applicable law.

- (g) To endeavor to qualify the Shares for offer and sale under the securities or Blue Sky laws of such jurisdictions as you shall reasonably request, provided that in no event shall the Company or any of its subsidiaries be obligated to qualify to do business as a foreign corporation in any jurisdiction where it is not already so qualified or to take any action that would subject the Company or any of its subsidiaries to taxation or service of process where it is not already subject to taxation or service of process.
- (h) To make generally available to the Company's security holders and to you as soon as practicable an earning statement covering a period of at least twelve months beginning with the first fiscal quarter of the Company occurring after the date of this Agreement which shall satisfy the provisions of

Section 11(a) of the Securities Act (including, at the option of the Company, Rule 158 of the Securities Act) and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder.

- (i) If any Selling Stockholder is not a U.S. person for U.S. federal income tax purposes, the Company will deliver to each Underwriter (or its agent), on or before the Closing Date, (i) a certificate with respect to the Company's status as a "United States real property holding corporation," dated not more than thirty (30) days prior to the Closing Date, as described in Treasury Regulations Sections 1.897-2(h) and 1.1445-2(c)(3), and (ii) proof of delivery to the IRS of the required notice, as described in Treasury Regulations 1.897-2(h)(2).
  - 8. Covenants of the Sellers. Each Seller, severally and not jointly, covenants with each Underwriter as follows:
- (a) Each Seller will deliver to each Underwriter (or its agent), prior to or at the Closing Date, a properly completed and executed Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") Form W-9 or an IRS Form W-8, as appropriate, together with all required attachments to such form.

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Expenses. Whether or not the transactions contemplated in this Agreement are consummated or this Agreement is terminated, the Company agrees to pay or cause to be paid all expenses incident to the performance of the obligations of the Sellers under this Agreement, including: (i) the fees, disbursements and expenses of the Company's counsel, the Company's accountants and counsel for the Selling Stockholders in connection with the registration and delivery of the Shares under the Securities Act and all other fees or expenses in connection with the preparation and filing of the Registration Statement, any preliminary prospectus, the Time of Sale Prospectus, the Prospectus, any free writing prospectus prepared by or on behalf of, used by, or referred to by the Company and amendments and supplement s to any of the foregoing, including all printing costs associated therewith, and the mailing and delivering of copies thereof to the Underwriters and dealers, in the quantities hereinabove specified, (ii) all costs and expenses related to the transfer and delivery of the Shares to the Underwriters, including any transfer or other taxes payable thereon, (iii) the reasonable and documented cost of printing or producing any Blue Sky or Legal Investment memorandum in connection with the offer and sale of the Shares under state securities laws and all expenses in connection with the qualification of the Shares for offer and sale under state securities laws as provided in Section 7(g) hereof, including filing fees and the reasonable fees and disbursements of counsel for the Underwriters in connection with such qualification and in connection with the Blue Sky or Legal Investment memorandum, (iv) all filing fees and the reasonable fees and disbursements of counsel to the Underwriters incur red in connection with the review and qualification of the offering of the Shares by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. provided that such fees and disbursements of such counsel in clause (iii) and (iv) shall not exceed \$75,000, (v) all fees and expenses in connection with the preparation and filing of the registration statement on Form 8-A relating to the Common Stock and all costs and expenses incident to listing the Shares on the New York Stock Exchange, (vi) the cost of printing certificates, if any, representing the Shares, (vii) the costs and charges of any transfer agent, registrar or depositary, (viii) the costs and expenses of the Company relating to investor presentations on any "road show" undertaken in connection with the marketing of the offering of the Shares, including, without limitation, expenses associated with the production of dissemination of any electronic road show, expenses associated with the production of road show sl ides and graphics, fees and expenses of any consultants engaged in connection with the road show presentations with the prior approval of the Company, travel and lodging expenses of the representatives and officers of the Company and any such consultants, provided, however, that the cost of any aircraft chartered in connection with the road show shall be split evenly between the Company on the one hand and the Underwriters on the other hand, (ix) the document production charges and expenses associated with printing this Agreement and (x) all other costs and expenses incident to the performance of the obligations of the Company hereunder for which provision is not otherwise made in this Section. It is

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understood, however, that except as provided in this Section, Section 11 entitled "Indemnity and Contribution" and the last paragraph of Section 13 below, the Underwriters will pay all of their costs and expenses, including fees and disbursements of their counsel, stock transfer taxes payable on resale of any of the Shares by them and any advertising expenses connected with any offers they may make.

The provisions of this Section shall not supersede or otherwise affect any agreement that the Sellers may otherwise have for the allocation of such expenses among themselves.

- 10. Covenants of the Underwriters. Each Underwriter severally covenants with the Company not to take any action that would result in the Company being required to file with the Commission under Rule 433(d) a free writing prospectus prepared by or on behalf of such Underwriter that otherwise would not be required to be filed by the Company thereunder, but for the action of the Underwriter.
- 11. *Indemnity and Contribution.* (a) The Company agrees to indemnify and hold harmless each Underwriter, each person, if any, who controls any Underwriter within the meaning of either Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act, and each affiliate of any Underwriter within the meaning of Rule 405 under the Securities Act from and against any and all losses, claims, damages and liabilities (including, without limitation, any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred in connection with defending or investigating any such action or claim) caused by any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the Registration Statement or any amendment thereof, any preliminary prospectus, the Time of Sale Prospectus, any issuer free writing prospectus as defined in Rule 433(h) under the Securities Act, any Company information that the Company has filed, or is required to file, pursuant to Rule 433(d) under the Securities Act, or the Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto, or caused by any omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, except insofar as such losses, claims, damages or liabilities are caused by any such untrue statement or omission or alleged untrue statement or omission based upon information relating to any Underwriter furnished to the Company in writing by such Underwriter through you expressly for use therein.
- (b) Each Selling Stockholder, severally and not jointly, agrees to indemnify and hold harmless each Underwriter, each person, if any, who controls any Underwriter within the meaning of either Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act, and each affiliate of any Underwriter within the meaning of Rule 405 under the Securities Act from and against any and all losses, claims, damages and liabilities (including, without limitation, any legal or other

expenses reasonably incurred in connection with defending or investigating any such action or claim) caused by any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the Registration Statement or any amendment thereof, any preliminary prospectus, the Time of Sale Prospectus, any issuer free writing prospectus as defined in Rule 433(h) under the Securities Act, any Company information that the Company has filed, or is required to file, pursuant to Rule 433(d) under the Securities Act, or the Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto, or caused by any omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, but only with reference to information relating to such Selling Stockholder furnished to the Company by or on behalf of such Selling Stockholder specifically for use in the documents referred to in the foregoing indemnity, it being understood and agreed that the such information provided by or on behalf of any such Selling Stockholder consists only of its name and any information relating to its holdings of shares of Common Stock (including for the avoidance of doubt that information set forth in the footnotes to the beneficial ownership table in "Principal and Selling Stockholders") as set forth in the documents referred to in the foregoing indemnity. The liability of each Selling Stockholder under the representations and warranties contained in this Agreement and under the indemnity and contribution agreements contained in this Section 11 shall be limited to an amount equal to (i) the number of Shares sold by such Selling Stockholder under this Agreement multiplied by (ii) the Public Offering Price (minus related underwriting discounts and commissions).

(c) Each Underwriter agrees, severally and not jointly, to indemnify and hold harmless the Company, the Selling Stockholders, the directors of the Company who sign the Registration Statement and each person, if any, who controls the Company or any Selling Stockholder within the meaning of either Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act from and against any and all losses, claims, damages and liabilities (including, without limitation, any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred in connection with defending or investigating any such action or claim) caused by any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the Registration Statement or any amendment thereof, any preliminary prospectus, the Time of Sale Prospectus, any issuer free writin g prospectus as defined in Rule 433(h) under the Securities Act, any Company information that the Company has filed, or is required to file, pursuant to Rule 433(d) under the Securities Act, or the Prospectus (as amended or supplemented if the Company shall have furnished any amendments or supplements thereto), or caused by any omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, but only with reference to information relating to such Underwriter furnished to the Company in writing by such Underwriter through you expressly for use therein.

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In case any proceeding (including any governmental investigation) shall be instituted involving any person in respect of which indemnity may be sought pursuant to Section 11(a), 11(b) or 11(c), such person (the "indemnified party") shall promptly notify the person against whom such indemnity may be sought (the "indemnifying party") in writing and the indemnifying party, upon request of the indemnified party, shall retain counsel reasonably satisfactory to the indemnified party to represent the indemnified party and any others the indemnifying party may designate in such proceeding and shall pay the fees and disbursements of such counsel related to such proceeding. In any such proceeding, any indemnified party shall have the right to retain its own counsel, but the fees and expenses of such counsel shall be at the expense of such indemnified party unless (i) the indemnifying party and the indemnified party shall have mutually agreed to the retention of such counsel or (ii) the named parties to any such proceeding (including any impleaded parties) include both the indemnifying party and the indemnified party and representation of both parties by the same counsel would be inappropriate due to actual or potential differing interests between them. It is understood that the indemnifying party shall not, in respect of the legal expenses of any indemnified party in connection with any proceeding or related proceedings in the same jurisdiction, be liable for (i) the reasonable fees and expenses of more than one separate firm (in addition to any local counsel) for all Underwriters and all persons, if any, who control any Underwriter within the meaning of either Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act or who are affiliates of any Underwrit er within the meaning of Rule 405 under the Securities Act, (ii) the reasonable fees and expenses of more than one separate firm (in addition to any local counsel) for the Company, its directors, its officers who sign the Registration Statement and each person, if any, who controls the Company within the meaning of either such Section and (iii) the reasonable fees and expenses of more than one separate firm (in addition to any local counsel) for all Selling Stockholders and all persons, if any, who control any Selling Stockholder within the meaning of either such Section, and that all such reasonable fees and expenses shall be reimbursed as they are incurred. In the case of any such separate firm for the Underwriters and such control persons and affiliates of any Underwriters, such firm shall be designated in writing by the Representatives. In the case of any such separate firm for the Company, and such directors, officers and control persons of the Company, such firm shall be designated in writing by the Company. In the case of any such separate firm for the Selling Stockholders and such control persons of any Selling Stockholders, such firm shall be designated in writing by the persons named as attorneys-in-fact for the Selling Stockholders under the applicable Powers of Attorney. The indemnifying party shall not be liable for any settlement of any proceeding effected without its written consent, but if settled with such consent or if there be a final judgment for the plaintiff, the indemnifying party agrees to indemnify the indemnified party from and against any loss or liability by reason of such settlement or judgment. Notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, if at any time an indemnified party shall have requested an indemnifying party to

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reimburse the indemnified party for reasonably incurred fees and expenses of counsel as contemplated by the second and third sentences of this paragraph, the indemnifying party agrees that it shall be liable for any settlement of any proceeding effected without its written consent if (i) such settlement is entered into more than 45 days after receipt by such indemnifying party of the aforesaid request, (ii) such indemnifying party shall not have reimbursed the indemnified party in accordance with such request prior to the date of such settlement and (iii) such indemnified party shall have given the indemnifying party at least 15 days' prior written notice of its intention to settle. No indemnifying party shall, without the prior written consent of the indemnified party, effect any settlement of any pending or threatened proceeding in respect of which any indemnified party is or could have been a party and indemnity could have been sought hereunder by such indemnified party, unless such settlement includes an unconditional release of such indemnified party from all liability on claims that are the subject matter of such proceeding and does not include a statement as to or an admission of fault, culpability or a failure to act by or on behalf of any indemnified party.

(e) To the extent the indemnification provided for in Section 11(a), 11(a) or 11(c) is unavailable to an indemnified party or insufficient in respect of any losses, claims, damages or liabilities referred to therein, then each indemnifying party under such paragraph, in lieu of indemnifying such indemnified party thereunder, shall contribute to the amount paid or payable by such indemnified party as a result of such losses, claims, damages or liabilities (i) in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect the relative benefits received by the indemnifying party or parties on the one hand and the indemnified party or parties on the other hand from the offering of the Shares or (ii) if the allocation provided by clause 11(e)(i) above is not permitted by applicable law, in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect not only the relative benefits referred to in clause 11(e)(i) above but also the relative fault of the indemnifying party or parties on the one hand and of the indemnified party or parties on the other hand in connection with the statements or omissions that resulted in such losses, claims, damages or liabilities, as well as any other relevant equitable considerations. The relative benefits received by the Sellers on the one hand and the Underwriters on the other hand in connection with the offering of the Shares shall be deemed to be in the same respective proportions as

the net proceeds from the offering of the Shares (before deducting expenses) received by each Seller and the total underwriting discounts and commissions received by the Underwriters, in each case as set forth in the table on the cover of the Prospectus, bear to the aggregate Public Offering Price of the Shares. The relative fault of the Sellers on the one hand and the Underwriters on the other hand shall be determined by reference to, among other things, whether the untrue or alleged untrue statement of a material fact or the omission or alleged omission to state a material fact relates to information supplied by the Sellers or by the Underwriters and the parties' relative intent, knowledge, access to information and opportunity to correct or prevent such statement or omission. The Underwriters' respective obligations to contribute

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pursuant to this Section 11 are several in proportion to the respective number of Shares they have purchased hereunder, and not joint.

- (f) The Sellers and the Underwriters agree that it would not be just or equitable if contribution pursuant to this Section 11 were determined by *pro rata* allocation (even if the Underwriters were treated as one entity for such purpose) or by any other method of allocation that does not take account of the equitable considerations referred to in Section 11(e). The amount paid or payable by an indemnified party as a result of the losses, claims, damages and liabilities referred to in Section 11(e) shall be deemed to include, subject to the limitations set forth above, any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by such indemnified party in connection with investigating or defending any such action or claim. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section 11, no Underwriter shall be req uired to contribute any amount in excess of the amount by which the total price at which the Shares underwritten by it and distributed to the public were offered to the public exceeds the amount of any damages that such Underwriter has otherwise been required to pay by reason of such untrue or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission. No person guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation (within the meaning of Section 11(f) of the Securities Act) shall be entitled to contribution from any person who was not guilty of such fraudulent misrepresentation. The remedies provided for in this Section 11 are not exclusive and shall not limit any rights or remedies which may otherwise be available to any indemnified party at law or in equity.
- (g) The indemnity and contribution provisions contained in this Section 11 and the representations, warranties and other statements of the Company and the Selling Stockholders contained in this Agreement shall remain operative and in full force and effect regardless of (i) any termination of this Agreement, (ii) any investigation made by or on behalf of any Underwriter, any person controlling any Underwriter or any affiliate of any Underwriter, any Selling Stockholder or any person controlling any Selling Stockholder, or the Company, its officers or directors or any person controlling the Company and (iii) acceptance of and payment for any of the Shares.
- 12. *Termination.* The Underwriters may terminate this Agreement by notice given by you to the Company and the Selling Stockholders if, after the execution and delivery of this Agreement and prior to the Closing Date, (i) trading generally shall have been suspended or materially limited on, or by, as the case may be, either of the New York Stock Exchange or the NASDAQ Global Market, (ii) trading of any securities of the Company shall have been suspended on any exchange or in any over-the-counter market, (iii) a material disruption in securities settlement, payment or clearance services in the United States shall have occurred, (iv) any moratorium on commercial banking activities shall have been declared by Federal or New York State authorities or (v) there shall have occurred any outbreak or escalati on of hostilities, or any change in financial

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markets or any calamity or crisis that, in your judgment, is material and adverse and that, singly or together with any other event specified in this clause (v), makes it, in your judgment, impracticable or inadvisable to proceed with the offer, sale or delivery of the Shares on the terms and in the manner contemplated in the Time of Sale Prospectus or the Prospectus.

13. *Effectiveness*; *Defaulting Underwriters*. This Agreement shall become effective upon the execution and delivery hereof by the parties hereto.

If, on the Closing Date or an Option Closing Date, as the case may be, any one or more of the Underwriters shall fail or refuse to purchase Shares that it has or they have agreed to purchase hereunder on such date, and the aggregate number of Shares which such defaulting Underwriter or Underwriters agreed but failed or refused to purchase is not more than one-tenth of the aggregate number of the Shares to be purchased on such date, the other Underwriters shall be obligated severally in the proportions that the number of Firm Shares set forth opposite their respective names in Schedule II bears to the aggregate number of Firm Shares set forth opposite the names of all such non-defaulting Underwriters, or in such other proportions as you may specify, to purchase the Shares which such defaulting Underwriter or Underwriters agreed but failed or refused to purchase on such date; provided that in no event shall the number of Shares that any Underwriter has agreed to purchase pursuant to this Agreement be increased pursuant to this Section 13 by an amount in excess of one-ninth of such number of Shares without the written consent of such Underwriter. If, on the Closing Date, any Underwriter or Underwriters shall fail or refuse to purchase Firm Shares and the aggregate number of Firm Shares with respect to which such default occurs is more than one-tenth of the aggregate number of Firm Shares to be purchased on such date, and arrangements satisfactory to you, the Company and the Selling Stockholders for the purchase of such Firm Shares are not made within 36 hours after such default, this Agreement shall terminate without liability on the part of any non-defaulting Underwriter, the Company or the Selling Stockholders. In any such case either you or the relevant Sellers shall have the right to postpone the Closing Date, but in no event for longer than seven days, in order that the required changes, if any, in the Registration Statement, in the Time of Sale Prospectus, in the Prospectus or in any other documents or arrangements may be effected. If, on an Option Closing Date, any Underwriter or Underwriters shall fail or refuse to purchase Additional Shares and the aggregate number of Additional Shares with respect to which such default occurs is more than one-tenth of the aggregate number of Additional Shares to be purchased on such Option Closing Date, the non-defaulting Underwriters shall have the option to (i) terminate their obligation hereunder to purchase the Additional Shares to be sold on such Option Closing Date or (ii) purchase not less than the number of Additional Shares that such non-defaulting Underwriters would have been obligated to purchase in the absence of such default. Any action taken under this paragraph shall not relieve

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defaulting Underwriter from liability in respect of any default of such Underwriter under this Agreement.

If this Agreement shall be terminated by the Underwriters, or any of them, because of any failure or refusal on the part of the Company or any other Seller to comply with the terms or to fulfill any of the conditions of this Agreement, or if for any reason the Company or any other Seller shall be unable to

perform its obligations under this Agreement (which for the purposes of this Section 13, shall not include termination by the Underwriters under items (i), (iii), (iv) or (v) of Section 12), the Company will reimburse the Underwriters or such Underwriters as have so terminated this Agreement with respect to themselves, severally, for all out-of-pocket expenses (including the reasonable fees and disbursements of their counsel) reasonably incurred by such Underwriters in connection with this Agreement or the offering contemplated hereunder.

- 14. *Entire Agreement*. (a) This Agreement, together with any contemporaneous written agreements and any prior written agreements (to the extent not superseded by this Agreement) that relate to the offering of the Shares, represents the entire agreement between the Company and the Selling Stockholders, on the one hand, and the Underwriters, on the other, with respect to the preparation of any preliminary prospectus, the Time of Sale Prospectus, the Prospectus, the conduct of the offering, and the purchase and sale of the Shares.
- (b) The Company acknowledges that in connection with the offering of the Shares: (i) the Underwriters have acted at arms length, are not agents of, and owe no fiduciary duties to, the Company or any other person, (ii) the Underwriters owe the Company only those duties and obligations set forth in this Agreement and prior written agreements (to the extent not superseded by this Agreement), if any, and (iii) the Underwriters may have interests that differ from those of the Company. The Company waives to the full extent permitted by applicable law any claims it may have against the Underwriters arising from an alleged breach of fiduciary duty in connection with the offering of the Shares.
- 15. *Counterparts.* This Agreement may be signed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be an original, with the same effect as if the signatures thereto and hereto were upon the same instrument.
  - 16. *Applicable Law.* This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the internal laws of the State of New York.
- 17. *Headings*. The headings of the sections of this Agreement have been inserted for convenience of reference only and shall not be deemed a part of this Agreement.
- 18. *Patriot Act.* In accordance with the requirements of the USA Patriot Act (Title III of Pub. L. 107-56 (signed into law October 26, 2001)), the

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Underwriters are required to obtain, verify and record information that identifies their respective clients, including the Company, which information may include the name and address of their respective clients, as well as other information that will allow the underwriters to properly identify their respective clients.

19. Notices. All communications hereunder shall be in writing and effective only upon receipt and if to the Underwriters shall be delivered, mailed or sent to you in care of Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated, 1585 Broadway, New York, New York 10036, Attention: Equity Syndicate Desk, with a copy to the Legal Department; and to Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, One Bryant Park, New York, New York 10036, Attention: Syndicate Department; if to the Company shall be delivered, mailed or sent to BankUnited, Inc., 14817 Oak Lane, Miami Lakes, Florida 33016, Attention: Chief Operating Officer, with a copy which shall not constitute notice to Skadden, Arps, Slate, M eagher & Flom LLP, Four Times Square, New York, New York 10036, Attention: Richard B. Aftanas, Esq., and if to any Selling Stockholder shall be delivered, mailed or sent to it at the address set forth in Schedule I.

Very truly yours, BankUnited, Inc.		
By: Name: Title:		
The Selling Stockholders named in Schedule I hereto, acting severally		
By: Attorney-in Fact		

Accepted as of the date hereof

Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated

Acting severally on behalf of themselves and the several Underwriters named in Schedule II hereto

By: Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated

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3.	[free writing prospectus containing a description of terms that does not reflect final terms, if the Time of Sale Prospectus does not include a final term sheet]						

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#### FORM OF LOCK-UP LETTER

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Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated 1585 Broadway New York, New York 10036

Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated One Bryant Park New York, New York 10036

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The undersigned understands that Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated ("Morgan Stanley") and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated ("Merrill Lynch"), as representatives (the "Representatives") of the Underwriters (as defined below), propose to enter into an Underwriting Agreement (the "Underwriting Agreement") with BankUnited, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), providing for the initial public offering (the "Public Offering") by the several Underwriters (the "Underwriters"), including Morgan Stanley and Merrill Lynch, of shares (the "Shares") of the common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of the Company (the "Common Stock").

To induce the Underwriters that may participate in the Public Offering to continue their efforts in connection with the Public Offering, the undersigned hereby agrees that, without the prior written consent of the Representatives, it will not, during the period commencing on the date of the Underwriting Agreement and ending 180 days after the date of the final prospectus relating to the Public Offering (the "**Prospectus**"), (1) offer, pledge, sell, contract to sell, sell any option or contract to purchase, purchase any option or contract to sell, grant any option, right or warrant to purchase, lend, or otherwise transfer or dispose of, directly or indirectly, any shares of Common Stock beneficially owned (as such term is used in Rule 13d-3 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "**Exchange Act**")), by the undersigned or any other securities so owned convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for Common Stock or (2) enter into any swap or other arrangement that transfers to another, in whole or in part, any of the economic consequences of ownership of the Common Stock, whether any such transaction described in clause (1) or (2) above is to be settled by

delivery of Common Stock or such other securities, in cash or otherwise. The foregoing sentence shall not apply to (a) any Shares to be sold by the undersigned pursuant to the Underwriting Agreement, (b) transactions relating to shares of Common Stock or other securities acquired in open market transactions after the completion of the Public Offering, provided that no filing under Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act (other than a filing on a Form 5 made after the expiration of the 180-day period referred to above) shall be required or shall be voluntarily made in connection with subsequent sales of shares of Common Stock or other securities acquired in such open market transactions, (c) transfers of shares of Common Stock or any security convertible into Common Stock as a bona fide gift or gifts, (d) transfers of shares of Common Stock or any security convertible into Comm on Stock to any trust for the direct or indirect benefit of the undersigned or the undersigned's immediate family, (e) transfers by testate succession or intestate distribution, (f) distributions or transfers (other than for value) by the undersigned to limited partners, members, or stockholders of the undersigned or transfers (other than for value) to any corporation, partnership or other business entity that is the direct or indirect affiliate of the undersigned, (g) transfers (other than for value) of shares to any corporation, partnership or other business entity with whom the undersigned shares in common an investment manager or advisor which has investment discretionary authority with respect to the undersigned's and the entity's investments pursuant to an investment advisory or similar agreement, provided that in the case of any transfer or distribution pursuant to clause (c) through (g), (x) each donee, distributee or transferee shall sign and deliver a lock-up letter substantially in the form of this letter, and (ii) no filing under Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act (other than a filing on a Form 5 made after the expiration of the 180-day period referred to above), reporting a reduction in beneficial ownership of shares of Common Stock, shall be required or shall be voluntarily made during the restricted period referred to in the foregoing sentence, or (h) the establishment of a trading plan pursuant to Rule 10b5-1 under the Exchange Act for the transfer of shares of Common Stock, provided that such plan does not provide for the transfer of Common Stock during the restricted period and no public announcement or filing under the Exchange Act regarding the establishment of such plan shall be required of or voluntarily made by or on behalf of the undersigned or the Company. In addition, without limiting the ability of the undersigned to effect the sale of Shares pursuant to the Underwriting Agreement, the undersigned agrees that, without the prior written consent of the Representatives on behalf of the Underwriters, it will not, during the period commencing on the date of the Underwriting Agreement and ending 180 days after the date of the Prospectus, make any demand for or exercise any right with respect to, the registration of any shares of Common Stock or any security convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for Common Stock. The undersigned also agrees and consents to the entry of stop transfer instructions with the Company's transfer agent and registrar against the transfer of the

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undersigned's shares of Common Stock except in compliance with the foregoing restrictions.

If:

- (1) during the last 17 days of the restricted period the Company issues an earnings release or material news or a material event relating to the Company occurs; or
- (2) prior to the expiration of the restricted period, the Company announces that it will release earnings results during the 16-day period beginning on the last day of the restricted period;

the restrictions imposed by this agreement shall continue to apply until the expiration of the 18-day period beginning on the issuance of the earnings release or the occurrence of the material news or material event.

The undersigned shall not engage in any transaction that may be restricted by this agreement during the 34-day period beginning on the last day of the initial restricted period unless the undersigned requests and receives prior written confirmation from the Company, Morgan Stanley or Merrill Lynch that the restrictions imposed by this agreement have expired.

The undersigned understands that the Company and the Underwriters are relying upon this agreement in proceeding toward consummation of the Public Offering. The undersigned further understands that this agreement is irrevocable and shall be binding upon the undersigned's heirs, legal representatives, successors and assigns.

If (1) the Underwriting Agreement shall not be entered into on or before March 31, 2011, (2) the Public Offering is abandoned by the Company before such date or (3) the Underwriting Agreement (other than the terms thereof which survive termination) shall terminate or be terminated prior to payment and delivery of the Common Stock to be sold thereunder, then this agreement shall be of no force and effect, and the restrictions on transactions contained herein relating to the Common Stock shall be null and void.

Whether or not the Public Offering actually occurs depends on a number of factors, including market conditions. Any Public Offering will only be made pursuant to an Underwriting Agreement, the terms of which are subject to negotiation between the Company and the Underwriters.

Very truly yours,

(Name)

(Address)

Exhibit B-1

[Subject to Opinion Committee Review]

[], 2011

Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated as Representatives of the several Underwriters

c/o Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated 1585 Broadway New York, New York 10036

> Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated One Bryant Park New York, New York 10036

> > Re: BankUnited, Inc.

Initial Public Offering of Common Stock

### Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as special counsel to BankUnited, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), in connection with the Underwriting Agreement, dated January 27, 2011 (the "Underwriting Agreement"), among you, as representatives of the several Underwriters named in Schedule II thereto (the "Underwriters"), the Selling Stockholders named in Schedule I thereto (the "Selling Stockholders") and the Company, relating to the sale (a) by the Company to the Underwriters of 4,000,000 shares (the "Firm Shares") of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Common Stock"), (b) by the Selling Stockholders to the Underwriters of an aggregate of 22,250,000 shares of Common Stock (the "Secondary Shares") and (c) by the Selling Stockholders to the Underwriters of up to an additional 3,937,500 shares of Common Stock (the "Option Shares") at the Underwriters' option to cover overallotments. The Firm Shares, the Secondary Shares and the Option Shares are collectively referred to herein as the "Securities."

This opinion is being furnished to you pursuant to Section 6(c) of the Underwriting Agreement.

In rendering the opinions set forth herein, we have examined and relied on originals or copies of the following:

- the registration statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-170203) of the Company relating to the Securities filed on October 29, 2010 with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") under the Securities Act of 1933 (the "Securities Act") and Pre-Effective Amendments No. 1 through No. [ ] thereto and the information deemed to be part of the registration statement pursuant to Rule 430A of the General Rules and Regulations under the Securities Act (the "Rules and Regulations") and the Notice of Effectiveness of the Commission posted on its website declaring such registration statement effective on [ ], 2011 (such registration statement, as so amended, being hereinafter referred to as the "Registration Statement");
  - (b) the preliminary prospectus, dated January 18, 2011 (the "Preliminary Prospectus"), relating to the offering of the Securities;
- (c) the "issuer free writing prospectus" (as defined in Rule 433(h)(1) of the Rules and Regulations) relating to the offering of the Securities, filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 433 of the Rules and Regulations on [ ], 2011;

- (d) the final prospectus, dated [ ], 2011, relating to the offering of the Securities, in the form filed with the Commission on [ ], 2011 pursuant to Rule 424(b) of the Rules and Regulations (such final prospectus being hereinafter referred to as the "Prospectus");
  - (e) an executed copy of the Underwriting Agreement;
  - (f) a specimen certificate evidencing the Common Stock in the form of Exhibit 4.1 to the Registration Statement;
- (g) the Certificate of Incorporation of the Company, as amended to date (including the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation (the "New Charter") of the Company currently in effect, filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware immediately prior to the closing of the sale of the Securities), as certified by the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware (as so amended, the "Certificate of Incorporation");

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- (h) the By-Laws of the Company, as amended to date (including the Amended and Restated By-Laws (the "New By-Laws") of the Company in effect since immediately prior to the closing of the sale of the Securities), as certified by Rajinder P. Singh, Chief Operating Officer and Corporate Secretary of the Company (as so amended, the "By-Laws");
- (i) resolutions of the Board of Directors of the Company, adopted October 19, 2010 and January 15, 2011 and resolutions of the Executive Committee thereof, adopted [ ], 2011, relating to the reorganization transactions described in the Prospectus pursuant to which the Secondary Shares will be issued to the Selling Stockholders preceding the closing of the sale of the Securities, the issuance of the Firm Shares, the adoption of the New Charter and the New By-Laws and related matters, as certified by Rajinder P. Singh, Chief Operating Officer and Corporate Secretary of the Company;
- (j) a certificate of John A. Kanas, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, and Douglas J. Pauls, Chief Financial Officer of the Company, dated the date hereof (the "Company's Certificate");
  - (k) a certificate of Rajinder P. Singh, Chief Operating Officer and Corporate Secretary of the Company, dated the date hereof;
- (l) a certificate of Douglas J. Pauls, Chief Financial Officer of the Company, dated the date hereof (the "Investment Company Act Certificate");
  - (m) copies of each of the Applicable Contracts (as defined below);
- (n) a certificate, dated [ ], 2011, and a certificate bringdown thereof, dated the date hereof, from the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware as to the Company's due incorporation, legal corporate existence and good standing under the laws of the State of Delaware (the "Company Delaware Certificate");
- (o) a certificate, dated [ ], 2011, from the Acting Corporate Secretary of the Office of Thrift Supervision stating that the Company is a savings and loan holding corporation registered under Section 10 of the Home Owners' Loan Act, as amended (the "OTS Company Certificate"); and

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(p) a certificate, dated [ ], 2011, from the Acting Corporate Secretary of the Office of Thrift Supervision stating that BankUnited (the "Bank"), a direct, wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, was chartered under the laws of the United States to transact the business of a Federal savings bank and the charter of the Bank is in full force and effect (the "OTS Bank Certificate").

We have also examined originals or copies, certified or otherwise identified to our satisfaction, of such records of the Company and such agreements, certificates and receipts of public officials, certificates of officers or other representatives of the Company and others, and such other documents as we have deemed necessary or appropriate as a basis for the opinions set forth below.

In our examination, we have assumed the legal capacity of all natural persons, the genuineness of all signatures, the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals, the conformity to original documents of all documents submitted to us as facsimile, electronic, certified or photostatic copies, and the authenticity of the originals of such copies. In making our examination of executed documents, we have assumed that the parties thereto, other than the Company, had the power, corporate or other, to enter into and perform all obligations thereunder and have also assumed the due authorization by all requisite action, corporate or other, and the execution and delivery by such parties of such documents and the validity and binding effect thereof on such parties. As to any facts material to the opinions expressed herein that we did not independently establish or verify, we have relied upon statements and representations of officers and other representatives of the Company and others and of public officials, including the facts set forth in the Company's Certificate and the Investment Company Act Certificate.

As used herein, (i) "Applicable Contracts" means those agreements or instruments identified on Schedule I hereto; (ii) "Applicable Laws" means the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware (the "DGCL") and those laws, rules and regulations of the State of New York and those federal laws, rules and regulations of the United States of America, in each case that, in our experience, are normally applicable to transactions of the type contemplated by the Underwriting Agreement (other than the United States federal securities laws, state securities or blue sky laws, antifraud laws and the rules and regulations of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc.), but without our having made any special investigation as to the applicability of any specific law, rule or regulation; (iii) "Governmental Authorities" means any court, regulatory body, administrative agency or governmental body of the State of Delaware and the State of New York or the United States of America having jurisdiction over the Company under Applicable Laws; (iv)

filing, qualification or registration that may have become applicable as a result of the involvement of any party (other than the Company) in the transactions contemplated by the Underwriting Agreement or because of such parties' legal or regulatory status or because of any other facts specifically pertaining to such parties; (v) "Applicable Orders" means those judgments, orders or decrees identified on Schedule II hereto (no such judgments, orders or decrees have been so identified); and (vi) "General Disclosure Package" means the Preliminary Prospectus and the document identified on Schedule III hereto, all considered together.

The opinions set forth below are subject to the following further qualifications, assumptions and limitations:

- (a) the opinion set forth in paragraph 1 below is based solely upon the Company Delaware Certificate;
- (b) the opinion set forth in paragraph 3 below is based solely upon the Company OTS Certificate;
- (c) the opinion set forth in paragraph 4 below is based solely upon the Bank OTS Certificate;
- (d) we do not express any opinion as to the effect on the opinions expressed herein of (i) the compliance or noncompliance of any party to the Underwriting Agreement (other than with respect to the Company to the extent necessary to render the opinions set forth herein) with any state, federal or other laws or regulations applicable to it or them or (ii) the legal or regulatory status or the nature of the business of any such party (other than with respect to the Company to the extent necessary to render the opinions set forth herein);
- (e) in rendering the opinion set forth in paragraph 8 below, we have relied on the stock record books of the Company in determining the number of all issued and outstanding shares of capital stock of the Company; and

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(f) we note that certain of the Applicable Contracts are governed by laws other than the Applicable Laws; our opinions expressed herein are based solely upon our understanding of the plain language of such agreement or instrument, and we do not express any opinion with respect to the interpretation, validity, binding nature or enforceability of any such agreement or instrument, and we do not assume any responsibility with respect to the effect on the opinions or statements set forth herein of any interpretation thereof inconsistent with such understanding.

We do not express any opinion as to any laws other than Applicable Laws and the federal laws of the United States of America to the extent referred to specifically herein. Insofar as the opinions expressed herein relate to matters governed by laws other than those set forth in the preceding sentence, we have assumed, without having made any independent investigation, that such laws do not affect any of the opinions set forth herein. The opinions expressed herein are based on laws in effect on the date hereof, which laws are subject to change with possible retroactive effect.

Based upon the foregoing and subject to the limitations, qualifications, exceptions and assumptions set forth herein, we are of the opinion that:

- 1. The Company has been duly incorporated and is validly existing in good standing under the laws of the State of Delaware.
- 2. The Company has the corporate power and corporate authority to own its properties and conduct its business, in each case as described in the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus.
  - 3. The Company is a savings and loan holding corporation registered under Section 10 of the Home Owners' Loan Act, as amended.
- 4. BankUnited was chartered under the laws of the United States to transact the business of a Federal savings bank, and the charter of the Bank is in full force and effect.
  - 5. The Underwriting Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company.

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- 6. The execution and delivery by the Company of the Underwriting Agreement and the consummation by the Company of the transactions contemplated thereby, including the issuance and sale of the Securities, will not (i) conflict with the Certificate of Incorporation or the By-Laws, (ii) constitute a violation of, or a breach or default under, the terms of any Applicable Contract or (iii) violate or conflict with, or result in any contravention of, any Applicable Law or any Applicable Order. We do not express any opinion, however, as to whether the execution, delivery or performance by the Company of the Underwriting Agreement will constitute a violation of, or a default under, any covenant, restriction or provision with respect to financial ratios or tests or any aspect of the financial condition or results of operations of the Company or any of its subsidiaries.
- 7. No Governmental Approval, which has not been obtained or taken and is not in full force and effect, is required to authorize, or is required for, the execution or delivery of the Underwriting Agreement by the Company or the consummation by the Company of the transactions contemplated thereby.
- 8. The 92,971,850 shares of Common Stock (including the Secondary Shares) shown by the Company's stock record books as being issued and outstanding immediately prior to the issuance of the Firm Shares on the date hereof have been duly authorized and are validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable.
- 9. The Firm Shares have been duly authorized by the Company and, when delivered to and paid for by the Underwriters in accordance with the terms of the Underwriting Agreement, will be validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable and free and clear of any preemptive rights or any similar rights arising under the DGCL, the Certificate of Incorporation, the By-Laws or any Applicable Contract.
- 10. The authorized capital stock of the Company conforms as to legal matters to the description thereof contained in the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus under the caption "Description of Our Capital Stock."

- 11. The statements in the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus under the caption "Underwriters," insofar as such statements purport to summarize certain provisions of the Underwriting Agreement, fairly summarize such provisions in all material respects.
- 12. The Company is not and, solely after giving effect to the offering and sale of the Securities and the application of the proceeds thereof as described in the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, will not be an

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"investment company" as such term is defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940.

This opinion is furnished only to you as representatives of the Underwriters and is solely for the Underwriters' benefit in connection with the closing occurring today and the offering of the Securities, in each case pursuant to the Underwriting Agreement. Without our prior written consent, this opinion may not be used, circulated, quoted or otherwise referred to for any other purpose or relied upon by, or assigned to, any other person for any purpose, including any other person that acquires any Securities or that seeks to assert an Underwriter's rights in respect of this opinion (other than an Underwriter's successor in interest by means of merger, consolidation, transfer of a business or other similar transaction).

Very truly yours,

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## **Schedule II - Applicable Contracts**

- 1. Purchase and Assumption Agreement, dated as of May 21, 2009, among the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (the "FDIC"), Receiver of BankUnited, FSB, Coral Cables, Florida, the FDIC and BankUnited (Single Family Shared-Loss Agreement and Commercial and Other Shared-Loss Agreement included as Exhibits 4.15A and 4.15B thereto, respectively), as amended or supplemented by the Addendum thereto, dated as of May 21, 2009, Amendment No. 1 to the BankUnited Single Family Shared-Loss Agreement, dated as of November 2, 2010, and Amendment No. 2 the BankUnited Single Family Shared-Loss Agreement, dated as of December 22, 2010
- 2. Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement of BU Financial Holdings LLC, dated as of May 21, 2009, by and among John A. Kanas, Rajinder P. Singh, John N. DiGiacomo, John Bohlsen and the other parties listed on Schedule A thereto (Schedule A as of January 15, 2011), including joinders thereto
- 3. Employment Agreement, dated August 18, 2010, among BU Financial Holdings LLC, BankUnited, Inc. (formerly know as BU Financial Corporation) and John A. Kanas
- 4. Amended and Restated Employment Agreement, dated August 18, 2010, between BankUnited and John A. Kanas
- 5. Employment Agreement, dated August 18, 2010, among BU Financial Holdings LLC, BankUnited, Inc. (formerly know as BU Financial Corporation) and John Bohlsen
- 6. Amended and Restated Employment Agreement, dated August 18, 2010, between BankUnited and John Bohlsen
- 7. Employment Agreement, dated August 18, 2010, among BU Financial Holdings LLC, BankUnited, Inc. (formerly know as BU Financial Corporation) and Douglas J. Pauls
- 8. Amended and Restated Employment Agreement, dated August 18, 2010, between BankUnited and Douglas J. Pauls
- 9. Employment Agreement, dated August 18, 2010, among BU Financial Holdings LLC, BankUnited, Inc. (formerly know as BU Financial Corporation) and Rajinder P. Singh
- 10. Amended and Restated Employment Agreement, dated August 18, 2010, between BankUnited and Rajinder P. Singh
- 11. BankUnited, Inc. Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Plan
- 12. BankUnited, Inc. (formerly know as BU Financial Corporation) 2009 Stock Option Plan
- 13. BankUnited, Inc. 2010 Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan

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- 14. Registration Rights Agreement, dated the date hereof, among BankUnited, Inc., John A. Kanas, Rajinder P. Singh, Douglas J. Pauls, John Bohlsen and each of the other parties thereto (executed and delivered at the closing of the sale of the Securities)
- 15. Director Nomination Agreement, dated the date hereof, among BankUnited, Inc., John A. Kanas and the other parties thereto (executed and delivered at the closing of the sale of the Securities)
- 16. Transaction Fee Agreement, dated May 21, 2009, among BU Financial Holdings LLC, Blackstone Management Partners L.L.C., Carlyle Investment Management L.L.C., Centerbridge Advisors, LLC and WL Ross & Co. LLC
- 17. BU Financial Holdings LLC warrant issued to the FDIC, dated May 21, 2009

- 18. Indemnification agreements between BankUnited, Inc. and each of its directors and executive officers, dated [ ], 2011
- 19. BankUnited, Inc. Policy on Incentive Compensation Arrangements

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## **Schedule II - Applicable Orders**

None.

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#### Schedule III — Issuer Free Writing Prospectus

Free writing prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 433 of the Rules and Regulations on [ ], 2011.

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Exhibit B-2

[Subject to Opinion Committee Review]

[], 2011

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c/o Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated 1585 Broadway New York. New York 10036

> Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated One Bryant Park New York, New York 10036

> > Re: BankUnited, Inc.

Initial Public Offering of Common Stock

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as special counsel to BankUnited, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), in connection with the Underwriting Agreement, dated January 27, 2011 (the "Underwriting Agreement"), among you, as representatives of the several Underwriters named in Schedule II thereto (the "Underwriters"), the Selling Stockholders named in Schedule I thereto (the "Selling Stockholders") and the Company, relating to the sale (a) by the Company to the Underwriters of 4,000,000 shares (the "Firm Shares") of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Common Stock"), (b) by the Selling Stockholders to the Underwriters of an aggregate of 22,250,000 shares of Common Stock (the "Secondary Shares") and (c) by the Selling Stockholders to the Underwriters of up to an additional 3,937,50 0 shares of Common Stock (the "Option Shares") at the Underwriters' option to cover overallotments. The Firm Shares, the Secondary Shares and the Option Shares are collectively referred to herein as the "Securities."

This letter is being furnished to you pursuant to Section 6(c) of the Underwriting Agreement.

In the above capacity, we have reviewed (i) the registration statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-170203) of the Company relating to the Securities filed on October 29, 2010 with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") under the Securities Act of 1933 (the "Securities Act") and Pre-Effective Amendments No. 1 through No. [ ] thereto and the information deemed to be part of the registration statement pursuant to Rule 430A of the General Rules and Regulations under the Securities Act (the "Rules and Regulations") and the Notice of Effectiveness of the Commission posted on its website declaring such registration statement effective on [ ], 2011 (such registration statement, as so amended, being hereinafter referred to as the "Registration Statement"), (ii) the preliminary prospect us, dated January 18, 2011 (the "Preliminary Prospectus"), relating to the offering of the Securities, and (iii) the final prospectus, dated [ ], 2011, relating to the offering of the Securities, in the form filed with the Commission on [ ], 2011 pursuant to Rule 424(b) of the Rules and Regulations (the "Prospectus"). We also have reviewed the "issuer free writing prospectus" (as defined in Rule 433(h)(1) of the Rules and Regulations) identified on Schedule A hereto relating to the Securities (the "Issuer General Use Free Writing Prospectus") and such other documents as we deemed appropriate. We have been orally advised by the Commission that no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement has been issued and, to our knowledge, no proceedings for that purpose have been instituted or are pending or threatened by the Commission.

In addition, we have participated in conferences with officers and other representatives of the Company, representatives of the independent registered public accountants of the Company, representatives of the Underwriters, counsel for the Underwriters and counsel for the Selling Stockholders at which the contents of the Registration Statement, the Prospectus, the General Disclosure Package (as defined below) and related matters were discussed. We do not pass upon, or assume any responsibility for, the accuracy, completeness or fairness of the statements contained in the Registration Statement, the

Prospectus or the General Disclosure Package and have made no independent check or verification thereof (except to the limited extent referred to in (i) paragraphs 10 and 11 of our opinion to you dated the date hereof and (ii) our tax opinion to you dated the date hereof).

On the basis of the foregoing, (i) the Registration Statement, at the time it became effective, and the Prospectus, as of its date, appeared on their face to be appropriately responsive in all material respects to the requirements of the Securities Act and the Rules and Regulations (except that in each case we do not express any view as to the financial statements, schedules and other financial information included therein or excluded therefrom) and (ii) no facts have come to our attention that have caused us to believe that the Registration Statement, at the time it became effective, contained an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the

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statements therein not misleading, or that the Prospectus, as of its date and as of the date hereof, contained or contains an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted or omits to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading (except that in each case we do not express any view as to the financial statements, schedules and other financial information included therein or excluded therefrom or the statements contained in the exhibits to the Registration Statement). In addition, on the basis of the foregoing, no facts have come to our attention that have caused us to believe that the General Disclosure Package, as of the Applicable Time (as defined below), contained an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading (except that we do not express any view as to the financial statements, schedules and other financial information included therein or excluded therefrom or the statements contained in the exhibits to the Registration Statement).

As used herein, (i) "Applicable Time" means [ ] (Eastern time) on [ ], 2011 and (ii) "General Disclosure Package" means the Preliminary Prospectus and the document identified on Schedule A hereto, all considered together.

This letter is furnished only to you as representatives of the Underwriters and is solely for the Underwriters' benefit in connection with the closing occurring today and the offering of the Securities, in each case pursuant to the Underwriting Agreement. Without our prior written consent, this letter may not be used, circulated, quoted or otherwise referred to for any other purpose or relied upon by, or assigned to, any other person for any purpose, including any other person that acquires any Securities or that seeks to assert an Underwriter's rights in respect of this letter (other than an Underwriter's successor in interest by means of merger, consolidation, transfer of a business or other similar transaction).

Very truly yours,

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Exhibit B-2

#### Schedule A

Free writing prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 433 of the Rules and Regulations on [], 2011.

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[], 2011

Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated as Representatives of the several Underwriters

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> > Re: BankUnited, Inc.

Initial Public Offering of Common Stock

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as special counsel to BankUnited, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), in connection with the Underwriting Agreement, dated [ ], 2011 (the "Underwriting Agreement"), among you, as representatives of the several Underwriters named in Schedule II thereto (the "Underwriters"), the Selling Stockholders named in Schedule I thereto (the "Selling Stockholders") and the Company, relating to the sale (a) by the Company to the Underwriters of 4,000,000 shares (the "Firm Shares") of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Common Stock"), (b) by the Selling Stockholders to the Underwriters of an aggregate of 22,250,000 shares of Common Stock (the "Secondary Shares") and (c) by the Selling Stockholders to the Underwriters of up to an additional 3,937,500 shares of Common Stock (the "Option Shares") at the Underwriters' option to cover overallotments. The Firm Shares, the Secondary Shares and the Option Shares are collectively referred to herein as the "Securities."

In rendering the opinion set forth herein, we have examined and relied on originals or copies of the following: (i) the registration statement

S-1 (File No. 333-170203) of the Company relating to the Securities filed on October 29, 2010 with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Act of 1933 (such registration statement, as so amended, being hereinafter referred to as the "Registration Statement"); (ii) the preliminary prospectus, dated [ ], 2011 (the "Preliminary Prospectus"), relating to the offering of the Securities; and (iii) the final prospectus, dated [ ], 2011, relating to the offering of the Securities, in the form filed with the Commission on [ ], 2011 (such final prospectus being hereinafter referred to as the "Prospectus"); and (iv) such other documents, certificates and records as we have deemed necessary or appropriate as a basis for the opinion set forth herein.

In rendering our opinion, we have participated in the preparation of the Registration Statement and the Prospectus. Our opinion is conditioned on, among other things, the initial and continuing accuracy of the facts, information and representations set forth in the documents referred to above. In our examination, we have assumed the genuineness of all signatures, the legal capacity of natural persons, the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals, the conformity to original documents of all documents submitted to us as certified, electronic or photostatic copies and the authenticity of the originals of such documents. We also have assumed that the transactions related to the issuance of the Securities will be consummated in the manner contemplated by the Registration Statement, the Prospectus, the Underwriting Agreement and other relevant documents. In addition, we have relied upon statements and representations of officers and other representatives of the Company and others, and we have assumed that such statements and representations are and will continue to be correct without regard to any qualification as to knowledge or belief.

Our opinion is based on the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, Treasury Department regulations promulgated thereunder, judicial decisions, published positions of the Internal Revenue Service, and such other authorities as we have considered relevant, all as in effect as of the date of this opinion and all of which are subject to differing interpretations or change at any time (possibly with retroactive effect). A change in the authorities or the truth, accuracy, or completeness of any of the facts, information, documents, statements, representations, or assumptions upon which our opinion is based could affect the conclusion expressed herein. There can be no assurance, moreover, that our opinion expressed herein will be accepted by the Internal Revenue Service or, if challenged, by a court.

Based upon and subject to the foregoing, and the limitations, qualifications, exceptions and assumptions set forth herein and in the Prospectus, we hereby confirm that, although the discussion set forth in the Prospectus under

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the heading "Certain Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences for Non-U.S. Holders of Common Stock" does not purport to discuss all possible United States federal income tax consequences of the purchase, ownership, and disposition of the Securities to Non-U.S. Holders (as defined therein), such discussion constitutes, in all material respects, a fair and accurate summary of the United States federal income tax consequences of the purchase, ownership, and disposition of the Securities to Non-U.S. Holders under current United States federal income tax law.

This opinion is being delivered to you pursuant to Section 6(c) of the Underwriting Agreement. Except as set forth above, we express no opinion to any party as to the tax consequences, whether federal, state, local or foreign, of the purchase, ownership and disposition of the Securities or of any transaction related to or contemplated by the Underwriting Agreement. This Opinion may not be relied upon by anyone else without our prior written consent. This opinion is expressed as of the date hereof, and we are under no obligation to supplement or revise our opinion to reflect any legal developments or factual matters arising subsequent to the date hereof or the impact of any information, document, certificate, statement, representation, covenant, or assumption relied upon herein that becomes incorrect or untrue.

Very truly yours,

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Exhibit C

[], 2011

Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated as Representatives of the several Underwriters

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> > Re: BankUnited, Inc.

**Initial Public Offering of Common Stock** 

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am General Counsel of BankUnited, a federal savings association and a wholly-owned subsidiary of BankUnited, Inc. (the "Company"). This opinion is being furnished to you pursuant to Section 6(d) the Underwriting Agreement, dated [ ], 2011 (the "Underwriting Agreement"), among you, as representatives of the several Underwriters named in Schedule II thereto (the "Underwriters"), the Selling Stockholders named in Schedule I thereto (the "Selling Stockholders") and the Company, relating to the sale (a) by the Company to the Underwriters of 4,000,000 shares (the "Firm Shares") of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Common Stock"), (b) by the Selling Stockholders to the Underwriters of an aggregate of

22,250,000 shares of Common Stock (the "Secondary Shares") and (c) by the Selling Stockholders to the Underwriters of up to an additional 3,937,500 shares of Common Stock (the "Option Shares") at the Underwriters' option to cover over-allotments. The Firm Shares, the Secondary Shares and the Option Shares are collectively referred to herein as the "Securities."

In rendering the opinion set forth herein, I have examined and relied on originals or copies of the following:

(a) the registration statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-170203) of the Company relating to the Securities filed on October 29, 2010 with the Securities and Exchange

Commission (the "Commission") under the Securities Act of 1933 (the "Securities Act") and Pre-Effective Amendments No. 1 through No. [ ] thereto and the information deemed to be part of the registration statement pursuant to Rule 430A of the General Rules and Regulations under the Securities Act (the "Rules and Regulations") and the Notice of Effectiveness of the Commission posted on its website declaring such registration statement effective on [ ], 2011 (such registration statement, as so amended, being hereinafter referred to as the "Registration Statement");

- (b) the preliminary prospectus, dated [ ], 2011 (the "Preliminary Prospectus"), relating to the offering of the Securities;
- (c) the final prospectus, dated [ ], 2011, relating to the offering of the Securities, in the form filed with the Commission on [ ], 2011 pursuant to Rule 424(b) of the Rules and Regulations (such final prospectus being hereinafter referred to as the "Prospectus"); and
  - (d) an executed copy of the Underwriting Agreement.

I have also examined originals or copies, certified or otherwise identified to my satisfaction, of such records of the Company and such agreements, certificates and receipts of public officials, certificates of officers or other representatives of the Company and others, and such other documents as I have deemed necessary or appropriate as a basis for the opinion set forth below.

In my examination, I have assumed the legal capacity of all natural persons, the genuineness of all signatures, the authenticity of all documents submitted to me as originals, the conformity to original documents of all documents submitted to me as facsimile, electronic, certified or photostatic copies, and the authenticity of the originals of such copies. In making my examination of executed documents, I have assumed that the parties thereto, other than the Company, had the power, corporate or other, to enter into and perform all obligations thereunder and have also assumed the due authorization by all requisite action, corporate or other, and the execution and delivery by such parties of such documents and the validity and binding effect thereof on such parties. As to any facts material to the opinion expressed herein that I did not independently establish or verify,&nb sp;I have relied upon statements and representations of officers and other representatives of the Company and others and of public officials. Whenever my opinion or confirmation herein with respect to the existence or absence of facts is indicated to be based upon my knowledge, it is intended to signify that, during the course of my representation of the Company, no information has come to my attention which would give me actual knowledge of the existence or absence of such facts. Except to the extent expressly set forth herein, I have not undertaken any independent investigation to determine the existence or absence of such facts or circumstances or the assumed facts set forth herein, I accept no responsibility to make any such investigation, and no inference as to my knowledge of the

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existence or absence of such facts or circumstances or of my having made any independent review thereof should be drawn from my representation of the Company.

As used herein, (i) "General Disclosure Package" means the Preliminary Prospectus and the documents identified on Schedule I hereto, all considered together.

I am admitted to the bar in the State of [New York], and I do not express any opinion as to the laws of any other jurisdiction other than the laws of the State of [New York]. To the extent that the laws of any other jurisdiction govern any of the matters referred to below, I have assumed that the laws of such jurisdiction are identical to the laws of the State of [New York].

Based upon the foregoing and subject to the limitations, qualifications, exceptions and assumptions set forth herein, I am of the opinion that, to my knowledge, there are no legal or governmental proceedings pending to which the Company is a party or to which any property of the Company is subject that are required to be disclosed in the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus pursuant to Item 103 of Regulation S-K of the Rules and Regulations that are not so disclosed in the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus.

The opinion expressed herein is a matter of professional judgment, is not a guarantee of result and is effective only as of the date hereof. I do not undertake to advise you of any matter within the scope of this opinion that comes to my attention after the date of this opinion and disclaim any responsibility to advise you of any future changes in law or fact that may affect the opinion expressed herein. I express no opinion other than as expressly set forth herein. No expansion of the opinion expressed herein may or should be made by implication or otherwise.

This opinion is furnished only to you as representatives of the Underwriters and is solely for the Underwriters' benefit in connection with the closing occurring today and the offering of the Securities, in each case pursuant to the Underwriting Agreement. Without my prior written consent, this opinion may not be used, circulated, quoted or otherwise referred to for any other purpose or relied upon by, or assigned to, any other person for any purpose, including any other person that acquires any Securities or that seeks to assert an Underwriter's rights in respect of this opinion (other than an Underwriter's successor in interest by means of merger, consolidation, transfer of a business or other similar transaction).

Very truly yours,

Jeffrey Starr General Counsel

#### **Schedule I: Issuer Free Writing Prospectus**

Free writing prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 433 of the Securities Act on [ ], 2011.

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**Exhibit D** 

January [·], 2011

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c/o Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated 1585 Broadway New York, New York 10036

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As representatives of the several underwriters named in Schedule II of the Underwriting Agreement referred to below

## Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as counsel to certain selling stockholders of the company identified on Schedule I hereto (the "Selling Stockholders") of BankUnited, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), in connection with the purchase by you of an aggregate of [·] shares of Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Shares"), of the Company, from the Company and the Selling Stockholders pursuant to the Underwriting Agreement dated January [·], 2011 among you, the Company and the Selling Stockholders (the "Underwriting Agreement").

We have examined the Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-170203) (the "Registration Statement") filed by the Company under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"); the Company's preliminary prospectus dated January [·], 2011 included in the Registration Statement immediately prior to the time it became effective under the Securities Act; the Company's prospectus dated January [·], 2011 (the "Prospectus") filed by the Company pursuant to Rule 424(b) of the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange

Commission; the Underwriting Agreement; each Irrevocable Power of Attorney (the "Powers of Attorney") by each of the Selling Stockholders; and each Stock Custody Agreement (the "Custody Agreements") among each of the Selling Stockholders, the Company, BU Financial Holdings LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, and the Registrar and Transfer Company, as custodian (the "Custodian"), relating to the Shares to be sold to the Underwriters by such Selling Stockholders. We have also examined a specimen certificate representing the Common Stock of the Company. In addition, we have examined, and have relied as to matters of fact upon, the documents delivered to you at the closing and upon originals, or duplicates or certified or conformed copies, of such corporate and other records, agreements, documents and other instruments and such certificates or comparable documents of public officials and of officers and representatives of the Company and the Selling Stockholders, and have made such other investigations, as we have deemed relevant and necessary in connection with the opinions hereinafter set forth.

In such examination, we have assumed the genuineness of all signatures, the legal capacity of natural persons, the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals, the conformity to original documents of all documents submitted to us as duplicates or certified or conformed copies and the authenticity of the originals of such latter documents. We have also assumed that (i) the Company is validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of Delaware and has full corporate power and authority to conduct its business as described in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus; and (ii) the Shares to be sold by the Company and the Selling Stockholders have been duly authorized and validly issued and are fully paid and nonassessable.

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In addition, in connection with our opinion set forth in paragraph 1 below, we have assumed that (i) The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") is a "securities intermediary" as defined in Section 8-102 of the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect in the State of New York (the "New York UCC"), and the State of New York is the "securities intermediary's jurisdiction" of DTC for purposes of Section 8-110 of the New York UCC, (ii) the Shares are registered in the name of DTC or its nominee, and DTC or another person on behalf of DTC maintains possession of certificates representing the Shares, (iii) DTC indicates by book entries on its books that security entitlements with respect to the Shares have been credited to the Underwriters' securities accounts and (iv) the Underwriters are purchasing the Shares without notice of any adverse claim (within the meaning of the New York UCC).

Based upon the foregoing, and subject to the qualifications, assumptions and limitations stated herein, we are of the opinion that:

1. Each Selling Stockholder has full company or partnership power, right and authority to sell the Shares to be sold by such Selling Stockholder and, upon the payment and transfer contemplated by the Underwriting Agreement, the Underwriters will acquire a security entitlement

with respect to the Shares and no action based on an adverse claim may be asserted against the Underwriters.

- 2. The Underwriting Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by or on behalf of each Selling Stockholder.
- 3. Each of the Powers of Attorney has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by each Selling Stockholder and constitutes a valid and legally binding obligation of such Selling Stockholder, enforceable against such Selling Stockholder in accordance with its terms.
- 4. Each of the Custody Agreements has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by each Selling Stockholder and, assuming that the applicable Custody Agreement is the valid and legally binding obligation of the Custodian and each of the other parties thereto, constitutes a valid and legally binding obligation of such Selling Stockholder, enforceable against such Selling Stockholder in accordance with its terms.

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- 5. The sale of the Shares by the Selling Stockholders and the compliance by the Selling Stockholders with all of the provisions of the Underwriting Agreement will not breach or result in a default under any indenture, mortgage, deed of trust, loan agreement or other agreement or instrument identified on Schedule II hereto, nor will such action violate any certificate of limited partnership or formation or agreement of limited partnership or limited liability company agreement or any federal or New York State statute or the Delaware Revised Uniform Limited Partnership Act or the Delaware Limited Liability Company Act or any rule or regulation that has been issued pursuant to any federal or New York State statute or the Delaware Revised Uniform Limited Partnership Act or any order known to us issued pursuant to any federal or New York State statute or the Delaware Revised Uniform Limited Partnership Act or the Delaware Limited Liability Company Act by any court or governmental agency or body having jurisdiction over any Selling Stockholder or any of its its properties.
- 6. No consent, approval, authorization, order, registration or qualification of or with any federal or New York governmental agency or body or any Delaware governmental agency or body acting pursuant to the Delaware Revised Uniform Limited Partnership Act or the Delaware Limited Liability Company Act or, to our knowledge, any federal or New York court or any Delaware court acting pursuant to the Delaware Revised Uniform Limited Partnership Act or the Delaware Limited Liability Company Act is required for the sale of the Shares by the Selling Stockholders and the compliance by the Selling Stockholders with all of the provisions of the Underwriting Agreement, except for the registration under the Securities Act and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, of the Shares, and such consents, approvals, authorization s, registrations or qualifications as may be required under state securities or Blue Sky laws in connection with the purchase and distribution of the Shares by the Underwriters.

Our opinions set forth in paragraphs 3 and 4 above are subject to (i) the effects of bankruptcy, insolvency, fraudulent conveyance, reorganization, moratorium and other similar laws relating to or affecting creditors' rights generally, (ii) general equitable principles (whether considered in a proceeding in equity or at law) and (iii) an implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing.

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We do not express any opinion herein concerning any law other than the law of the State of New York, the federal law of the United States, the Delaware Revised Uniform Limited Partnership Act and the Delaware Limited Liability Company Act.

This opinion letter is rendered to you in connection with the above-described transaction. This opinion letter may not be relied upon by you for any other purpose, or relied upon by, or furnished to, any other person, firm or corporation without our prior written consent.

Very truly yours,

SIMPSON THACHER & BARTLETT LLP

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Exhibit D

## Schedule I

Blackstone Capital Partners V L.P., a Delaware limited partnership
Blackstone Capital Partners V-AC L.P., a Delaware limited partnership
Blackstone Family Investment Partnership V L.P., a Delaware limited partnership
Blackstone Participation Partnership V L.P., a Delaware limited partnership
Carlyle Partners V, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership
Carlyle Partners V-A, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership
CP V Coinvestment A, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership
CP V Coinvestment B, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership
Carlyle Strategic Partners II, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership
CSP II Co-Investment, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership
Carlyle Financial Services BU, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership
Centerbridge Capital Partners SBS, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership
Centerbridge Capital Partners SBS, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership

CB BU Investors, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company CB BU Investors II, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company

## Schedule II

- 1. Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of  $[\cdot]$ , 2011, by and among BankUnited, Inc. and the stockholders party thereto.
- 2. Director Nomination Agreement, dated as of  $[\cdot]$ , 2011, by and among BankUnited, Inc. and the stockholders party thereto.

## Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP Four Times Square New York, New York 10036-6522

January 24, 2011

BankUnited, Inc. 14817 Oak Lane Miami Lakes, Florida 33016

Re: BankUnited, Inc.

Registration Statement on Form S-1

(File No. 333-170203)

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as special counsel to BankUnited, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), in connection with the initial public offering by the Company of 4,000,000 shares (the "Primary Shares") of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.01 per share ("Common Stock"), and the sale by the selling stockholders (the "Selling Stockholders") named in Schedule I to the Underwriting Agreement (defined below), of up to 26,187,500 shares (including up to 3,937,500 shares subject to an over-allotment option) (the "Secondary Shares") of Common Stock.

This opinion is being furnished in accordance with the requirements of Item 601(b)(5) of Regulation S-K of the General Rules and Regulations under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Act").

In connection with this opinion, we have examined originals or copies, certified or otherwise identified to our satisfaction, of (a) the Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-170203) of the Company, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") under the Act; (b) Pre-Effective Amendments No. 1 through No. 4 thereto (such Registration Statement, as so amended, being hereinafter referred to as the "Registration Statement"); (c) the form of underwriting agreement (the "Underwriting Agreement") proposed to be entered into by and among Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, as representatives of the several underwriters named in Schedule II

thereto (the "Underwriters"), the Selling Stockholders and the Company filed as Exhibit 1.1 to the Registration Statement; (d) a specimen certificate evidencing the Common Stock in the form of Exhibit 4.1 to the Registration Statement; (e) the Certificate of Incorporation of the Company, as amended to date and currently in effect (the "Charter"); (f) the By-Laws of the Company, as amended to date and currently in effect (the "By-Laws"); (g) the form of the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation (the "New Charter") of the Company, to be in effect in connection with the consummation of the initial public offering (the "IPO") of Common Stock of the Company and filed as an exhibit to the Registration Statement; (h) the form of Amended and Restated By-Laws of the Company (the "New By-Laws), to be in effect in connect ion with the consummation of the IPO and filed as an exhibit to the Registration Statement; (i) certain resolutions of the Board of Directors of the Company relating to the reorganization transactions described in the Registration Statement pursuant to which the Secondary Shares and other shares of Common Stock will be issued to the unitholders (including the Selling Stockholders) of BU Financial Holdings LLC, the sole stockholder of the Company, preceding the IPO, the issuance of the Primary Shares, the adoption of the New Charter and the New By-Laws and related matters; and (j) certain resolutions of the sole stockholder of the Company relating to the New Charter. We have also examined originals or copies, certificate and receipts of public officials, certificates of officers or other representatives of the Company and others, and such other documents, certificates and receipts of public officials, certificates a basis for the opinions set forth below.

In our examination, we have assumed the legal capacity of all natural persons, the genuineness of all signatures, the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals, the conformity to original documents of all documents submitted to us as facsimile, electronic, certified or photostatic copies, and the authenticity of the originals of such copies. In making our examination of executed documents, we have assumed that the parties thereto, other than the Company, had the power, corporate or other, to enter into and perform all obligations thereunder and have also assumed the due authorization by all requisite action, corporate or other, and the execution and delivery by such parties of such documents and the validity and binding effect thereof on such parties. As to any facts material to the opinions expressed herein that we did not independently establish or verify, we have relied upon statements and representations of officers and other representatives of the Company and others and of public officials.

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Members of our firm are admitted to the bar in the State of New York, and we do not express any opinion with respect to the law of any jurisdiction other than Delaware corporate law (including, to the extent applicable, the Delaware constitution and judicial decisions) and we do not express any opinion as to the effect of any other laws on the opinions herein stated.

Based upon and subject to the foregoing, we are of the opinion that:

1. When (i) the Registration Statement becomes effective under the Act; (ii) the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the Company (the "Executive Committee") determines the price per share of the Primary Shares; (iii) the Underwriting Agreement has been duly executed and delivered; and (iv) the Primary Shares have been registered by the transfer agent and registrar for the Common Stock and delivered to and paid for by the Underwriters as contemplated by the Underwriting Agreement at a price per share approved by the Executive Committee, the issuance and sale of the Primary Shares will have been duly authorized, and the Primary Shares will be validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable.

2. The issuance of the Secondary Shares has been duly authorized and, when the reorganization transactions are consummated as contemplated by the Registration Statement, the Secondary Shares will be validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable.

We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion with the Commission as an exhibit to the Registration Statement. We also consent to the reference to our firm under the caption "Legal Matters" in the Registration Statement. In giving this consent, we do not thereby admit that we are included in the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Act or the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP

# JOINDER TO THE AMENDED AND RESTATED LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY AGREEMENT

This JOINDER to the Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement (this "<u>Joinder</u>") of BU Financial Holdings LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "<u>Company</u>"), dated as of May 21, 2009 (as the same may be amended, supplement or modified from time to time, the "<u>LLC Agreement</u>"), is made and entered into as of July 15, 2009 (the "<u>Effective Date</u>") by and between the Company and Rishi Bansal (the "<u>New Member</u>").

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 3.9 of the LLC Agreement, the Company desires to admit the New Member as an Additional Member to the Company, to be treated as an "Outside Member" under the LLC Agreement;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 3.9 of the LLC Agreement, the New Member desires to acknowledge that, upon execution of this Joinder and effective as of the Effective Date, such New Member shall be party to, and bound by all of the terms of, the LLC Agreement; and

WHEREAS, on the Effective Date, New Member shall make a contribution of \$1,500,000.00 to the Company in exchange for 1,500.00 Common Units of the Company.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants set forth herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, intending to be legally bound hereby, the parties to this Joinder agree as follows:

- 1. <u>Definitions</u>. Capitalized terms used herein but not otherwise defined herein shall have the respective meanings set forth in the LLC Agreement.
- 2. Agreement to be Bound. The New Member hereby (i) acknowledges that it has received and reviewed a complete copy of the LLC Agreement and (ii) agrees that upon execution of this Joinder, the New Member shall become a party to the LLC Agreement as an Outside Member and shall be fully bound by, and subject to, all of the applicable terms, conditions, representations and warranties and other provisions of the LLC Agreement with all attendant rights, benefits, duties, restrictions and obligations stated therein as though an original party thereto and shall be deemed an "Outside Member" for all purposes under the LLC Agreement. The Company hereby agrees that upon execution of this Joinder, the New Member shall have all attendant rights and benefits stated in the LLC Agreement applicable to Outside Members, with the same force and effect as if the undersigned was an original party to the LLC Agreement, and that Schedule A to the LLC Agreement shall be amended to include the name of the New Member and the number of Common Units issued to such New Member as described herein.
- 3. <u>Effectiveness</u>. This Joinder shall take effect and shall become a part of the LLC Agreement as of the Effective Date immediately upon the execution hereof.
- 4. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Joinder may be executed in two (2) or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but both of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.
- 5. <u>Governing Law</u>. This Joinder shall be governed in all respects, including as to validity, construction, interpretation and effect, by the substantive laws of the state of Delaware, without giving effect to the conflict of laws rules thereof.
- 6. <u>Headings</u>. The headings contained in this Joinder are for purposes of convenience only and shall not affect the meaning or interpretation of this Joinder.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Joinder has been duly executed and delivered by the duly authorized officers of the Company and New Member as of the date first above written.

BU FINANCIAL HOLDINGS LLC

By: /s/ Rajinder Singh Name: Rajinder Singh

Title: Secretary

/s/ Rishi Bansal

RISHI BANSAL

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# JOINDER TO THE AMENDED AND RESTATED LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY AGREEMENT

This JOINDER to the Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement (this "<u>Joinder</u>") of BU Financial Holdings LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "<u>Company</u>"), dated as of May 21, 2009 (as the same may be amended, supplement or modified from time to time, the

"LLC Agreement"), is made and entered into as of September 1, 2009 (the "Effective Date") by and between the Company and Douglas Pauls (the "New Member").

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 3.9 of the LLC Agreement, the Company desires to admit the New Member as an Additional Member to the Company, to be treated as a "Management Member" under the LLC Agreement;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 3.9 of the LLC Agreement, the New Member desires to acknowledge that, upon execution of this Joinder and effective as of the Effective Date, such New Member shall be party to, and bound by all of the terms of, the LLC Agreement; and

WHEREAS, on the Effective Date, New Member shall make a contribution of \$500,000 to the Company in exchange for 500 Common Units of the Company.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants set forth herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, intending to be legally bound hereby, the parties to this Joinder agree as follows:

- 1. <u>Definitions</u>. Capitalized terms used herein but not otherwise defined herein shall have the respective meanings set forth in the LLC Agreement.
- 2. Agreement to be Bound. The New Member hereby (i) acknowledges that it has received and reviewed a complete copy of the LLC Agreement and (ii) agrees that upon execution of this Joinder, the New Member shall become a party to the LLC Agreement as a Management Member and shall be fully bound by, and subject to, all of the applicable terms, conditions, representations and warranties and other provisions of the LLC Agreement with all attendant rights, benefits, duties, restrictions and obligations stated therein as though an original party thereto and shall be deemed a "Management Member" for all purposes under the LLC Agreement. The Company hereby agrees that upon execution of this Joinder, the New Member shall have all attendant rights and benefits stated in the LLC Agreement applicable to Management Members, with the same force and effect as if the un dersigned was an original party to the LLC Agreement, and that Schedule A to the LLC Agreement shall be amended to include the name of the New Member and the number of Common Units issued to such New Member as described herein.
- 3. <u>Effectiveness</u>. This Joinder shall take effect and shall become a part of the LLC Agreement as of the Effective Date immediately upon the execution hereof.
- 4. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Joinder may be executed in two (2) or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but both of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.
- 5. <u>Governing Law</u>. This Joinder shall be governed in all respects, including as to validity, construction, interpretation and effect, by the substantive laws of the state of Delaware, without giving effect to the conflict of laws rules thereof.
- 6. <u>Headings</u>. The headings contained in this Joinder are for purposes of convenience only and shall not affect the meaning or interpretation of this Joinder.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Joinder has been duly executed and delivered by the duly authorized officers of the Company and New Member as of the date first above written.

BU FINANCIAL HOLDINGS LLC

By: /s/ Rajinder P. Singh

Name: Rajinder P. Singh

Title:

/s/ Douglas Pauls

DOUGLAS PAULS

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# JOINDER TO THE AMENDED AND RESTATED LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY AGREEMENT

This JOINDER to the Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement (this "Joinder") of BU Financial Holdings LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "Company"), dated as of May 21, 2009 (as the same may be amended, supplement or modified from time to time, the "LLC Agreement"), is made and entered into as of October 9, 2009 (the "Effective Date") by and between the Company and Scott Skorobohaty (the "New Member").

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 3.9 of the LLC Agreement, the Company desires to admit the New Member as an Additional Member to the Company, to be treated as an "Outside Member" under the LLC Agreement;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 3.9 of the LLC Agreement, the New Member desires to acknowledge that, upon execution of this Joinder and effective as of the Effective Date, such New Member shall be party to, and bound by all of the terms of, the LLC Agreement; and

WHEREAS, on the Effective Date, New Member shall make a contribution of \$500,000.00 to the Company in exchange for 500.00 Common Units of the Company.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants set forth herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, intending to be legally bound hereby, the parties to this Joinder agree as follows:

- 1. <u>Definitions</u>. Capitalized terms used herein but not otherwise defined herein shall have the respective meanings set forth in the LLC Agreement.
- 2. Agreement to be Bound. The New Member hereby (i) acknowledges that it has received and reviewed a complete copy of the LLC Agreement and (ii) agrees that upon execution of this Joinder, the New Member shall become a party to the LLC Agreement as an Outside Member and shall be fully bound by, and subject to, all of the applicable terms, conditions, representations and warranties and other provisions of the LLC Agreement with all attendant rights, benefits, duties, restrictions and obligations stated therein as though an original party thereto and shall be deemed an "Outside Member" for all purposes under the LLC Agreement. The Company hereby agrees that upon execution of this Joinder, the New Member shall have all attendant rights and benefits stated in the LLC Agreement applicable to Outside Members, with the same force and effect as if the undersign ed was an original party to the LLC Agreement, and that Schedule A to the LLC Agreement shall be amended to include the name of the New Member and the number of Common Units issued to such New Member as described herein.
- 3. <u>Effectiveness</u>. This Joinder shall take effect and shall become a part of the LLC Agreement as of the Effective Date immediately upon the execution hereof.
- 4. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Joinder may be executed in two (2) or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but both of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.
- 5. <u>Governing Law</u>. This Joinder shall be governed in all respects, including as to validity, construction, interpretation and effect, by the substantive laws of the state of Delaware, without giving effect to the conflict of laws rules thereof.
- 6. <u>Headings</u>. The headings contained in this Joinder are for purposes of convenience only and shall not affect the meaning or interpretation of this Joinder.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Joinder has been duly executed and delivered by the duly authorized officers of the Company and New Member as of the date first above written.

### BU FINANCIAL HOLDINGS LLC

By: /s/ Rajinder P. Singh
Name: Rajinder P. Singh

Title:

/s/ Scott Skorobohaty

SCOTT SKOROBOHATY

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# JOINDER TO THE AMENDED AND RESTATED LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY AGREEMENT

This JOINDER to the Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement (this "Joinder") of BU Financial Holdings LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "Company"), dated as of May 21, 2009 (as the same may be amended, supplement or modified from time to time, the "LLC Agreement"), is made and entered into as of October 20, 2009 (the "Effective Date") by and between the Company and Raymond Barbone (the "New Member").

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 3.9 of the LLC Agreement, the Company desires to admit the New Member as an Additional Member to the Company, to be treated as an "Outside Member" under the LLC Agreement;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 3.9 of the LLC Agreement, the New Member desires to acknowledge that, upon execution of this Joinder and effective as of the Effective Date, such New Member shall be party to, and bound by all of the terms of, the LLC Agreement; and

WHEREAS, on the Effective Date, New Member shall make a contribution of \$250,000.00 to the Company in exchange for 250.00 Common Units of the Company.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants set forth herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, intending to be legally bound hereby, the parties to this Joinder agree as follows:

- 1. <u>Definitions</u>. Capitalized terms used herein but not otherwise defined herein shall have the respective meanings set forth in the LLC Agreement.
- 2. <u>Agreement to be Bound</u>. The New Member hereby (i) acknowledges that it has received and reviewed a complete copy of the LLC Agreement and (ii) agrees that upon execution of this Joinder, the New Member shall become a party to the LLC Agreement as an Outside Member and shall be fully bound by, and subject to, all of the applicable terms, conditions, representations and warranties and other provisions of the LLC Agreement with all attendant rights, benefits, duties, restrictions and obligations stated therein as though an original party thereto and shall be deemed an "Outside Member" for all purposes under the LLC Agreement. The Company hereby agrees that upon execution of this Joinder, the New Member shall have all attendant rights and benefits stated in the LLC Agreement applicable to Outside Members, with the same force and effect as if the undersign ed was an original party to the LLC Agreement, and that Schedule A to the LLC Agreement shall be amended to include the name of the New Member and the number of Common Units issued to such New Member as described herein.
- 3. <u>Effectiveness</u>. This Joinder shall take effect and shall become a part of the LLC Agreement as of the Effective Date immediately upon the execution hereof.
- 4. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Joinder may be executed in two (2) or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but both of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.
- 5. <u>Governing Law</u>. This Joinder shall be governed in all respects, including as to validity, construction, interpretation and effect, by the substantive laws of the state of Delaware, without giving effect to the conflict of laws rules thereof.
- 6. <u>Headings</u>. The headings contained in this Joinder are for purposes of convenience only and shall not affect the meaning or interpretation of this Joinder.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Joinder has been duly executed and delivered by the duly authorized officers of the Company and New Member as of the date first above written.

## BU FINANCIAL HOLDINGS LLC

By: /s/ Rajinder P. Singh

Name: Rajinder P. Singh

Title:

/s/ Raymond Barbone

RAYMOND BARBONE

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# JOINDER TO THE AMENDED AND RESTATED LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY AGREEMENT

This JOINDER to the Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement (this "Joinder") of BU Financial Holdings LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "Company"), dated as of May 21, 2009 (as the same may be amended, supplement or modified from time to time, the "LLC Agreement"), is made and entered into as of January 6, 2010 (the "Effective Date") by and between (x) the Company and (y) Sue M. Cobb ("Cobb"), Cobb Family Twenty-Second Century Fund I, created under a trust agreement dated December 28, 1992 (the "Cobb Trust") and Cobb Family Foundation, Inc., a Florida not-for-profit corporation, chartered October 24, 1984 (the "Cobb Family Foundation," and together with Cobb and Cobb Trust, the "Cobb Group Members" 8;).

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 3.9 of the LLC Agreement, the Company desires to admit the Cobb Group Members as Additional Members to the Company, to be treated as "Outside Members" under the LLC Agreement but subject to Section 2 of this Joinder;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 3.9 of the LLC Agreement, the Cobb Group Members desire to acknowledge that, upon execution of this Joinder and effective as of the Effective Date, such Cobb Group Members shall be party to, and bound by all of the terms of, the LLC Agreement; and

WHEREAS, on the Effective Date, the Cobb Group Members shall make an aggregate cash capital contribution of \$2,000,000.00 to the Company in exchange for 1,795.03 Class A Common Units of the Company, which contribution and Class A Common Units shall be allocated among the Cobb Group Members as follows: Cobb (50%), Cobb Trust (35%) and Cobb Family Foundation (15%).

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants set forth herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, intending to be legally bound hereby, the parties to this Joinder agree as follows:

1. <u>Definitions</u>. Capitalized terms used herein but not otherwise defined herein shall have the respective meanings set forth in the LLC Agreement.

#### 2. Agreement to be Bound.

Subject in all respect to Section 2(b) of this Joinder, each Cobb Group Member hereby (i) acknowledges that it has received and reviewed a complete copy of the LLC Agreement and (ii) agrees that upon execution of this Joinder, such Cobb Group Members shall become a party to the LLC Agreement as an Outside Member and shall be fully bound by, and subject to, all of the applicable terms,

conditions, representations and warranties and other provisions of the LLC Agreement with all attendant rights, benefits, duties, restrictions and obligations stated therein as though an original party thereto and shall be deemed an "Outside Member" for all purposes under the LLC Agreement. Subject in all respect to Section 2(b) of this Joinder, the Company hereby agrees that upon execution of this Joinder, the Cobb Group Members shall have all attendant rights and benefits stated in the LLC Agreement applicable to Outside Members, with the same force and effect as if the undersigned was an original party to the LLC Agreement, and that Schedule A to the LLC Agreement shall be amended to include the names of the Cobb Group Members and the number of Class A Common Units issued to each such Cobb Group Member as described herein.

- Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Joinder of the LLC Agreement, the Company and the Cobb Group Members agree as follows:
- The issuance of the Class A Common Units to the Cobb Group Members as contemplated herein shall be (1) deemed to be part of the Tranche One, which is the same Tranche as the Common Units that were issued to the Members of the Company at the Closing for all purposes of the LLC Agreement;
- In addition to the Transfers permitted by Section 12.1 of the LLC Agreement as it applies to Outside Members, (2) the Cobb Group Members shall be permitted to Transfer Common Units held by the Cobb Group Members as follows: (x) with respect to Cobb, for estate planning purposes or upon the death of Cobb, in each case, in the same manner and subject to the same restrictions, rights and limitations as set forth in Section 12.3 of the LLC Agreement as though Cobb was a "Management Member" solely for purposes of such Section 12.3 of the LLC Agreement and (y) with respect to Cobb Trust and Cobb Family Foundation, a Transfer of Common Units to any successor trustee or representative of such trust (but only for so long as it remains such); and
- The Tag-Along Rights set forth in Section 12.6(a) of the LLC Agreement shall not apply to any Transfers of (3)Common Units by the Cobb Group Members pursuant to Section 2(b)(2) of this Joinder.
- 3. Effectiveness. This Joinder shall take effect and shall become a part of the LLC Agreement as of the Effective Date immediately upon the execution hereof.
- 4. Counterparts. This Joinder may be executed in two (2) or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but both of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.
- 5. Governing Law. This Joinder shall be governed in all respects, including as to validity, construction, interpretation and effect, by the substantive laws of the state of Delaware, without giving effect to the conflict of laws rules thereof.
- 6. Headings. The headings contained in this Joinder are for purposes of convenience only and shall not affect the meaning or interpretation of this Joinder.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Joinder has been duly executed and delivered by the duly authorized officers of the Company and New Member as of the date first above written.

BU FINANCIAL HOLDINGS LLC

/s/ Rajinder P. Singh Name: Rajinder P. Singh

Title: Secretary

/s/ Sue M. Cobb

SUE M. COBB

Cobb Family Twenty-Second Century Fund I, created under a trust agreement dated December 28, 1992

By: /s/ Sue M. Cobb Name: Sue M. Cobb

Title: Trustee

Cobb Family Foundation, Inc.

By: /s/ Sue M. Cobb
Name: Sue M. Cobb
Title: President

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## JOINDER TO THE AMENDED AND RESTATED LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY AGREEMENT

This JOINDER to the Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement (this "Joinder") of BU Financial Holdings LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "Company"), dated as of May 21, 2009 (as the same may be amended, supplement or modified from time to time, the "LLC Agreement"), is made and entered into as of September 30, 2010 (the "Effective Date") by and between (x) the Company and (y) Eugene DeMark ("DeMark").

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 3.9 of the LLC Agreement, the Company desires to admit DeMark as an Additional Member to the Company, to be treated as an "Outside Member" under the LLC Agreement but subject to Section 2 of this Joinder;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 3.9 of the LLC Agreement, DeMark desires to acknowledge that, upon execution of this Joinder and effective as of the Effective Date, DeMark shall be party to, and bound by all of the terms of, the LLC Agreement; and

WHEREAS, on the Effective Date, DeMark shall make an aggregate cash capital contribution of \$500,000.00 to the Company in exchange for 250.36 Class A Common Units of the Company.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants set forth herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, intending to be legally bound hereby, the parties to this Joinder agree as follows:

1. <u>Definitions</u>. Capitalized terms used herein but not otherwise defined herein shall have the respective meanings set forth in the LLC Agreement.

#### 2. Agreement to be Bound.

a. Subject in all respect to Section 2(b) of this Joinder, DeMark hereby (i) acknowledges that he has received and reviewed a complete copy of the LLC Agreement and (ii) agrees that upon execution of this Joinder, DeMark shall become a party to the LLC Agreement as an Outside Member and shall be fully bound by, and subject to, all of the applicable terms, conditions, representations and warranties and other provisions of the LLC Agreement with all attendant rights, benefits, duties, restrictions and obligations stated therein as though an original party thereto and shall be deemed an "Outside Member" for all purposes under the LLC Agreement. Subject in all respect to Section 2(b) of this Joinder, the Company hereby agrees that upon execution of this Joinder, DeMark shall have all attendant rights and benefit stated in the LLC Agreement applicable to Outside Members, with the same force and effect as if the undersigned was an original party to the LLC Agreement, and that Schedule A to the

LLC Agreement shall be amended to include the name of DeMark and the number of Class A Common Units issued to DeMark as described herein.

- b. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Joinder of the LLC Agreement, the Company and DeMark agree as follows:
- (1) The issuance of the Class A Common Units to DeMark as contemplated herein shall be deemed to be part of the Tranche One, which is the same Tranche as the Common Units that were issued to the Members of the Company at the Closing for all purposes of the LLC Agreement;
- (2) In addition to the Transfers permitted by Section 12.1 of the LLC Agreement as it applies to Outside Members, DeMark shall be permitted to Transfer Common Units held by DeMark for estate planning purposes or upon the death of DeMark, in each case, in the same manner and subject to the same restrictions, rights and limitations as set forth in Section 12.3 of the LLC Agreement as though DeMark was a "Management Member" solely for purposes of such Section 12.3 of the LLC Agreement; and
- (3) The Tag-Along Rights set forth in Section 12.6(a) of the LLC Agreement shall not apply to any Transfers of Common Units by DeMark pursuant to Section 2(b)(2) of this Joinder.
- 3. <u>Effectiveness</u>. This Joinder shall take effect and shall become a part of the LLC Agreement as of the Effective Date immediately upon the execution hereof.
- 4. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Joinder may be executed in two (2) or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but both of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.
- 5. <u>Governing Law</u>. This Joinder shall be governed in all respects, including as to validity, construction, interpretation and effect, by the substantive laws of the state of Delaware, without giving effect to the conflict of laws rules thereof.
- 6. <u>Headings</u>. The headings contained in this Joinder are for purposes of convenience only and shall not affect the meaning or interpretation of this Joinder.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Joinder has been duly executed and delivered by the duly authorized officer of the Company and Eugene DeMark as of the date first above written.

#### BU FINANCIAL HOLDINGS LLC

By: /s/ Rajinder Singh
Name: Rajinder Singh
Title: Senior Executive VP

/s/ Eugene DeMark EUGENE DEMARK

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# JOINDER TO THE AMENDED AND RESTATED LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY AGREEMENT

This JOINDER to the Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement (this "Joinder") of BU Financial Holdings LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "Company"), dated as of May 21, 2009 (as the same may be amended, supplement or modified from time to time, the "LLC Agreement"), is made and entered into as of December 30, 2010 (the "Effective Date") by Kanas 2010 Annuity Trust (the "New Member"). Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined shall have the meaning specified in the LLC Agreement.

WHEREAS, as of the Effective Date, John A. Kanas transferred 12,500 Interests (in the form of Common Units, and for the avoidance of doubt, not Profits Interests) to the New Member, representing a portion of the Interests held by John A. Kanas as of the Effective Date;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article XII of the LLC Agreement, including Section 12.4 of the LLC Agreement, the New Member desires to be admitted to the LLC, as a substitute member, to be treated as a "Management Member" or one of the "Management Members" under the LLC Agreement; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article XII of the LLC Agreement, including Section 12.4 of the LLC Agreement, the New Member desires to acknowledge that, effective upon execution of this Joinder, the New Member shall be party to and bound by all of the terms of the LLC Agreement applicable to Management Members.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants set forth herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, intending to be legally bound hereby, the parties to this Joinder agree as follows:

- 1. <u>Definitions</u>. Capitalized terms used herein but not otherwise defined herein shall have the respective meanings set forth in the LLC Agreement.
- 2. <u>Agreement to be Bound</u>. The New Member agrees that upon execution of this Joinder, the New Member shall become a party to the LLC Agreement as a Management Member and shall be fully bound by, and subject to, all of the applicable terms, conditions, representations and warranties and other provisions of the LLC Agreement with all attendant rights, benefits, duties, restrictions and obligations stated therein as though an original party thereto and shall be deemed a "Management Member" for all purposes under the LLC Agreement.
  - 3. Effectiveness. This Joinder shall take effect and shall become a part of the LLC Agreement immediately upon the execution hereof.
- 4. <u>Governing Law</u>. This Joinder shall be governed in all respects, including as to validity, construction, interpretation and effect, by the substantive laws of the state of Delaware, without giving effect to the conflict of laws rules thereof.
- 5. <u>Headings</u>. The headings contained in this Joinder are for purposes of convenience only and shall not affect the meaning or interpretation of this Joinder.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Joinder has been duly executed and delivered by the New Member as of the date first above written.

KANAS 2010 ANNUITY TRUST

By: /s/ John A. Kanas Name: John A. Kanas

Title: Trustee

## JOINDER TO THE AMENDED AND RESTATED LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY AGREEMENT

This JOINDER to the Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement (this "Joinder") of BU Financial Holdings LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "Company"), dated as of May 21, 2009 (as the same may be amended, supplement or modified from time to time, the "LLC Agreement"), is made and entered into as of December 30, 2010 (the "Effective Date") by Bohlsen 2010 Annuity Trust (the "New Member"). Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined shall have the meaning specified in the LLC Agreement.

] Interests (in the form of Common Units, and for the avoidance of WHEREAS, as of the Effective Date, John Bohlsen transferred [ doubt, not Profits Interests) to the New Member, representing a portion of the Interests held by John Bohlsen as of the Effective Date;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article XII of the LLC Agreement, including Section 12.4 of the LLC Agreement, the New Member desires to be admitted to the LLC, as a substitute member, to be treated as a "Management Member" or one of the "Management Members" under the LLC Agreement; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article XII of the LLC Agreement, including Section 12.4 of the LLC Agreement, the New Member desires to acknowledge that, effective upon execution of this Joinder, the New Member shall be party to and bound by all of the terms of the LLC Agreement applicable to Management Members.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants set forth herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, intending to be legally bound hereby, the parties to this Joinder agree as follows:

- 1. <u>Definitions</u>. Capitalized terms used herein but not otherwise defined herein shall have the respective meanings set forth in the LLC Agreement.
- 2. Agreement to be Bound. The New Member agrees that upon execution of this Joinder, the New Member shall become a party to the LLC Agreement as a Management Member and shall be fully bound by, and subject to, all of the applicable terms, conditions, representations and warranties and other provisions of the LLC Agreement with all attendant rights, benefits, duties, restrictions and obligations stated therein as though an original party thereto and shall be deemed a "Management Member" for all purposes under the LLC Agreement.
  - 3. Effectiveness. This Joinder shall take effect and shall become a part of the LLC Agreement immediately upon the execution hereof.
- 4. Governing Law. This Joinder shall be governed in all respects, including as to validity, construction, interpretation and effect, by the substantive laws of the state of Delaware, without giving effect to the conflict of laws rules thereof.
- 5. Headings. The headings contained in this Joinder are for purposes of convenience only and shall not affect the meaning or interpretation of this Joinder.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Joinder has been duly executed and delivered by the New Member as of the date first above written.

**BOHLSEN 2010 ANNUITY TRUST** 

/s/ John Bohlsen Name: John Bohlsen

Title: Trustee

#### **REGISTRATION RIGHTS AGREEMENT**

This Registration Rights Agreement (as amended from time to time, this "Agreement") is dated as of , 2011, by and among BankUnited, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), WLR Recovery Fund IV, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, WLR IV Parallel ESC, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, and WLR/GS Master Co-Investment, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (each, respectively, a "WL Ross Stockholder"), Carlyle Partners V, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, Carlyle Partners V-A, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, CP V Coinvestment A, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, CP V Coinvestment B, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, Carlyle Strategic Partn ers II, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, CSP II Co-Investment, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, and Carlyle Financial Services BU, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (each, respectively, a "Carlyle Stockholder"), Centerbridge Capital Partners, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, Centerbridge Capital Partners SBS, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, Centerbridge Capital Partners Strategic, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, CB BU Investors, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company, CB BU Investors II, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company, and CB BU Investors III, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company (each, respectively, a "Centerbridge Stockholder"), and Blackstone Capital Partners V.L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, Blackstone Capital Partners V-AC L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, Blackstone Family Investment Partnership V L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, and Blackstone Participation Partnership V L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (each, respectively, a "Blackstone Stockholder" and, together with the WL Ross Stockholders, the Carlyle Stockholders and the Centerbridge Stockholders, the "Investor Stockholders,"), John A. Kanas ("Kanas"), Rajinder P. Singh ("Singh"), Douglas Pauls ("Pauls") and John Bohlsen ("Bohlsen," and collectively with Kanas, Singh, Pauls and the entities listed under the heading "Management Stockholders" on the signature pages hereto, the "Management Stockholders," and each individually, a "< b>Management Stockholder"), and each of the entities listed under the heading "Outside Stockholder" on the signature pages hereto (each, an "Outside Stockholder" and, together, the "Outside Stockholders"). The Management Stockholders and the Outside Stockholders are collectively referred to herein as the "Non-Investor Stockholders." The Investor Stockholders and the Outside Stockholders are collectively referred to herein as the "Non-Management Stockholders." The Non-Investor Stockholders and the Investor Stockholders are collectively referred to herein as the "Stockholders." References to a Stockholder include all of its affiliated private equity funds, including co - -invest and side-by-side entities, that hold shares of common stock of the Company (the "Common Stock"). References to Stockholders also include transferees to whom a Stockholder transfers shares and related rights under this Agreement in accordance with Section 6.1.

WHEREAS, the Stockholders hold shares (as such term is defined below) in the Company; and

WHEREAS, concurrently herewith the Company is effectuating an initial public offering of shares of common stock of the Company (the "<u>IPO</u>") and has agreed to provide the Stockholders with the registration rights set forth in this Agreement with respect to the shares that the Stockholders may hold directly from time to time;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and of the mutual agreements, covenants and provisions herein contained, the parties hereto agree as follows:

## ARTICLE I

## **DEFINITIONS**

In this Agreement:

Affiliate means, with respect to a specified Person, any Person that directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with, the specified Person, including any Person that is an "affiliate" as defined in 12 C.F.R. §574.2(d) or 12 C.F.R. §225.2(a); provided, however, no Member shall be deemed an Affiliate of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries for purposes of this Agreement.

<u>Business Day</u> means any day other than Saturday, Sunday, a recognized United States holiday or a day on which commercial banks in New York, New York are closed for business.

**Director** means any member of the board of directors of the Company.

**Exchange Act** means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

Original Amount means, as it relates to any Stockholder, the aggregate number of shares held by such Stockholder (or any of its Affiliates) immediately after giving effect to the reorganization transaction described in the Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-170203) relating to the IPO, but prior to giving effect to the sale of shares to be effected pursuant to the IPO, as such number may be adjusted from time to time for any reorganization, recapitalization, stock dividend, stock split, reverse stock split or other similar changes in the Company's capitalization).

Percentage Limit means, with respect to any underwritten offering effected pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, a percentage that is equal to the percentage of the total number of shares owned by the Reference Investor Stockholder and its Affiliates that is proposed to be sold by the Reference Investor Stockholder and such Affiliates pursuant to such underwritten offering. In the case of a non-shelf registered underwritten offering, such Percentage Limit shall be determined based on the notices from the Investor Stockholders referred to in Section 3.1 and disclosed to the other Stockholders in connection with the notifications to them regarding their piggyback rights in respect of such offering.

<u>Person</u> means any individual, corporation, partnership, limited liability company, joint venture, association, trust or other entity or organization, including a government or political subdivision or an agency or instrumentality thereof.

Reference Investor Stockholder means, with respect to any underwritten offering effected pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, the Investor Stockholder that, together with its Affiliates, has requested to sell the highest percentage of the shares owned by such

Investor Stockholder and its Affiliates, as compared with the percentage requested to be sold by any of the other Investors Stockholders and their respective Affiliates.

**SEC** means the Securities and Exchange Commission.

**Securities Act** means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

shares means shares of Common Stock of the Company. Shares held by a Stockholder the certificate for which does not bear a Securities Act restrictive legend (or uncertificated shares), which shares may be resold freely without registration under the Securities Act, will not be considered shares for purposes of this Agreement.

<u>Subsidiary</u> means, for any Person, any other Person (a) in which it directly or indirectly owns at least fifty percent (50%) of such Person's voting capital securities, or (b) with which it is required to be consolidated under GAAP.

WKSI means a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act.

#### **ARTICLE II**

#### DEMAND AND PIGGYBACK RIGHTS

- **2.1** Right to Demand a Non-Shelf Registered Offering. Upon the demand of one or more Investor Stockholders at any time and from time to time after the expiration of the underwriter lock-up period applicable to the Company's IPO, the Company will facilitate in the manner described in this Agreement a non-shelf registered offering of the shares requested by the demanding Investor Stockholders to be included in such offering. A demand by Investor Stockholders for a non-shelf registered offering may not be made unless the shares requested to be sold by the demanding Investor Stockholders in such offering have an aggregate market value (based on the most recent closing price of the Common Stock at the time of the demand) of at least the lesser of (i) \$50 mill ion or (ii) the value of all shares held by the demanding Investor Stockholders. Subject to Section 3.5 below, any demanded non-shelf registered offering may, at the Company's option, include shares to be sold by the Company for its own account and will also include shares to be sold by Stockholders that exercise their related piggyback rights on a timely basis.
- 2.2 Right to Piggyback on a Non-Shelf Registered Offering. In connection with any registered offering of Common Stock covered by a non-shelf registration statement (whether pursuant to the exercise of demand rights or at the initiative of the Company), the Stockholders may exercise piggyback rights to have included in such offering shares held by them; provided, however, that any such Stockholder exercising piggyback rights will be limited to request registration of a percentage of the shares it owns that is no greater than the Percentage Limit. The Company will facilitate in the manner described in this Agreement any such non-shelf registered offering.

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- 2.3 Right to Demand and Be Included in a Shelf Registration. Upon the demand of Investor Stockholders holding a majority of the shares then collectively held by them, made at any time and from time to time when the Company is eligible to utilize Form S-3 or a successor form to sell shares in a secondary offering on a delayed or continuous basis in accordance with Rule 415 of the Securities Act, the Company will facilitate in the manner described in this Agreement a shelf registration of shares held by the Investor Stockholders. Any shelf registration filed by the Company covering shares (whether pursuant to a Investor Stockholder demand or at the initiative of the Company) will cover shares held by each of the Stockholders (regardless of whether they de manded the filing of such shelf or not) exercising piggyback rights up to an equivalent percentage of their original respective holdings as is equal to the percentage of the shares held by the Reference Investor Stockholder with respect to such shelf registration that such Reference Investor Stockholder includes in such shelf registration, in each case, as determined in accordance with this Agreement. If at the time of such request the Company is a WKSI, such shelf registration would, at the request of such majority Investor Stockholders, cover an unspecified number of shares to be sold by the Company and its Stockholders.
- 2.4 <u>Demand and Piggyback Rights for Shelf Takedowns</u>. Upon the demand of one or more Investor Stockholders made at any time and from time to time, the Company will facilitate in the manner described in this Agreement a "takedown" of shares off of an effective shelf registration statement. In connection with any underwritten shelf takedown (whether pursuant to the exercise of such demand rights or at the initiative of the Company), the Stockholders may exercise piggyback rights to have included in such takedown shares held by them that are registered on such shelf; provided, however, that any such Stockholder exercising piggyback rights in connection with an underwritten shelf takedown demanded by an Investor Stockholder will be limited so t hat such Stockholder shall have the right to sell pursuant to such underwritten offering a percentage of the shares it owns that is no greater than the Percentage Limit. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Investor Stockholders may not demand a shelf takedown for an underwritten offering unless the shares requested to be sold by the demanding Investor Stockholders in such takedown have an aggregate market value (based on the most recent closing price of the Common Stock at the time of the demand) of at least the lesser of (i) \$50 million or (ii) the value of all shares held by the demanding Investor Stockholders.
- **2.5** Right to Reload a Shelf. Upon the reasonable written request of an Investor Stockholder, the Company will file and seek the effectiveness of a post-effective amendment to an existing shelf in order to register up to the number of shares previously removed from such shelf by such Investor Stockholder and not yet "reloaded" onto such shelf. The Investor Stockholders and the Company will consult and coordinate with each other in order to accomplish such replenishments from time to time in a sensible manner.

## 2.6 <u>Limitations on Demand and Piggyback Rights</u>

(a) Any demand for the filing of a registration statement or for a registered offering or takedown will be subject to the constraints of any applicable lockup arrangements, and such demand must be deferred until such lockup arrangements no longer apply. If a demand has been made for a non-shelf registered offering or for an underwritten takedown, no further demands may be made so long as the related offering is still being pursued. After an

underwritten offering demanded by an Investor Stockholder, such Investor Stockholder may not make another demand for an underwritten offering prior to 60 days after the expiration of the lockup applicable to its prior demanded offering unless another Investor Stockholder not subject to a similar demand restriction joins in the demand. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, the Stockholders will not have piggyback or other registration rights with respect to registered primary offerings by the Company (i) covered by a Form S-4 registration statement, Form S-8 registration statement or a successor form applicable to employee benefit-related or stock compensation and incentive offers and sales or (ii) where the shares are not being sold for cash.

- (b) The Company may postpone the filing of a demanded registration statement or suspend the effectiveness of any registration statement for a reasonable "blackout period" not in excess of 90 days if the board of directors of the Company determines that such registration or offering could materially interfere with a bona fide business or financing transaction of the Company or is reasonably likely to require premature disclosure of material, non-public information, the premature disclosure of which the board of directors reasonably determines in the exercise of its good faith judgment (and not for the avoidance of its obligations under this Agreement) would not be in the best interests of the Company; provided that the Company shall not postpone the filing of a demanded registration statement or suspend the effectiveness of any registration statement pursuant to this Section 2.6(b) more than 90 days in the aggregate in any 360-day period. The blackout period will end upon the earlier to occur of, (i) in the case of a bona fide business or financing transaction, a date not later than 90 days from the date such deferral commenced, and (ii) in the case of disclosure of other non-public information, the earlier to occur of (x) the filing by the Company of its next succeeding Form 10-K or Form 10-Q, or (y) the date upon which such information is otherwise disclosed.
- (c) If an Investor Stockholder, together with its Affiliates, ceases to hold at least one percent of the shares of Common Stock then issued and outstanding, such Investor Stockholder shall cease to have the right to make a demand for a registered offering pursuant to Sections 2.1 or 2.3 or any demand for a "takedown" of shares off of an effective shelf registration statement pursuant to Section 2.4; <u>provided</u>, that nothing in this Section 2.6(c) shall limit any Investor Stockholder from exercising piggyback rights pursuant to this Agreement or from participating in any offering that may be otherwise effected pursuant to this Agreement or any registration statement or prospectus filed pursuant hereto.

#### ARTICLE III

## NOTICES, CUTBACKS AND OTHER MATTERS

3.1 Notifications Regarding Registration Statements. In order for one or more Investor Stockholders to exercise their right to demand that a registration statement be filed, they must so notify the Company in writing indicating the number of shares sought to be registered by such Investor Stockholders and their respective Affiliates and the proposed plan of distribution. Upon receipt of any such demand, the Company shall, as promptly as reasonably practicable, deliver notice thereof to the other Investor Stockholders. Within 10 Business Days of receipt of such notice from the Company, such other Investor Stockholders shall notify the Company if they (together with their Affiliates) wish to register a greater percentage of their

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shares than the percentage of shares requested to be registered by the Investor Stockholder and its Affiliates that delivered the original notice referred to in the first sentence of this Section 3.1. The Company will use all reasonable efforts to keep the Stockholders contemporaneously apprised of all pertinent aspects of its pursuit of any registration, whether pursuant to a Investor Stockholder demand or otherwise, with respect to which a piggyback opportunity is available, including the Percentage Limit and identity of the Reference Investor Stockholder once such Percentage Limit and Reference Investor Stockholder has been established pursuant to the notices referred to in this Section 3.1 and the applicable definitions of Percentage Limit and Reference Investor Stockholder. Pending any required public disclosure and subject to applicable legal requirements, the parties will maintain the confident iality of these discussions.

3.2 Notifications Regarding Registration Piggyback Rights. Any Stockholder wishing to exercise its piggyback rights with respect to a non-shelf registration or with respect to an underwritten takedown off a shelf registration statement must notify the Company, which shall notify the other Stockholders, of the number of shares it seeks to have included in such registration statement. Such notice must be given as soon as practicable, but in no event later than 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the second trading day prior to the earlier of (i) if applicable, the date on which the preliminary prospectus intended to be used in connection with pre-effective marketing efforts for the relevant offering is expected to be finalized, and (ii) in any case, the date on which the pricing of the relevant offering is expected to occur. No such notice is required in connection with a shelf registration statement (other than in connection with an underwritten takedown pursuant thereto), as shares held by all Stockholders will be included therein up to the applicable percentage referred to in Section 2.3.

## 3.3 <u>Notifications Regarding Demanded Underwritten Takedowns.</u>

(a) The Company will keep the Stockholders contemporaneously apprised of all pertinent aspects of any underwritten shelf takedown in order that they may have a reasonable opportunity to exercise their related piggyback rights. Without limiting the Company's obligation as described in the preceding sentence, having a reasonable opportunity requires that the Stockholders be notified by the Company of an anticipated underwritten takedown (whether pursuant to a demand made by other Stockholders or made at the Company's own initiative) no later than 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on (i) if applicable, the second trading day prior to the date on which the preliminary prospectus or prospectus supplement intended to be used in connection with prepricing marketing efforts for such takedown is finalized, and (ii) in all cases, the second trading day prior to the date on which the pricing of the relevant takedown occurs. To the extent reasonably practicable, upon receipt of a demand by one or more Investor Stockholders for an underwritten shelf takedown pursuant to Section 2.4, the Company shall provide the other Investor Stockholders with advance notice of the amount requested to be sold by the Investor Stockholders and their respective Affiliates pursuant to such demand, and the other Investor Stockholders shall, to the extent reasonably practicable, provide the Company with notice of whether they wish, together with their Affiliates, to sell a greater percentage of shares than the shares so demanded so that, to the extent reasonably practicable, the Company may be enabled to, and shall, provide notice of the Percentage Limit to the Stockholders in advance of the time at which their notice is due pursuant to Section 3.3(b).

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(b) Any Stockholder wishing to exercise its piggyback rights with respect to an underwritten shelf takedown must notify the Company and the other Stockholders of the number of shares it seeks to have included in such takedown. Such notice must be given as soon as practicable, but in no event later than 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on (i) if applicable, the second trading day prior to the date on which the preliminary prospectus or

prospectus supplement intended to be used in connection with marketing efforts for the relevant offering is expected to be finalized, and (ii) in all cases, the second trading day prior to the date on which the pricing of the relevant takedown occurs.

- (c) Pending any required public disclosure and subject to applicable legal requirements, the parties will maintain appropriate confidentiality of their discussions regarding a prospective underwritten takedown.
- 3.4 Plan of Distribution, Underwriters and Counsel. If a majority of the shares proposed to be sold in an underwritten offering through a non-shelf registration statement or through a shelf takedown are being sold by the Company for its own account, the Company will be entitled to determine the plan of distribution and select the managing underwriters for such offering. Otherwise, Stockholders holding a majority of the shares requested to be included in such offering will be entitled to determine the plan of distribution and select the managing underwriters, and such majority will also be entitled to select counsel for the selling Stockholders (which may be the same as counsel for the Company). In the case of a shelf registration statement, the plan of distribution will provide as much flexibility as is reasonably possible, including with respect or resales by transferee Stockholders.
- 3.5 <u>Cutbacks</u>. If the managing underwriters advise the Company and the selling Stockholders that, in their opinion, the number of shares requested to be included in an underwritten offering exceeds the amount that can be sold in such offering without adversely affecting the distribution of the shares being offered, such offering will include only the number of shares that the underwriters advise can be sold in such offering. If the Company is selling shares for its own account in such offering, the Company will have first priority. To the extent of any remaining capacity, and in all other cases where the Company is not selling shares in the relevant offering, the selling Stockholders will be subject to cutback pro rata based on the number of shares initially reque sted by them to be included in such offering in accordance with this Agreement and which they are entitled to sell pursuant to the terms hereof, without distinguishing between Stockholders based on who made the demand for such offering. Except as contemplated by Section 6.1(b) and the immediately preceding three sentences, other stockholders (other than transferees to whom a Stockholder has assigned its rights under this Agreement) will be included in an underwritten offering only with the consent of Stockholders holding a majority of the shares being sold in such offering.
- **3.6 Withdrawals**. Even if shares held by a Stockholder have been part of a registered underwritten offering, such Stockholder may, no later than the time at which the public offering price and underwriters' discount are determined with the managing underwriter, decline to sell all or any portion of the shares being offered for its account.
- 3.7 Lockups. In connection with any underwritten offering of shares, the Company and each Stockholder will agree (in the case of Stockholders, with respect to shares

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respectively held by them) to be bound by the underwriting agreement's lockup restrictions (which must apply in like manner to all of them) that are agreed to (a) by the Company, if a majority of the shares being sold in such offering are being sold for its account, and (b) by Stockholders holding a majority of shares being sold by all Stockholders, if a majority of the shares being sold in such offering are being sold by Stockholders.

3.8 Expenses. All expenses incurred in connection with any registration statement or registered offering covering shares held by Stockholders, including, without limitation, all registration and filing fees, printing expenses, fees and disbursements of counsel (provided that, such expense reimbursement for the fees and disbursements of outside counsel shall only be available for (i) two outside counsel for all of the Investor Stockholders and (ii) one outside counsel for all of the Non-Investor Stockholders) and of the independent certified public accountants, and the expense of qualifying such shares under state blue sky laws, will be borne by the Company. However, underwriters', brokers' and dealers' discounts and commissions applicable to shares sold for the account of a Stockholder will be borne by such Stockholder.

## ARTICLE IV

## FACILITATING REGISTRATIONS AND OFFERINGS

- **4.1 General.** If the Company becomes obligated under this Agreement to facilitate a registration and offering of shares on behalf of Stockholders, the Company will do so with the same degree of care and dispatch as would reasonably be expected in the case of a registration and offering by the Company of shares for its own account. Without limiting this general obligation, the Company will fulfill its specific obligations as described in this Article IV.
- **4.2 Registration Statements.** In connection with each registration statement that is demanded by Stockholders or as to which piggyback rights otherwise apply, the Company will:
- (a) prepare and file with the SEC a registration statement covering the applicable shares, (ii) file amendments thereto as warranted, (iii) seek the effectiveness thereof, and (iv) file with the SEC prospectuses and prospectus supplements as may be required, all in consultation with the Stockholders and as reasonably necessary in order to permit the offer and sale of the such shares in accordance with the applicable plan of distribution;
- (b) (1) within a reasonable time prior to the filing of any registration statement, any prospectus, any amendment to a registration statement, amendment or supplement to a prospectus or any free writing prospectus, provide copies of such documents to the selling Stockholders and to the underwriter or underwriters of an underwritten offering, if applicable, and to their respective counsel; fairly consider such reasonable changes in any such documents prior to or after the filing thereof as the counsel to the Stockholders or the underwriter or the underwriters may request; and make such of the representatives of the Company as shall be reasonably requested by the selling Stockholders or any underwriter available for discussion of such documents;

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(2) within a reasonable time prior to the filing of any document which is to be incorporated by reference into a registration statement or a prospectus, provide copies of such document to counsel for the Stockholders and underwriters; fairly consider such reasonable changes in such document prior to or after the filing thereof as counsel for such Stockholders or such underwriter shall request; and make such of the representatives of the Company as shall be reasonably requested by such counsel available for discussion of such document;

- (c) cause each registration statement and the related prospectus and any amendment or supplement thereto, as of the effective date of such registration statement, amendment or supplement and during the distribution of the registered shares (x) to comply in all material respects with the requirements of the Securities Act and the rules and regulations of the SEC and (y) not to contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading;
- (d) notify each Stockholder promptly, and, if requested by such Stockholder, confirm such advice in writing, (i) when a registration statement has become effective and when any post-effective amendments and supplements thereto become effective if such registration statement or post-effective amendment is not automatically effective upon filing pursuant to Rule 462 of the Securities Act, (ii) of the issuance by the SEC or any state securities authority of any stop order, injunction or other order or requirement suspending the effectiveness of a registration statement or the initiation of any proceedings for that purpose, (iii) if, between the effective date of a registration statement and the closing of any sale of securities covered thereby pursuant to any agreement to which the Company is a party, the representations and warranties of the Company contained in such agreement cease to be true and correct in all material respects or if the Company receives any notification with respect to the suspension of the qualification of the shares for sale in any jurisdiction or the initiation of any proceeding for such purpose, and (iv) of the happening of any event during the period a registration statement is effective as a result of which such registration statement or the related Prospectus contains any untrue statement of a material fact or omits to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading;
- (e) furnish counsel for each underwriter, if any, and for the Stockholders copies of any correspondence with the SEC or any state securities authority relating to the registration statement or prospectus;
- (f) otherwise comply with all applicable rules and regulations of the SEC, including making available to its security holders an earnings statement covering at least 12 months which shall satisfy the provisions of Section 11(a) of the Securities Act and Rule 158 thereunder (or any similar provision then in force);
- (g) use all reasonable efforts to obtain the withdrawal of any order suspending the effectiveness of a registration statement at the earliest possible time;
- **4.3 Non-Shelf Registered Offerings and Shelf Takedowns**. In connection with any non-shelf registered offering or shelf takedown that is demanded by Stockholders or as to which piggyback rights otherwise apply, the Company will:

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- (a) cooperate with the selling Stockholders shares and the sole underwriter or managing underwriter(s) of an underwritten offering shares, if any, to facilitate the timely preparation and delivery of certificates representing the shares to be sold and not bearing any restrictive legends; and enable such shares to be in such denominations (consistent with the provisions of the governing documents thereof) and registered in such names as the selling Stockholders or the sole underwriter or managing underwriter of an underwritten offering of shares, if any, may reasonably request at least five days prior to any sale of such shares;
- (b) furnish to each Stockholder and to each underwriter, if any, participating in the relevant offering, without charge, as many copies of the applicable prospectus, including each preliminary prospectus, and any amendment or supplement thereto and such other documents as such Stockholder or underwriter may reasonably request in order to facilitate the public sale or other disposition of the shares; the Company hereby consents to the use of the prospectus, including each preliminary prospectus, by each such Stockholder and underwriter in connection with the offering and sale of the shares covered by the prospectus or the preliminary prospectus;
- (c) (i) use all reasonable efforts to register or qualify the shares being offered and sold, no later than the time the applicable registration statement becomes effective, under all applicable state securities or "blue sky" laws of such jurisdictions as each underwriter, if any, or any Stockholder holding shares covered by a registration statement, shall reasonably request; (ii) use all reasonable efforts to keep each such registration or qualification effective during the period such registration statement is required to be kept effective; and (iii) do any and all other acts and things which may be reasonably necessary or advisable to enable each such underwriter, if any, and Stockholder to consummate the disposition in each such jurisdiction of such shares owned by such Stockholder; provided, how ever, that the Company shall not be obligated to qualify as a foreign corporation or as a dealer in securities in any jurisdiction in which it is not so qualified or to consent to be subject to general service of process (other than service of process in connection with such registration or qualification or any sale of shares in connection therewith) in any such jurisdiction;
- (d) cause all shares being sold to be qualified for inclusion in or listed on the New York Stock Exchange or any other U.S. securities exchange on which shares issued by the Company are then so qualified or listed if so requested by the Stockholders, or if so requested by the underwriter or underwriters of an underwritten offering of shares, if any;
- (e) cooperate and assist in any filings required to be made with the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority and in the performance of any due diligence investigation by any underwriter in an underwritten offering;
- (f) use all reasonable efforts to facilitate the distribution and sale of any shares to be offered pursuant to this Agreement, including without limitation by participating in "road shows," holding meetings with and making calls to potential investors and taking such other actions as shall be reasonably requested by the Stockholders or the lead managing underwriter(s) of any underwritten offering; <u>provided</u> that management of the Company shall not be obligated to participate in "road shows" with respect to more than two underwritten offerings

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effected pursuant to a demand or shelf takedown made pursuant to Section 2.1 or 2.4 in any twelve-month period); and

(g) enter into customary agreements (including, in the case of an underwritten offering, underwriting agreements in customary form, and including provisions with respect to indemnification and contribution in customary form and consistent with the provisions relating to indemnification and contribution contained herein) and take all other customary and appropriate actions in order to expedite or facilitate the disposition of such shares and in connection therewith:

- 1. make such representations and warranties to the selling Stockholders and the underwriters, if any, in form, substance and scope as are customarily made by issuers to underwriters in similar underwritten offerings;
- 2. obtain opinions of counsel to the Company and updates thereof (which counsel and opinions (in form, scope and substance) shall be reasonably satisfactory to the lead managing underwriter, if any) addressed to each selling Stockholder and the underwriters, if any, covering the matters customarily covered in opinions requested in sales of securities or underwritten offerings and such other matters as may be reasonably requested by such Stockholders and underwriters;
- 3. obtain "cold comfort" letters and updates thereof from the Company's independent certified public accountants addressed to the selling Stockholders, if permissible, and the underwriters, if any, which letters shall be customary in form and shall cover matters of the type customarily covered in "cold comfort" letters to underwriters in connection with primary underwritten offerings;
- 4. to the extent requested and customary for the relevant transaction, enter into a securities sales agreement with the Stockholders providing for, among other things, the appointment of such representative as agent for the selling Stockholders for the purpose of soliciting purchases of shares, which agreement shall be customary in form, substance and scope and shall contain customary representations, warranties and covenants

The above shall be done at such times as customarily occur in similar registered offerings or shelf takedowns.

- **4.4 Due Diligence.** In connection with each registration and offering of shares to be sold by Stockholders, the Company will, in accordance with customary practice, make available for inspection by representatives of the Stockholders and underwriters and any counsel or accountant retained by such Stockholder or underwriters all relevant financial and other records, pertinent corporate documents and properties of the Company and cause appropriate officers, managers and employees of the Company to supply all information reasonably requested by any such representative, underwriter, counsel or accountant in connection with their due diligence exercise.
- **4.5** <u>Information from Stockholders</u>. Each Stockholder that holds shares covered by any registration statement will furnish to the Company such information regarding

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itself as is required to be included in the registration statement, the ownership of shares by such Stockholder and the proposed distribution by such Stockholder of such shares as the Company may from time to time reasonably request in writing.

#### ARTICLE V

### INDEMNIFICATION

- **Indemnification by the Company.** In the event of any registration under the Securities Act by any registration statement pursuant to rights granted in this Agreement of shares held by Stockholders, the Company will hold harmless Stockholders and each underwriter of such securities and each other person, if any, who controls any Stockholder or such underwriter within the meaning of the Securities Act, against any losses, claims, damages, or liabilities (including legal fees and costs of court), joint or several, to which Stockholders or such underwriter or controlling person may become subject under the Securities Act or otherwise, insofar as such losses, claims, damages, or liabilities (or any actions in respect thereof) arise out of or are based upon any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of any material fact (i) contained, on its effective date, in any registration statement under which such securities were registered under the Securities Act or any amendment or supplement to any of the foregoing, or which arise out of or are based upon the omission or alleged omission to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading or (ii) contained in any preliminary prospectus, if used prior to the effective date of such registration statement, or in the final prospectus (as amended or supplemented if the Company shall have filed with the SEC any amendment or supplement to the final prospectus), or which arise out of or are based upon the omission or alleged omission (if so used) to state a material fact required to be stated in such prospectus or necessary to make the statements in such prospectus not misleading; and will reimburse Stockholders and each such underwriter and each such controlling person for any legal or any other expenses reasonably incurred by them in connection with investigating or defending any such loss, claim, damage, or liability; provided, however, that the Company shall not be liable to any Stockholder or its underwriters or controlling persons in any such case to the extent that any such loss, claim, damage, or liability arises out of or is based upon an untrue statement or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission made in such registration statement or such amendment or supplement, in reliance upon and in conformity with information furnished to the Company through a written instrument duly executed by Stockholders or such underwriter specifically for use in the preparation thereof.
- 5.2 <u>Indemnification by Stockholders</u>. Each Stockholder will indemnify and hold harmless (in the same manner and to the same extent as set forth in Section 5.1) the Company, each director of the Company, each officer of the Company who shall sign the registration statement, and any person who controls the Company within the meaning of the Securities Act, (i) with respect to any statement or omission from such registration statement, or any amendment or supplement to it, if such statement or omission was made in reliance upon and in conformity with information furnished to the Company through a written instrument duly executed by such Stockholder specifically regarding such Stockholder for use in the preparation of such registration statement or amen dment or supplement, and (ii) with respect to compliance

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by Stockholders with applicable laws in effecting the sale or other disposition of the securities covered by such registration statement.

5.3 <u>Indemnification Procedures</u>. Promptly after receipt by an indemnified party of notice of the commencement of any action involving a claim referred to in the preceding Sections of this Article V, the indemnified party will, if a resulting claim is to be made or may be made against and indemnifying party, give written notice to the indemnifying party of the commencement of the action. The failure of any indemnified party to give notice shall not relieve the indemnifying party of its obligations in this Article V, except to the extent that the indemnifying party is actually prejudiced by the failure to give notice. If any such action is brought against an indemnified party, the indemnifying party will be entitled to participate in and to assume the defense

of the action with counsel reasonably satisfactory to the indemnified party, and after notice from the indemnifying party to such indemnified party of its election to assume defense of the action, the indemnifying party will not be liable to such indemnified party for any legal or other expenses incurred by the latter in connection with the action's defense. An indemnified party shall have the right to employ separate counsel in any action or proceeding and participate in the defense thereof, but the fees and expenses of such counsel shall be at such indemnified party's expense unless (a) the employment of such counsel has been specifically authorized in writing by the indemnifying party, which authorization shall not be unreasonably withheld, (ii) the indemnifying party has not assumed the defense and employed counsel reasonably satisfactory to the indemnified party within 30 days after notice of any such action or proceeding, or (iii) the named parties t o any such action or proceeding (including any impleaded parties) include the indemnified party and the indemnifying party and the indemnified party shall have been advised by such counsel that there may be one or more legal defenses available to the indemnified party that are different from or additional to those available to the indemnifying party (in which case the indemnifying party shall not have the right to assume the defense of such action or proceeding on behalf of the indemnified party), it being understood, however, that the indemnifying party shall not, in connection with any one such action or separate but substantially similar or related actions in the same jurisdiction arising out of the same general allegations or circumstances, be liable for the reasonable fees and expenses of more than one separate firm of attorneys (in addition to all local counsel which is necessary, in the good faith opinion of both counsel for the indemnifying party and counsel for the indemnified party in order to adeq uately represent the indemnified parties) for the indemnified party and that all such fees and expenses shall be reimbursed as they are incurred upon written request and presentation of invoices. Whether or not a defense is assumed by the indemnifying party, the indemnifying party will not be subject to any liability for any settlement made without its consent. No indemnifying party will consent to entry of any judgment or enter into any settlement which (i) does not include as an unconditional term the giving by the claimant or plaintiff, to the indemnified party, of a release from all liability in respect of such claim or litigation or (ii) involves the imposition of equitable remedies or the imposition of any non-financial obligations on the indemnified party.

**5.4** Contribution. If the indemnification required by this Article V from the indemnifying party is unavailable to or insufficient to hold harmless an indemnified party in respect of any indemnifiable losses, claims, damages, liabilities, or expenses, then the indemnifying party shall contribute to the amount paid or payable by the indemnified party as a result of such losses, claims, damages, liabilities, or expenses in such proportion as is appropriate

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to reflect (i) the relative benefit of the indemnifying and indemnified parties and (ii) if the allocation in clause (i) is not permitted by applicable law, in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect the relative benefit referred to in clause (i) and also the relative fault of the indemnified and indemnifying parties, in connection with the actions which resulted in such losses, claims, damages, liabilities, or expenses, as well as any other relevant equitable considerations. The relative fault of the indemnifying party and the indemnified party shall be determined by reference to, among other things, whether any action in question, including any untrue or alleged untrue statement of a material fact, has been made by, or relates to information supplied by, such indemnifying party or parties, and the parties' relative intent, knowledge, access to information, and opportunity to correct or prevent such action. The amount paid or payable by a party as a result of the losses, claims, damage, liabilities, and expenses referred to above shall be deemed to include any legal or other fees or expenses reasonably incurred by such party in connection with any investigation or proceeding. The Company and Stockholders agree that it would not be just and equitable if contribution pursuant to this Section 5.4 were determined by pro rata allocation or by any other method of allocation which does not take account of the equitable considerations referred to in the prior provisions of this Section 5.4.

Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section 5.4, no indemnifying party shall be required to contribute any amount in excess of the amount by which the total price at which the securities were offered to the public by the indemnifying party exceeds the amount of any damages which the indemnifying party has otherwise been required to pay by reason of an untrue statement or omission. No person guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation (within the meaning of Section 11(f) of the Securities Act) shall be entitled to contribution from any person who was not guilty of such a fraudulent misrepresentation.

## ARTICLE VI

## **OTHER AGREEMENTS**

## 6.1 <u>Transfer of Rights</u>.

(a) Any Stockholder may transfer all or any portion of its rights under this Agreement to any transferee of shares held by such Stockholder. Any such transfer of registration rights will be effective upon receipt by the Company of (i) written notice from such Stockholder stating the name and address of any transferee and identifying the number of shares with respect to which rights under this Agreement are being transferred and the nature of the rights so transferred, and (ii) a written agreement from such Stockholder to be bound by the terms of this Agreement. However, if such transferees are receiving shares through an in-kind distribution with an ability to resale shares off of a shelf registration statement, no such written agreement is required, and such in-kind transferees will, as transferee Stockholders, be entitled as third party beneficiaries to the rights under this Agreement so transferred. In that regard, in-kind transferees will not be given demand or piggyback rights; rather, their means of registered resale will be limited to sales off a shelf with respect to which no special actions are required by the Company or the other Stockholders. The Company and the transferring Stockholder will notify the other Stockholders as to who the transferees are and the nature of the rights so transferred.

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- (b) In the event the Company engages in a merger or consolidation in which the shares are converted into securities of another company, appropriate arrangements will be made so that the registration rights provided under this Agreement continue to be provided to Stockholders by the issuer of such securities. To the extent such new issuer, or any other company acquired by the Company in a merger or consolidation, was bound by registration rights obligations that would conflict with the provisions of this Agreement, the Company will, unless Stockholders then holding a majority of the shares otherwise agree, use its best efforts to modify any such "inherited" registration rights obligations so as not to interfere in any material respects with the rights provided under this Agreement.
- **6.2** <u>Limited Liability.</u> Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, neither the members, general partners, limited partners or managing directors, or any directors or officers of any members, general or limited partner, advisory director, nor any future members, general partners, limited partners, advisory directors, or managing directors, if any, of any Stockholder shall have any personal liability for performance of any

obligation of such Stockholder under this Agreement in excess of the respective capital contributions of such members, general partners, limited partners, advisory directors or managing directors to such Stockholder.

- **6.3** Rule 144. (A) If the Company is subject to the reporting requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, the Company covenants that it will file all reports required to be filed by it under Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act or (B) if the Company is not subject to the reporting requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, it will, upon the request of any Stockholder, as promptly as reasonably practicable after the receipt of such a request, take such action as necessary to comply with Rule 144(c)(ii) under the Securities Act, in each case, so as to enable Stockholders to sell shares pursuant to Rule 144 under the Securities Act, as such Rule may be amended from time to time (or any successor rule). Upon the request of any Stockholder, the Company will deliver to such Stockholder a written statement as to whether it has complied with such requirements.
- **6.4 In-Kind Distributions.** If any Stockholder seeks to effectuate an in-kind distribution of all or part of its shares to its direct or indirect equityholders, the Company will, subject to applicable lockups, work with such Stockholder and the Company's transfer agent to facilitate such in-kind distribution in the manner reasonably requested by such Stockholder.
- **6.5 Holdback Agreements.** Without limiting its other obligations hereunder, except as part of the IPO or to the extent that such Stockholder is prohibited by applicable law from agreeing to withhold securities from sale:
- (a) each Stockholder (other than the Wellcome Trust Limited) agrees not to effect any sale or distribution, including any sale under Rule 144 of the Securities Act, of any equity securities of the Company or securities convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for equity securities of the Company during a period of 180 days after the date of the underwriting agreement with respect to the IPO;
- (b) each Management Stockholder (other than Kanas) agrees not to effect any sale or distribution in reliance upon or pursuant to Rule 144 under the Securities Act of any

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equity securities of the Company or securities convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for equity securities of the Company during a period ending on the first anniversary of the date of the underwriting agreement with respect to the IPO; and

(c) each of Kanas and each Investor Stockholder agrees not to effect any sale or distribution in reliance upon or pursuant to Rule 144 under the Securities Act of any equity securities of the Company or securities convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for equity securities of the Company during a period ending on the date that is 18 months after the date of the underwriting agreement with respect to the IPO.

#### **ARTICLE VII**

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

- **7.1** Notices. All notices, requests, demands and other communications required or permitted to be given under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given if (a) delivered personally, (b) mailed, certified or registered mail with postage prepaid, (c) sent by next-day or overnight mail or delivery or (d) sent by fax, to the address set forth opposite the Company's or such Stockholder's name on Schedule A attached hereto, or at such other address as such Stockholder may hereafter designate by written notice to the Company. All such notices, requests, demands, waivers and other communications shall be deemed to have been received (w) if by personal delivery, on the day delivered, (x) if by certified or registered mail, on the fifth business day after the mailing thereof, (y) if by next-day or overnight mail or delivery, on the day delivered, or (z) if by fax, on the day delivered; provided that such delivery is confirmed.
- **7.2** <u>Section Headings</u>. The article and section headings in this Agreement are for reference purposes only and shall not affect the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement. References in this Agreement to a designated "Article" or "Section" refer to an Article or Section of this Agreement unless otherwise specifically indicated.
- 7.3 <u>Governing Law.</u> This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York.
- **7.4** Consent to Jurisdiction and Service of Process. The parties to this Agreement hereby agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the courts of the State of New York, the courts of the United States of America for the Southern District of New York, and appellate courts from any thereof in any action or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement.
- **7.5** Amendments. This Agreement may be amended only by an instrument in writing executed by the Company and Stockholders holding a majority of the shares collectively held by them. Any such amendment will apply to all Stockholders equally, without distinguishing between them. This Agreement will terminate as to any Stockholder when it no longer holds any shares.
- **7.6** Entire Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement and understanding of the parties with respect to the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby.

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The registration rights granted under this Agreement supersede any registration, qualification or similar rights with respect to any of the shares of Common Stock granted under any other agreement, and any of such preexisting registration rights are hereby terminated.

7.7 Severability. The invalidity or unenforceability of any specific provision of this Agreement shall not invalidate or render unenforceable any of its other provisions. Any provision of this Agreement held invalid or unenforceable shall be deemed reformed, if practicable, to the extent necessary to render it valid and enforceable and to the extent permitted by law and consistent with the intent of the parties to this Agreement.

7.8 Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, including by means of facsimile, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute the same instrument. 7.9 Other Business for Non-Management Stockholders. (a) Subject to this Section 7.9, any Non-Management Stockholder or any of its Affiliates may engage in or possess an interest in other business ventures of any nature or description, independently or with others, similar or dissimilar to the business of the Company or any Subsidiary thereof, and the Company, any Subsidiary of the Company, the Directors, the directors of any Subsidiary of the Company and the other Stockholders shall have no rights by virtue of this Agreement in and to such ventures or the income or profits derived therefrom, and the pursuit of any such venture, even if competitive with the business of the Company or any Subsidiary thereof, shall not be deemed wrongful or improper. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, until such date as is six months after the date on which any Non-Management Stockholder and its Affiliates (provided that for purposes of this Section 7.9, the term "Affiliate" shall specifically exclude each of the Persons listed on Schedule 7.9 with respect to the Stockholder or Stockholders listed beside the name of such Person on Schedule 7.9) cease to hold collectively a number of shares that represents at least 25% of the Original Amount applicable to such Non-Management Stockholder and its Affiliates, neither such Non-Management Stockholder nor any of its Affiliates shall hold, directly or indirectly, 4.9 percent or more of the stock or equity interests in (or any other ownership interests in or other rights to share in the profits of) any depository institution (as defined in 12 U.S.C. Section 1813(c)(1)) or holding company thereof that: has more than 50% of its deposits (as defined in 12 U.S.C. Section 1813(l)) in the State of Florida; (1) (2)has more than 50% of its branches (measured by physical presence) in the State of Florida; or (3)has its principal place of business or headquarters in the State of Florida. 17 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed and delivered this Agreement as of the date first above written. **INVESTOR STOCKHOLDERS:** WLR RECOVERY FUND IV. L.P. By: WLR Recovery Associates IV LLC Its General Partner WL Ross Group, L.P. its Managing Member El Vedado, LLC Its General Partner By Name: Title: WLR IV PARALLEL ESC, L.P. By: WLR Recovery Associates IV LLC Its Attorney-in-fact WL Ross Group, L.P. its Managing Member By: El Vedado, LLC Its General Partner

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	Rajinder Pal Singh
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## **SCHEDULE A**

# Name and Address of the Company and the Stockholders

If to the Company:

BankUnited, Inc. 14817 Oak Lane Miami Lakes, FL 33016 Attention: John A. Kanas Facsimile: (866) 509-1301

With copies (which shall not constitute notice) to:

Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP Four Times Square New York, NY 10036 Attention: Richard Aftanas Facsimile No.: (212) 735-2000

If to a Carlyle Stockholder:

c/o The Carlyle Group 520 Madison Avenue New York, NY 10022 Attention: John Redett Facsimile: 212-813-4789

With copies (which shall not constitute notice) to:

Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP 425 Lexington Avenue New York, NY 10017 Attention: Maripat Alpuche Facsimile: 212-455-2502

If to a Centerbridge Stockholder:

c/o Centerbridge Partners, L.P. 375 Park Avenue, 12th Floor New York, NY 10152 Attention: Lance West

Facsimile: 212-672-4562

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Excluded Persons	Related Member(s)
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New York Life Capital Partners IV-A, L.P., and its Affiliates	CB BU Investors II, L.L.C.

# BankUnited, Inc. Policy on Incentive Compensation Arrangements

#### **Purpose of this Policy**

The Board of Directors of BankUnited, Inc. has determined that proper incentive compensation arrangements can, among other important objectives, attract skilled staff, promote better organization-wide and employee performance, promote employee retention, provide retirement security to employees, and allow the organization's personnel costs to vary along with its revenues.

This policy sets forth the key principles by which the Board of Directors will make determinations with respect to incentive compensation arrangements. This policy is to be read in conjunction with the Guidance on Sound Incentive Compensation Policies promulgated by the federal banking agencies, a copy of which is attached hereto as Annex A.

#### Scope

This policy applies to incentive compensation arrangements adopted on or after the date hereof by BankUnited, Inc. or any of its subsidiaries (collectively, the "organization").

This policy applies to incentive compensation arrangements for (i) senior executives and others who are responsible for oversight of the organization's firmwide activities or material business lines; (ii) individual employees, including non-executives, whose activities may expose the organization to material amounts of risk; and (iii) groups of employees who are subject to the same or similar incentive compensation arrangements and who, in the aggregate, may expose the organization to material amounts of risk.

For purposes of this policy, the term "incentive compensation" means that portion of an employee's current or potential compensation that is tied to achievement of one or more specific metrics. It does not include (a) compensation that is awarded solely for, and the payment of which is solely tied to, continued employment or (b) compensation arrangements that are determined based solely on the employee's level of compensation and does not vary based on one or more performance metrics.

## **Key Principles**

<u>Contribution to the organization</u>. Determinations with respect to incentive compensation shall be based on consideration of the past, present, and expected future contributions of an employee or group of employees to the overall success, safety, and soundness of the organization. Factors considered in evaluating those contributions may include, among other things:

· overall individual performance or achievement;

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- · overall organizational performance or achievement;
- · overall individual contribution to organizational performance;
- · business segment performance or achievement;
- · successful completion of projects/initiatives; and
- · level of individual responsibilities.

<u>Balance risk and financial results</u>. Incentive compensation arrangements shall balance risk and financial results in a manner that does not encourage employees to expose the company to imprudent risks.

<u>Risk management and internal controls</u>. Risk-management processes and internal controls shall reinforce and support the development and maintenance of balanced incentive compensation arrangements.

<u>Strong corporate governance</u>. Corporate governance shall help ensure sound incentive compensation practices, including active and effective oversight by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors, including through its Compensation Committee as appropriate, shall (i) directly approve incentive compensation arrangements for senior executive and (ii) approve, document, and monitor any material exceptions or adjustments to the incentive compensation arrangements for senior executives.

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#### Annex A

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

#### FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

[Docket No. OP-1374]

#### FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

#### DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Thrift Supervision

[Docket ID OTS-2010-0020]

#### **Guidance on Sound Incentive Compensation Policies**

AGENCY: Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Treasury (OCC); Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, (Board or Federal Reserve); Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC); Office of Thrift Supervision, Treasury (OTS).

ACTION: Final guidance.

SUMMARY: The OCC, Board, FDIC and OTS (collectively, the Agencies) are adopting final guidance designed to help ensure that incentive compensation policies at banking organizations do not encourage imprudent risk-taking and are consistent with the safety and soundness of the organization.

DATES: Effective Date: The guidance is effective on June 25, 2010.

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## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

## I. Background

Compensation arrangements are critical tools in the successful management of financial institutions. These arrangements serve several important and worthy objectives, including attracting skilled staff, promoting better organization-wide and employee performance, promoting employee retention, providing retirement security to employees, and allowing an organization's personnel costs to vary along with revenues.

It is clear, however, that compensation arrangements can provide executives and employees with incentives to take imprudent risks that are not consistent with the long-term health of the organization. For example, offering large payments to managers or employees to produce sizable increases in short-term revenue or profit—without regard for the potentially substantial short or long-term risks associated with that revenue or profit—can encourage managers or employees to take risks that are beyond the capability of the financial institution to manage and control.

Flawed incentive compensation practices in the financial industry were one of many factors contributing to the financial crisis that began in 2007. Banking organizations too often rewarded employees for increasing the organization's revenue or short-term profit without adequate recognition of the risks the employees' activities posed to the organization.

Having witnessed the damaging consequences that can result from misaligned incentives, many financial institutions are now re-examining their compensation structures with the goal of better aligning the interests of managers and other employees with the long-term health of the institution. Aligning the interests of shareholders and employees, however, is not always sufficient to protect the safety and soundness of a banking organization. Because banking organizations benefit directly or indirectly from the protections offered by the Federal safety net (including the ability of insured depository institutions to raise insured deposits and access the Federal Reserve's discount window and payment services), shareholders of a banking organization in some cases may be willing to tolerate a degree of risk that is inconsistent with the organization's safety and soundness. Thus, a review of incentive compensation arrangements and related corporate governance practices to ensure that they are effective from the standpoint of shareholders is not sufficient to ensure they adequately protect the safety and soundness of the organization.

# A. Proposed Guidance

In October 2009, the Federal Reserve issued and requested comment on Proposed Guidance on Sound Incentive Compensation Policies ("proposed guidance") to help protect the safety and soundness of banking organizations supervised by the Federal Reserve and to promote the prompt improvement of incentive compensation practices throughout the banking industry.[FN1] The proposed guidance was based on three key principles. These principles provided that incentive compensation arrangements at a banking organization should—

FN1 74 FR 55227 (October 27, 2009).

- · Provide employees incentives that appropriately balance risk and reward;
- · Be compatible with effective controls and risk-management; and
- · Be supported by strong corporate governance, including active and effective oversight by the organization's board of directors.

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Because incentive compensation arrangements for executive and non-executive employees may pose safety and soundness risks if not properly structured, the proposed guidance applied to senior executives as well as other employees who, either individually or as part of a group, have the ability to expose the relevant banking organization to material amounts of risk.

With respect to the first principle, the proposed guidance, among other things, provided that a banking organization should ensure that its incentive compensation arrangements do not encourage short-term profits at the expense of short- and longer-term risks to the organization. Rather, the proposed guidance indicated that banking organizations should adjust the incentive compensation provided so that employees bear some of the risk associated with their activities. To be fully effective, these adjustments should take account of the full range of risks that the employees' activities may pose for the organization. The proposed guidance highlighted several methods that banking organizations could use to adjust incentive compensation awards or payments to take account of risk.

With respect to the second principle, the proposed guidance provided that banking organizations should integrate their approaches to incentive compensation arrangements with their risk-management and internal control frameworks to better monitor and control the risks these arrangements may create for the organization. Accordingly, the proposed guidance provided that banking organizations should ensure that risk-management personnel have an appropriate role in designing incentive compensation arrangements and assessing whether the arrangements may encourage imprudent risk-taking. In addition, the proposed guidance provided that banking organizations should track incentive compensation awards and payments, risks taken, and actual risk outcomes to determine whether incentive compensation payments to employees are reduced or adjusted to reflect adverse risk outcomes.

With respect to the third principle, the proposed guidance provided that a banking organization's board of directors should play an informed and active role in ensuring that the organization's compensation arrangements strike the proper balance between risk and profit not only at the initiation of a compensation program, but on an ongoing basis. Thus, the proposed guidance provided that boards of directors should review and approve key elements of their organizations' incentive compensation systems across the organization, receive and review periodic evaluations of whether their organizations' compensation systems for all major segments of the organization are achieving their risk-mitigation objectives, and directly approve the incentive compensation arrangements for senior executives.

The Board's proposed guidance applied to all banking organizations supervised by the Federal Reserve. However, the proposed guidance also included provisions intended to reflect the diversity among banking organizations, both with respect to the scope and complexity of their activities, as well as the prevalence and scope of incentive compensation arrangements. Thus, for example, the proposed guidance provided that the reviews, policies, procedures, and systems implemented by a smaller banking organization that uses incentive compensation arrangements on a limited basis would be substantially less extensive, formalized, and detailed than those at a large, complex banking organization (LCBO) [FN2] that uses incentive compensation arrangements extensively. In addition, because sound incentive compensation practices are important to protect the safety and soundness of all banking organizations, the Federal Re serve announced that it would work with the other Federal banking agencies to promote application of the guidance to all banking organizations.

FN2 In the proposed guidance (issued by the Federal Reserve), the term LCBO was used as this is the term utilized by the Federal Reserve in describing such organizations. The final guidance uses the term Large Banking Organization (LBO), which encompasses terminology utilized by the OCC, FDIC and OTS.

The Board invited comment on all aspects of the proposed guidance. The Board also specifically requested comments on a number of issues, including whether:

- $\cdot$  The three core principles are appropriate and sufficient to help ensure that incentive compensation arrangements do not threaten the safety and soundness of banking organizations;
- · There are any material legal, regulatory, or other impediments to the prompt implementation of incentive compensation arrangements and related processes that would be consistent with those principles;

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- · Formulaic limits on incentive compensation would likely promote the safety and soundness of banking organizations, whether applied generally or to specific types of employees or banking organizations;
- · Market forces or practices in the broader financial services industry, such as the use of "golden parachute" or "golden handshake" arrangements to retain or attract employees, present challenges for banking organizations in developing and maintaining balanced incentive compensation arrangements;
- · The proposed guidance would impose undue burdens on, or have unintended consequences for, banking organizations, particularly smaller, less complex organizations, and whether there are ways such potential burdens or consequences could be addressed in a manner consistent with safety and soundness; and
- · There are types of incentive compensation plans, such as organization-wide profit sharing plans that provide for distributions in a manner that is not materially linked to the performance of specific employees or groups of employees, that could and should be exempted from, or treated differently under, the guidance because they are unlikely to affect the risk-taking incentives of all, or a significant number of employees.

#### B. Supervisory Initiatives

In connection with the issuance of the proposed guidance, the Federal Reserve announced two supervisory initiatives:

- · A special horizontal review of incentive compensation practices at LCBO's; and
- · A review of incentive compensation practices at other banking organizations as part of the regular, risk-focused examination process for these organizations.

The horizontal review was designed to assess: The potential for these arrangements or practices to encourage imprudent risk-taking; the actions an organization has taken or proposes to take to correct deficiencies in its incentive compensation practices; and the adequacy of the organization's compensation-related risk-management, control, and corporate governance processes.

#### II. Overview of Comments

The Board received 34 written comments on the proposed guidance, which were shared and reviewed by all of the Agencies. Commenters included banking organizations, financial services trade associations, service providers to financial organizations, representatives of institutional shareholders, labor organizations, and individuals. Most commenters supported the goal of the proposed guidance—to ensure that incentive compensation arrangements do not encourage imprudent or undue risk-taking at banking organizations. Commenters also generally supported the principles-based approach of the proposed guidance. For example, many commenters specifically supported the avoidance of formulaic or one-size-fits-all approaches to incentive compensation in the proposed guidance. These commenters noted financial organizations are very diverse and should be permitted to adopt incentive compensation measures that fit their ne eds, while also being consistent with safe and sound operations. Several commenters also asserted that a formulaic approach would inevitably lead to exaggerated risk-taking incentives in some situations while discouraging employees from taking reasonable and appropriate risks in others. One commenter also argued that unintended consequences would be more likely to result from a "rigid rulemaking" than from a flexible, principles-based approach.

Many commenters requested that the Board revise or clarify the proposed guidance in one or more respects. For example, several commenters asserted that the guidance should impose specific restrictions on incentive compensation at banking organizations or mandate certain corporate governance or risk-management practices. One commenter recommended a requirement that most compensation for senior executives be provided in the form of variable, performance-vested equity awards that are deferred for at least five years, and that stock option compensation be prohibited. Another commenter advocated a ban on "golden parachute" payments and on bonuses based on metrics related to one year or less of performance. Other commenters suggested that the guidance should require banking organizations

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to have an independent chairman of the board of directors, require annual majority voting for all directors, or provide for shareholders to have a vote (so called "say-on-pay" voting provisions) on the incentive compensation arrangements for certain employees of banking organizations. Other commenters requested that certain types of compensation plans, such as organization-wide profit sharing plans or 401(k) plans or plans covered by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (29 U.S.C. 1400 et seq.), be exempted from the scope of the guidance because they were unlikely to provide employees incentives to expose their banking organization to undue risk.

Several commenters, however, did not support the proposed guidance. Some of these commenters felt that the proposed guidance was unnecessary and that the principles used in the proposed guidance were not needed. These commenters argued that the existing system of financial regulation and enforcement is sufficient to address the concerns raised in the proposed guidance. Several commenters also thought that the proposed guidance was too vague to be helpful, and that the ambiguity of the proposed guidance would make compliance more difficult, leading to increased costs and regulatory uncertainty. Some commenters also argued that the guidance was not warranted because there is insufficient evidence that incentive compensation practices contributed to safety and soundness or financial stability problems, or questioned the authority of the Federal Reserve or the other Federal banking agencies to act in this area.

In addition, a number of commenters expressed concern that the proposed guidance would impose undue burden on banking organizations, particularly smaller, less complex organizations. These commenters believed that incentive compensation practices at smaller banking organizations were generally not problematic from a safety and soundness perspective.[FN3] A number of commenters suggested that all or most smaller banking organizations should be exempt from the guidance. A number of commenters expressed concerns that the proposed guidance would impose unreasonable demands on the boards of directors of banking organizations and especially smaller organizations.

FN3 On the other hand, one commenter requested that the proposed guidance not be enforced differently at larger institutions solely because of their size.

Several commenters also expressed concern that the proposed guidance, if implemented, could impede the ability of banking organizations to attract or retain qualified staff and compete with other financial services providers. In light of these concerns, some commenters suggested that the guidance expressly allow banking organizations to enter into such compensation arrangements as they deem necessary for recruitment or retention purposes. A number of commenters also encouraged the Federal Reserve to work with other domestic and foreign supervisors and authorities to promote consistent standards for incentive compensation practices at financial institutions and a level competitive playing field for financial service providers.

The comments received on the proposed guidance are further discussed below.

#### III. Final Guidance

After carefully reviewing the comments on the proposed guidance, the Agencies have adopted final guidance that retains the same key principles embodied in the proposed guidance, with a number of adjustments and clarifications that address matters raised by the commenters. These principles are: (1) Incentive compensation arrangements at a banking organization should provide employees incentives that appropriately balance risk and financial results in a manner that does not encourage employees to expose their organizations to imprudent risk; (2) these arrangements should be compatible with effective controls and risk-management; and (3) these arrangements should be supported by strong corporate governance, including active and effective oversight by the organization's board of directors. The Agencies believe that it is important that incentive compensation arrangements at banking organizations do not provide incentives for employees to take risks that could jeopardize the safety and soundness of the organization. The final guidance seeks to address the safety and

soundness risks of incentive compensation practices by focusing on the basic problem they can pose from a risk-management perspective, that is, incentive compensation arrangements—if improperly structured—can give employees incentives to take imprudent risks.

The Agencies believe the principles of the final guidance should help protect the safety and soundness of banking organizations and the stability of the financial system, and that adoption of the guidance is fully consistent with the

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Agencies' statutory mandate to protect the safety and soundness of banking organizations.[FN4]

FN4 See, e.g. 12 U.S.C. 1818(b). The Agencies regularly issue supervisory guidance based on the authority in section 8 of the Federal Deposit Insurance (FDI) Act. Guidance is used to identify practices that the Agencies believe would constitute an unsafe or unsound practice and/or identify risk-management systems, controls, or other practices that the Agencies believe would assist banking organizations in ensuring that they operate in a safe and sound manner. Savings associations should also refer to OTS's rule on employment contracts 12 CFR 563.39.

The final guidance applies to all the banking organizations supervised by the Agencies, including national banks, State member banks, State nonmember banks, savings associations, U.S. bank holding companies, savings and loan holding companies, the U.S. operations of foreign banks with a branch, agency or commercial lending company in the United States, and Edge and agreement corporations (collectively, "banking organizations").

A number of changes have been made to the proposed guidance in response to comments. For example, the final guidance includes several provisions designed to reduce burden on smaller banking organizations and other banking organizations that are not significant users of incentive compensation. The Agencies also have made a number of changes to clarify the scope, intent, and terminology of the final guidance.

## A. Scope of Guidance

Compensation practices were not the sole cause of the financial crisis, but they certainly were a contributing cause—a fact recognized by 98 percent of the respondents to a survey of banking organizations engaged in wholesale banking activities conducted in 2009 by the Institute of International Finance and publicly by a number of individual financial institutions.[FN5] Moreover, the problems caused by improper compensation practices were not limited to U.S. financial institutions, but were evident at major financial institutions worldwide, a fact recognized by international bodies such as the Financial Stability Board (FSB) and the Senior Supervisors Group.[FN6]

FN5 See, Institute of International Finance, Inc. (2009), Compensation in Financial Services: Industry Progress and the Agenda for Change (Washington: IIF, March) available at http://www.oliverwyman.com/ow/pdf\_files/OW\_En\_FS\_Publ\_2009\_CompensationInFS.pdf. See also UBS, Shareholder Report on UBS's Write-Downs, April 18, 2008, pp. 41-42 (identifies incentive effects of UBS compensation practices as contributing factors in losses suffered by UBS due to exposure to the subprime mortgage market) available at http://www.ubs.com/1/ShowMedia/investors/agm?contentId=140333&name=080418ShareholderReport.pdf.

FN6 See, Financial Stability Forum (2009), FSF Principles for Sound Compensation Practices (87 KB PDF) (Basel, Switzerland: FSF, April), available at http://www.financialstabilityboard.org/publications/r\_0904b.pdf; and Senior Supervisors Group (2009), Risk-management Lessons from the Global Banking Crisis of 2008 (Basel, Switzerland: SSG, October), available at http://www.newyorkfed.org/newsevents/news/banking/2009/ma091021.html. The Financial Stability Forum was renamed the Financial Stability Board in April 2009.

Because compensation arrangements for executive and non-executive employees alike may pose safety and soundness risks if not properly structured, these principles and the final guidance apply to senior executives as well as other employees who, either individually or as part of a group, have the ability to expose the banking organization to material amounts of risk.[FN7] These employees are referred to as "covered employees" in the final guidance. In response to comments, the final guidance clarifies that an employee or group of employees has the ability to expose a banking organization to material amounts of risk if the employees' activities are material to the organization or are

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material to a business line or operating unit that is itself material to the organization.

FN7 In response to a number of comments requesting clarification regarding the scope of the term "senior executives" as used in the guidance, the final guidance states that "senior executive" includes, at a minimum, "executive officers" within the meaning of the Board's Regulation O (12 CFR 215.2(e)(1)) and, for publicly traded companies, "named officers" within the meaning of the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules on disclosure of executive compensation (17 CFR 229.402(a)(3)). Savings associations should also refer to OTS's rule on loans by savings associations to their executive officers, directors, and principal shareholders. 12 CFR 563.43.

Some commenters suggested that certain categories of employees, such as tellers, bookkeepers, administrative assistants, or employees who process but do not originate transactions, do not expose banking organizations to significant levels of risk and therefore should be exempted from coverage under the final guidance. The final guidance, like the proposed guidance, indicates that the facts and circumstances will determine which jobs or categories of employees have the ability to expose the organization to material risks and which jobs or categories of employees may be outside the scope of the guidance. The final guidance recognizes, for example, that tellers, bookkeepers, couriers, and data processing personnel would likely not expose organizations to significant risks of the types meant to be addressed by the guidance. On the other hand, employees or groups of employees who do not originate business or approve transactions could still expose a banking organization to material risk in some circumstances. Therefore, the Agencies do not believe it would be appropriate to provide a blanket exemption from the final guidance for any category of covered employees that would apply to all banking organizations.

After reviewing the comments, the Agencies have retained the principles-based framework of the proposed guidance. The Agencies believe this approach is the most effective way to address incentive compensation practices, given the differences in the size and complexity of banking organizations covered by the guidance and the complexity, diversity, and range of use of incentive compensation arrangements by those organizations. For example, activities and risks may vary significantly across banking organizations and across employees within a particular banking organization. For this reason, the methods used to achieve appropriately risk-sensitive compensation arrangements likely will differ across and within organizations, and use of a single, formulaic approach likely will provide at least some employees with incentives to take imprudent risks.

The Agencies, however, have not modified the guidance, as some commenters requested, to provide that a banking organization may enter into incentive compensation arrangements that are inconsistent with the principles of safety and soundness whenever the organization believes that such action is needed to retain or attract employees. The Agencies recognize that while incentive compensation serves a number of important goals for banking organizations, including attracting and retaining skilled staff, these goals do not override the requirement for banking organizations to have incentive compensation systems that are consistent with safe and sound operations and that do not encourage imprudent risk-taking. The final guidance provides banking organizations with considerable flexibility in structuring their incentive compensation arrangements in ways that both promote safety and soundness and that help achieve the a rrangements' other objectives.

The Agencies are mindful, however, that banking organizations operate in both domestic and international competitive environments that include financial services providers that are not subject to prudential oversight by the Agencies and, thus, not subject to the final guidance. The Agencies also recognize that international coordination in this area is important both to promote competitive balance and to ensure that internationally active banking organizations are subject to consistent requirements. For this reason, the Agencies will continue to work with their domestic and international counterparts to foster sound compensation practices across the financial services industry. Importantly, the final guidance is consistent with both the Principles for Sound Compensation Practices and the related Implementation Standards adopted by the FSB in 2009.[FN8] A number of commenters expressed concern about the levels of compensation paid to some employees of banking organizations. As noted above, several commenters requested that the Board eliminate or limit certain types of incentive compensation for employees of banking organizations. Other commenters advocated that certain forms of compensation be required. For example, some commenters urged a ban on incentive compensation payments made in stock options, while others supported their mandatory use. Comments also were received with regard to the use of other types of stock-based compensation, such as restricted stock and

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stock appreciation rights. Consistent with its principles-based approach, the final guidance does not mandate or prohibit the use of any specific forms of payment for incentive compensation or establish mandatory compensation levels or caps. Rather, the forms and levels of incentive compensation payments at banking organizations are expected to reflect the principles of the final guidance in a manner tailored to the business, risk profile, and other attributes of the banking organization. Incentive compensation structures that offer employees rewards for increasing short-term profit or revenue, without taking into account risk, may encourage imprudent risk-taking even if they meet formulaic levels or include or exclude certain forms of compensation. On the other hand, incentive compensation arrangements of various forms and levels may be properly structured so as not to encourage imprudent risk-taking.

FN8 See, Financial Stability Forum, FSF Principles for Sound Compensation Practices, in note 6; and Financial Stability Board (2009), FSB Principles for Sound Compensation Practices: Implementation Standards (35 KB PDF) (Basel, Switzerland: FSB, September), available at http://www.financialstabilityboard.org/publications/r\_090925c.pdf.

In response to comments, the final guidance clarifies in a number of respects the expectation of the Agencies that the impact of the final guidance on banking organizations will vary depending on the size and complexity of the organization and its level of usage of incentive compensation arrangements. It is expected that the guidance will generally have less impact on smaller banking organizations, which typically are less complex and make less use of incentive compensation arrangements than larger banking organizations. Because of the size and complexity of their operations, large banking organizations (LBOs) [FN9] should have and adhere to systematic and formalized policies, procedures and processes. These are considered important in ensuring that incentive compensation arrangements for all covered employees are identified and reviewed by appropriate levels of management (including the board of directors where appropriate and control units), and that they appropriately balance risks and rewards. The final guidance highlights the types of policies, procedures, and systems that LBOs should have and maintain, but that are not expected of other banking organizations. It is expected that, particularly in the case of LBO's, adoption of this principles-based approach will require an iterative supervisory process to ensure that the embedded flexibility that allows for customized arrangements for each banking organization does not undermine effective implementation of the guidance.

FN9 For purposes of the final guidance, LBOs include, in the case of banking organizations supervised by (i) the Federal Reserve, large, complex banking organizations as identified by the Federal Reserve for supervisory purposes; (ii) the OCC, the largest and most complex national banks as defined in the Large Bank Supervision booklet of the Comptroller's Handbook; (iii) the FDIC, large complex insured depository institutions (IDIs); and (iv) the OTS, the largest and most complex savings associations and savings and loan holding companies. The term "smaller banking organizations" is used to refer to banking organizations that are not LBOs under the relevant agency's standard.

With respect to U.S. operations of foreign banks, incentive compensation policies, including management, review, and approval requirements for a foreign bank's U.S. operations should be coordinated with the foreign banking organization's group-wide policies developed in accordance with the rules of the foreign banking organization's home country supervisor. These policies and practices should be consistent with the foreign bank's overall corporate and management structure and its framework for risk-management and internal controls, as well as with the final guidance.

# B. Balanced Incentive Compensation Arrangements

The first principle of the final guidance is that incentive compensation arrangements should provide employees incentives that appropriately balance risks and rewards in a manner that does not encourage imprudent risk-taking. The amounts of incentive pay flowing to covered employees should take account of and adjust for the risks and losses—as well as gains—associated with employees' activities, so that employees do not have incentives to take imprudent risk. The formulation of this principle is slightly different from that used in the proposed guidance, which stated that organizations should provide employees incentives that do not encourage imprudent risk-taking beyond the organization's ability to effectively identify and manage risk. This change was made to clarify that risk-management procedures and control functions that ordinarily limit risk-taking do not obviate the need to identify covered employees and

to develop incentive compensation arrangements that properly balance risk-taking incentives. To be fully effective, balancing adjustments to incentive compensation arrangements should take account of the full range of risks that employees' activities may pose for the organization, including credit, market, liquidity, operational, legal, compliance, and reputational risks.

A number of commenters expressed the view that increased controls could mitigate a lack of balance in incentive compensation arrangements. Under this view, unbalanced incentive compensation arrangements could be addressed either through the modification of the incentive compensation arrangements or through the application of additional or more effective risk controls to the business. The final guidance recognizes that strong and effective risk-management and internal control functions are critical to the safety and soundness of banking organizations. However, the Agencies believe that poorly designed or managed incentive compensation arrangements can themselves be a source of risk to banking organizations and undermine the controls in place. Unbalanced incentive compensation arrangements can place substantial strain on the risk-management and internal control functions of even well-managed organizations. Furthe rmore, poorly balanced incentive compensation arrangements can encourage employees to take affirmative actions to weaken the organization's risk-management or internal control functions.

The final guidance, like the proposed guidance, outlines four methods that are currently in use to make compensation more sensitive to risk. These are risk adjustment of awards; deferral of payment; longer performance periods; and reduced sensitivity to short-term performance. Each method has advantages and disadvantages. For example, incentive compensation arrangements for senior executives at LBOs are likely to be better balanced if they involve deferral of a substantial portion of the executives' incentive compensation over a multi-year period, with payment made in the form of stock or other equity-based instruments and with the number of instruments ultimately received dependent on the performance of the organization (or, ideally, the performance of the executive) during the deferral period. Deferral, however, may not be effective in constraining the incentives of employees who may have the ability to expose the organization to long-term risks, as these risks may not be realized during a reasonable deferral period. For this reason, the final guidance recognizes that in some cases, two or more methods may be needed in combination (e.g., risk adjustment of awards and deferral of payment) to achieve an incentive compensation arrangement that properly balances risk and reward.

Furthermore, the few methods noted in the final guidance are not exclusive, and other effective methods or variations may exist or be developed. Methods for achieving balanced compensation arrangements at one organization may not be effective at another organization. Each organization is responsible for ensuring that its incentive compensation arrangements are consistent with the safety and soundness of the organization. The guidance clarifies that LBOs should actively monitor industry, academic, and regulatory developments in incentive compensation practices and theory and be prepared to incorporate into their incentive compensation systems new or emerging methods that are likely to improve the organization's long-term financial well-being and safety and soundness.

In response to a question asked in the proposed guidance, several commenters requested that certain types of compensation plans be treated as beyond the scope of the final guidance because commenters believed these plans do not threaten the safety and soundness of banking organizations. These included organization-wide profit sharing plans, 401(k) plans, defined benefit plans, and ERISA plans.

The final guidance does not exempt any broad categories of compensation plans based on their tax structure, corporate form, or status as a retirement or other employee benefit plans, because any type of incentive compensation plan may be implemented in a way that increases risk inappropriately. In response to these comments, however, the final guidance recognizes that the term "incentive compensation" does not include arrangements that are based solely on the employees' level of compensation and that do not vary based on one or more performance metrics (e.g., a 401(k) plan under which the organization contributes a set percentage of an employee's salary). In addition, the final guidance notes that incentive compensation plans that provide for awards based solely on overall organization—wide performance are unlikely to provide employees, other than senior executives and individuals who have the ability to materially affect the organization's overall performance, with unbalanced risk-taking incentives.

In many cases, there were comments on both sides of an issue, with some wanting less or no guidance and others wanting tough, or very specific prohibitions. For example, a number of commenters argued that the use of "golden parachutes" and similar retention and recruitment provisions to retain employees should be prohibited because such

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provisions have been abused in the past.[FN10] A larger number of commenters, however, argued against a per se ban on such arrangements, stating that these provisions were in some cases essential elements of effective recruiting and retention packages and are not necessarily a threat to safety and soundness. One commenter stated that golden parachute payments triggered by changes in control of a banking organization are too speculative to encourage imprudent risk-taking by employees.

FN10 Arrangements that provide for an employee (typically a senior executive), upon departure from an organization or a change in control of the organization, to receive large additional payments or the accelerated payment of deferred amounts without regard to risk or risk outcomes are sometimes called "golden parachutes."

The final guidance, like the proposed guidance, provides that banking organizations should carefully consider the potential for golden parachutes and similar arrangements to affect the risk-taking behavior of employees. The final guidance adds language noting that arrangements that provide an employee with a guaranteed payout upon departure from an organization regardless of performance may neutralize the effect of any balancing features included in the arrangement to help prevent imprudent risk-taking. Organizations should consider including balancing features—such as risk adjustments or deferral requirements—in golden parachutes and similar arrangements to mitigate the potential for the arrangements to encourage imprudent risk-taking.

Provisions that require a departing employee to forfeit deferred incentive compensation payments may also weaken the effectiveness of a deferral arrangement if the departing employee is able to negotiate a "golden handshake" arrangement with the employee's new organization.[FN11] Golden handshake provisions present special issues for banking organizations and supervisors, some of which are discussed in the final guidance, because it is the action of the employee's new employer—which may not be a regulated institution—that can affect the current employer's ability to properly align the employee's interest with the organization's long-term health. The final guidance states that LBOs should monitor whether golden handshake arrangements are materially weakening the organization's efforts to constrain the risk-taking incentives of employees. The Agencies will continue to work with banking organizations and others to develop appropriate methods for addressing any effect that such arrangements may have on the safety and soundness of banking organizations.

FN11 Golden handshakes are arrangements that compensate an employee for some or all of the estimated, non-adjusted value of deferred incentive compensation that would have been forfeited upon departure from the employee's previous employment.

#### C. Compatibility With Effective Controls and Risk-Management

The second principle of the final guidance states that a banking organization's risk-management processes and internal controls should reinforce and support the development and maintenance of balanced incentive compensation arrangements. Banking organizations should integrate incentive compensation arrangements into their risk-management and internal control frameworks to ensure that balance is achieved. In particular, banking organizations should have appropriate controls to ensure that processes for achieving balance are followed. Appropriate personnel, including risk-management personnel, should have input in the design and assessment of incentive compensation arrangements. Compensation for risk-management and control personnel should be sufficient to attract and retain appropriately qualified personnel and such compensation should not be based substantially on the financial performance of the business unit that they review. Rather, their performance should be based primarily on the achievement of the objectives of their functions (e.g., adherence to internal controls).

Banking organizations should monitor incentive compensation awards, risks taken and actual risk outcomes to determine whether incentive compensation payments to employees are reduced to reflect adverse risk outcomes. Incentive compensation arrangements that are found not to appropriately reflect risk should be modified as necessary. Organizations should not only provide rewards when performance standards are met or exceeded, they should also reduce compensation when standards are not met. If senior executives or other employees are paid substantially all of their potential incentive compensation when risk outcomes are materially worse than expected, employees may be encouraged to take large risks in the hope of substantially increasing their personal compensation, knowing that their

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downside risks are limited. Simply put, incentive compensation arrangements should not create a "heads I win, tails the firm loses" expectation.

A significant number of comments expressed concerns about the scope of the applicability of the proposed guidance to smaller banking organizations as well as the burden the proposed guidance would impose on these organizations. In response to these comments, the final guidance has made more explicit the Agencies' view that the monitoring methods and processes used by a banking organization should be commensurate with the size and complexity of the organization, as well as its use of incentive compensation. Thus, for example, a smaller organization that uses incentive compensation only to a limited extent may find that it can appropriately monitor its arrangements through normal management processes. The final guidance also discusses specific aspects of policies and procedures related to controls and risk-management that are applicable to LBOs and are not expected of other banking organizations.

#### D. Strong Corporate Governance

The third principle of the final guidance is that incentive compensation programs at banking organizations should be supported by strong corporate governance, including active and effective oversight by the organization's board of directors.[FN12] The board of directors of an organization is ultimately responsible for ensuring that the organization's incentive compensation arrangements for all covered employees—not solely senior executives—are appropriately balanced and do not jeopardize the safety and soundness of the organization. Boards of directors should receive data and analysis from management or other sources that are sufficient to allow the board to assess whether the overall design and performance of the organization's incentive compensation arrangements are consistent with the organization's safety and soundness. These reviews and reports should be appropriately scoped to reflect the size and complexity of the banking organization's activities and the prevalence and scope of its incentive compensation arrangements. The structure, composition, and resources of the board of directors should be constructed to permit effective oversight of incentive compensation. The board of directors should, for example, have, or have access to, a level of expertise and experience in risk-management and compensation practices in the financial services sector that is appropriate for the nature, scope, and complexity of the organization's activities.[FN13]

FN12 In the case of foreign banking organizations (FBOs), the term "board of directors" refers to the relevant oversight body for the firm's U.S. operations, consistent with the FBO's overall corporate and management structure.

FN13 Savings associations should also refer to OTS's rule on directors, officers, and employees. 12 CFR 563.33.

Given the key role of senior executives in managing the overall risk-taking activities of an organization, the board of directors should directly approve compensation arrangements involving senior executives and closely monitor such payments and their sensitivity to risk outcomes. If the compensation arrangements for a senior executive include a deferral of payment or "clawback" provision, then the review should include sufficient information to determine if the provision has been triggered and executed as planned. The board also should approve and document any material exceptions or adjustments to the incentive compensation arrangements established for senior executives and should carefully consider and monitor the effects of any approved exceptions or adjustments to the arrangements.

In response to comments expressing concern about the impact of the proposed guidance on smaller banking organizations, the final guidance identifies specific aspects of the corporate governance provisions of the final guidance that are applicable to LBOs or other organizations that use incentive compensation to a significant degree, and are not expected of other banking organizations. In particular, boards of directors of LBOs and other organizations that use incentive compensation to a significant degree should actively oversee the development and operation of the organization's incentive compensation policies, systems and related control processes. If such an organization does not already have a compensation committee, reporting to the full board, with primary responsibility for incentive compensation arrangements, the board should consider establishing one. LBOs, in particular, should follow a systematic approach, outlined in the final guidance, in developing compensation systems that have balanced incentive compensation arrangements.

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requirement could limit an already small pool of people suitable to serve on boards of directors of banking organizations and that smaller organizations may not have access to, or the resources to compensate, directors meeting these additional requirements. Some commenters also stated that terms such as "closely monitor" and "actively oversee" could be read to impose a higher standard on directors for their oversight of incentive compensation issues. On the other hand, one commenter noted that current law requires financial expertise on the boards of directors and audit committees of public companies and recommended that specialized risk-management competencies be required on the boards of all banking organizations.

To address concerns raised by these commenters, the final guidance clarifies that risk-management and compensation expertise and experience at the board level may be present collectively among the members of the board, and may come from formal training or from experience in addressing risk-management and compensation issues, including as a director, or may be obtained from advice received from outside counsel, consultants, or other experts with expertise in incentive compensation and risk-management. Furthermore, the final guidance recognizes that smaller organizations with less complex and extensive incentive compensation arrangements may not find it necessary or appropriate to require specially tailored board expertise or to retain and use outside experts in this area.

A banking organization's disclosure practices should support safe and sound incentive compensation arrangements. Specifically, a banking organization should supply an appropriate amount of information concerning its incentive compensation arrangements and related risk-management, control, and governance processes to shareholders to allow them to monitor and, where appropriate, take actions to restrain the potential for such arrangements to encourage employees to take imprudent risks.

While some commenters supported increased public disclosure of the incentive compensation practices of banking organizations, a greater number expressed concerns that any required disclosures of incentive compensation information by banking organizations be tailored to protect the privacy of employees and take account of the impact of such disclosures on the ability of organizations to attract and retain talent. Several commenters supported an alignment of required disclosures with existing requirements for public companies, arguing that additional requirements would add to the regulatory burden on banking organizations.

The proposed guidance did not impose specific disclosure requirements on banking organizations. The final guidance makes no significant changes from the proposed guidance with regard to disclosures, and states that the scope and level of information disclosed by a banking organization should be tailored to the nature and complexity of the organization and its incentive compensation arrangements. The final guidance notes that banking organizations should comply with the incentive compensation disclosure requirements of the Federal securities law and other laws, as applicable.

A number of commenters supported additional governance requirements for banking organizations, such as "say on pay" provisions requiring shareholder approval of compensation plans, separation of the board chair and chief executive officer positions, majority voting for directors, annual elections for all directors, and improvements to the audit function. Some of these comments seek changes in Federal laws beyond the jurisdiction of the Agencies; others address issues—such as "say on pay" requirements—that are currently under consideration by the Congress. The final guidance does not preempt or preclude these proposals, and indicates that the Agencies expect organizations to comply with all applicable statutory disclosure, voting and other requirements.

# E. Continuing Supervisory Initiatives

The horizontal review of incentive compensation practices at LBOs is well underway. While this initiative is being led by the Federal Reserve, the other Federal banking agencies are participating in the work. Supervisory teams have collected substantial information from LBOs concerning existing incentive compensation practices and related risk-management and corporate governance processes. In addition, LBOs have submitted analyses of shortcomings or "gaps" in existing practices relative to the principles contained in the proposed guidance, as well as plans for addressing identified weaknesses. Some organizations already have implemented changes to make their incentive

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compensation arrangements more risk sensitive. Indeed, many organizations are recognizing that strong risk-management and control systems are not sufficient to protect the organization from undue risks, including risks arising from unbalanced incentive compensation arrangements. Other organizations have considerably more work to do, such as developing processes that can effectively compare incentive compensation payments to risks and risk outcomes. The Agencies intend to continue to regularly review incentive compensation arrangements and related risk-management, control, and corporate governance practices of LBOs and to work with these organizations through the supervisory process to promptly correct any deficiencies that may be inconsistent with safety and soundness.[FN14]

FN14 For smaller banking organizations, the Federal Reserve is gathering consistent information through regularly scheduled examinations and the normal supervisory process. The focus of the data gathering is to identify the types of incentive plans in place, the job types covered and the characteristics, prevalence and level of documentation available for those incentive compensation plans. After comparing and analyzing the information collected, supervisory efforts and expectations will be scaled appropriately to the size and complexity of the organization and its incentive compensation arrangements. For these smaller banking organizations, the expectation is that there will be very limited, if any, targeted examination work or supervisory follow-up. To the extent that any of these organizations has incentive compensation arrangements, the policies and systems necessary to monitor these arrangements are expected to be substantially less extensive, formalized and detailed than those of larger, more complex organizations.

The Agencies intend to actively monitor the actions being taken by banking organizations with respect to incentive compensation arrangements and will review and update this guidance as appropriate to incorporate best practices that emerge. In addition, in order to monitor and encourage improvements, Federal Reserve staff will prepare a report, in consultation with the other Federal banking agencies, after the conclusion of 2010 on trends and developments in compensation practices at banking organizations.

#### IV. Other Matters

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506; 5 CFR Part 1320 Appendix A.1), the Agencies have determined that certain aspects of the final guidance constitute a collection of information. The Board made this determination under the authority delegated to the Board by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and an organization is not required to respond to, an information collection unless the information collection displays a currently valid OMB control number. Any changes to the Agencies' regulatory reporting forms that may be made in the future to collect information related to incentive compensation arrangements would be addressed in a separate Federal Register notice.

The final guidance includes provisions that state large banking organizations (LBOs) should (i) have policies and procedures that identify and describe the role(s) of the personnel and units authorized to be involved in incentive compensation arrangements, identify the source of significant risk-related inputs, establish appropriate controls governing these inputs to help ensure their integrity, and identify the individual(s) and unit(s) whose approval is necessary for the establishment or modification of incentive compensation arrangements; (ii) create and maintain sufficient documentation to permit an audit of the organization's processes for incentive compensation arrangements; (iii) have any material exceptions or adjustments to the incentive compensation arrangements established for senior executives approved and documented by its board of directors; and (iv) have its board of directors receive and re view, on an annual or more frequent basis, an assessment by management of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the organization's incentive compensation system in providing risk-taking incentives that are consistent with the organization's safety and soundness.

The OCC, FDIC, and OTS have obtained emergency approval under 5 CFR 1320.13 for issuance of the guidance and

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will issue a Federal Register notice shortly for 60 days of comment as part of the regular PRA clearance process. During the regular PRA clearance process the estimated average response time may be re-evaluated.

The Board has approved the collection of information under its delegated authority. As discussed earlier in this notice, on October 27, 2009, the Board published in the Federal Register a notice requesting comment on the proposed Guidance on Sound Incentive Compensation Policies (74 FR 55227). The comment period for this notice expired November 27, 2009. The Board received three comments that specifically addressed paperwork burden. The commenters asserted that the hourly estimate of the cost of compliance should be considerably higher than the Board projected.

The final guidance clarifies in a number of respects the expectation that the effect of the final guidance on banking organizations will vary depending on the size and complexity of the organization and its level of use of incentive compensation arrangements. For example, the final guidance makes more explicit the view that the monitoring methods and processes used by a banking organization should be commensurate with the size and complexity of the organization, as well as its use of incentive compensation. In addition, the final guidance highlights the types of policies, procedures, systems, and specific aspects of corporate governance that LBOs should have and maintain, but that are not expected of other banking organizations.

In response to comments and taking into account the considerations discussed above, the Board is increasing the burden estimate for implementing or modifying policies and procedures to monitor incentive compensation. For this purpose, consideration of burden is limited to items in the final guidance constituting an information collection within the meaning of the PRA. The Board estimates that 1,502 large respondents would take, on average, 480 hours (two months) to modify policies and procedures to monitor incentive compensation. The Board estimates that 5,058 small respondents would take, on average, 80 hours (two business weeks) to establish or modify policies and procedures to monitor incentive compensation. The total one-time burden is estimated to be 1,125,600 hours. In addition, the Board estimates that, on a continuing basis, respondents would take, on average, 40 hours (one business week) each y ear to maintain policies and procedures to monitor incentive compensation arrangements and estimates the annual on-going burden to be 262,400 hours. The total annual PRA burden for this information collection is estimated to be 1,388,000 hours.

General Description of Report

This information collection is authorized pursuant to:

Board—Sections 11(a), 11(i), 25, and 25A of the Federal Reserve Act (12 U.S.C. 248(a), 248(i), 602, and 611,), section 5 of the Bank Holding Company Act (12 U.S.C. 1844), and section 7(c) of the International Banking Act (12 U.S.C. 3105(c)).

OCC—12 U.S.C. 161, and Section 39 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1831p-1).

FDIC—Section 39 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1831p-1).

OTS—Section 39 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1831p-1) and Sections 4, 5, and 10 of the Home Owners' Loan Act (12 U.S.C. 1463, 1464, and 1467a).

The Agencies expect to review the policies and procedures for incentive compensation arrangements as part of their supervisory processes. To the extent the Agencies collect information during an examination of a banking organization, confidential treatment may be afforded to the records under exemption 8 of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(8).

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Title of Information Collection: Recordkeeping Provisions Associated with the Guidance on Sound Incentive Compensation

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Policies.

Agency form number: FR 4027.

OMB control number: 7100—to be assigned.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit.

Respondents: U.S. bank holding companies, State member banks, Edge and agreement corporations, and the U.S. operations of foreign banks with a branch, agency, or commercial lending company subsidiary in the United States.

Estimated average hours per response: Implementing or modifying policies and procedures: large respondents 480 hours; small respondents 80 hours. Maintenance of policies and procedures: 40 hours.

Estimated number of respondents: Large respondents, 1,502; Small respondents, 5,058.

Estimated total annual burden: 1,388,000 hours.

As mentioned above, the OCC, FDIC, and OTS have obtained emergency approval under 5 CFR 1320.13. The OCC and OTS approvals were obtained prior to the Board revising its burden estimates based on the comments received. For this reason, the OCC and OTS are publishing in this notice the original burden estimates. They will issue a Federal Register notice shortly for 60 days of comment as part of the regular PRA clearance process. During the regular PRA clearance process the estimated average response time may be re-evaluated based on comments received. The FDIC is publishing in this notice the revised burden estimates developed by the Board based on the comments received. The FDIC will issue a Federal Register notice shortly for 60 days of comment as part of the regular PRA clearance process and, during the regular PRA clearance process, the estimated average response time may be re-evaluated based on comments received.

#### OCC

Title of Information Collection: Guidance on Sound Incentive Compensation Policies.

Agency form number: N/A.

OMB control number: 1557-0245.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit.

Respondents: National banks.

Estimated average hours per response: 40 hours.

Estimated number of respondents: 1,650.

Estimated total annual burden: 66,000 hours.

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#### **FDIC**

Title of Information Collection: Guidance on Sound Incentive Compensation Policies.

Agency form number: N/A.

OMB control number: 3064-0175.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit.

Respondents: Insured State nonmember banks.

Estimated average hours per response: Implementing or modifying policies and procedures: large respondents 480 hours; small respondents 80 hours. Maintenance of policies and procedures: 40 hours.

Estimated number of respondents: Implementing or modifying policies and procedures: large respondents—20; small respondents—4,870; Maintenance of policies and procedures: 4,890.

Estimated total annual burden: 594,800 hours.

OTS

Title of Information Collection: Sound Incentive Compensation Guidance.

Agency form number: N/A.

OMB control number: 1550-0129.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit.

Respondents: Savings associations.

Estimated average hours per response: 40 hours.

Estimated number of respondents: 765.

Estimated total annual burden: 30,600 hours.

The Agencies have a continuing interest in the public's opinions of our collections of information. At any time, comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing the burden, may be sent to:

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Secretary, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 20th and C Streets, NW., Washington, DC 20551.

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Communications Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Mailstop 2-3, Attention: 1557-0245, 250 E

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Street, SW., Washington, DC 20219. In addition, comments may be sent by fax to (202) 874-5274 or by electronic mail to regs.comments@occ.treas.gov. You may personally inspect and photocopy comments at the OCC, 250 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20219. For security reasons, the OCC requires that visitors make an appointment to inspect comments. You may do so by calling (202) 874-4700. Upon arrival, visitors will be required to present valid government-issued photo identification and to submit to security screening in order to inspect and photocopy comments.

## FDIC

All comments should refer to the name of the collection, "Guidance on Sound Incentive Compensation Policies." Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- · http://www.FDIC.gov/regulations/laws/federal/propose.html.
- · E-mail: comments@fdic.gov.
- · Mail: Gary Kuiper (202.898.3877), Counsel, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, F-1072, 550 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20429.
- · Hand Delivery: Comments may be hand-delivered to the guard station at the rear of the 550 17th Street Building (located on F Street), on business days between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m.

#### OTS

Information Collection Comments, Chief Counsel's Office, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552; send a facsimile transmission to (202) 906-6518; or send an e-mail to infocollection.comments@ots.treas.gov. OTS will post comments and the related index on the OTS Internet Site at http://www.ots.treas.gov. In addition, interested persons may inspect comments at the Public Reading Room, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington DC 20552 by appointment. To make an appointment, call (202) 906-5922, send an e-mail to public.info@ots.treas.gov, or send a facsimile transmission to (202) 906-7755.

## OMB

Additionally, please send a copy of your comments by mail to: Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., #10235, Paperwork Reduction Project (insert Agency OMB control number), Washington, DC 20503. Comments can also be sent by fax to (202) 395-6974.

While the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 603(b)) does not apply to this guidance, because it is not being adopted as a rule, the Agencies have considered the potential impact of the proposed guidance on small banking organizations. For the reasons discussed in the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION above, the Agencies believe that issuance of the proposed guidance is needed to help ensure that incentive compensation arrangements do not pose a threat to the safety and soundness of banking organizations, including small banking organizations. The Board in the proposed guidance sought comment on whether the guidance would impose undue burdens on, or have unintended consequences for, small organizations and whether there were ways such potential burdens or consequences could be addressed in a manner consistent with safety and soundness.

It is estimated that the guidance will apply to 8,763 small banking organizations. See 13 CFR 121.201. As noted in the "Supplementary Information" above, a number of commenters expressed concern that the proposed guidance would impose undue burden on smaller organizations. The Agencies have carefully considered the comments received on this issue. In response to these comments, the final guidance includes several provisions designed to reduce burden on smaller banking organizations. For example, the final guidance has made more explicit the Agencies' view that the monitoring methods and processes used by a banking organization should be commensurate with the size and complexity of the organization, as well as its use of incentive compensation. The final guidance also highlights the types of

policies, procedures, and systems that LBOs should have and maintain, but that are not expected of other banking organizations. Like the proposed guidance, the final guidance focuses on those employees who have the ability, either individually or as part of a group, to expose a banking organization to material amounts of risk and is tailored to account for the differences between large and small banking organizations.

V. Final Guidance

The text of the final guidance is as follows:

Guidance on Sound Incentive Compensation Policies

#### I. Introduction

Incentive compensation practices in the financial industry were one of many factors contributing to the financial crisis that began in mid-2007. Banking organizations too often rewarded employees for increasing the organization's revenue or short-term profit without adequate recognition of the risks the employees' activities posed to the organization.[FN1] These practices exacerbated the risks and losses at a number of banking organizations and resulted in the misalignment of the interests of employees with the long-term well-being and safety and soundness of their organizations. This document provides guidance on sound incentive compensation practices to banking organizations supervised by the Federal Reserve, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and the Office of Thrift Supervision (collectively, the "Agencies").[FN2] This guidance is in tended to assist banking organizations in designing and implementing incentive compensation arrangements and related policies and procedures that effectively consider potential risks and risk outcomes.[FN3]

FN1 Examples of risks that may present a threat to the organization's safety and soundness include credit, market, liquidity, operational, legal, compliance, and reputational risks.

FN2 As used in this guidance, the term "banking organization" includes national banks, State member banks, State nonmember banks, savings associations, U.S. bank holding companies, savings and loan holding companies, Edge and agreement corporations, and the U.S. operations of foreign banking organizations (FBOs) with a branch, agency, or commercial lending company in the United States.

FN3 This guidance and the principles reflected herein are consistent with the Principles for Sound Compensation Practices issued by the Financial Stability Board (FSB) in April 2009, and with the FSB's Implementation Standards for those principles, issued in September 2009.

Alignment of incentives provided to employees with the interests of shareholders of the organization often also benefits safety and soundness. However, aligning employee incentives with the interests of shareholders is not always sufficient to address safety-and-soundness concerns. Because of the presence of the Federal safety net, (including the ability of insured depository institutions to raise insured deposits and access the Federal Reserve's discount window and payment services), shareholders of a banking organization in some cases may be willing to tolerate a degree of risk that is inconsistent with the organization's safety and soundness. Accordingly, the Agencies expect banking organizations to maintain incentive compensation practices that are consistent with safety and soundness, even when these practices go beyond those needed to align shareholder and employee interests.

 $To be \ consistent \ with \ safety \ and \ soundness, \ incentive \ compensation \ arrangements \ [FN4] \ at \ a \ banking \ organization \ should:$ 

FN4 In this guidance, the term "incentive compensation" refers to that portion of an employee's current or potential compensation that is tied to achievement of one or more specific metrics (e.g., a level of sales, revenue, or income). Incentive compensation

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does not include compensation that is awarded solely for, and the payment of which is solely tied to, continued employment (e.g., salary). In addition, the term does not include compensation arrangements that are determined based solely on the employee's level of compensation and does not vary based on one or more performance metrics (e.g., a 401(k) plan under which the organization contributes a set percentage of an employee's salary).

- $\cdot$  Provide employees incentives that appropriately balance risk and reward;
- · Be compatible with effective controls and risk-management; and
- · Be supported by strong corporate governance, including active and effective oversight by the organization's board of directors.

These principles, and the types of policies, procedures, and systems that banking organizations should have to help ensure compliance with them, are discussed later in this guidance.

The Agencies expect banking organizations to regularly review their incentive compensation arrangements for all executive and non-executive employees who, either individually or as part of a group, have the ability to expose the organization to material amounts of risk, as well as to regularly review the risk-management, control, and corporate governance processes related to these arrangements. Banking organizations should immediately address any identified deficiencies in these arrangements or processes that are inconsistent with safety and soundness. Banking organizations are responsible for ensuring that their incentive compensation arrangements are consistent with the principles described in this guidance and that they do not encourage employees to expose the organization to imprudent risks that may pose a threat to the safety and soundness of the organization.

The Agencies recognize that incentive compensation arrangements often seek to serve several important and worthy objectives. For example, incentive compensation arrangements may be used to help attract skilled staff, induce better organization-wide and employee performance, promote employee retention, provide retirement security to employees, or allow compensation expenses to vary with revenue on an organization-wide basis. Moreover, the analysis and methods for ensuring that incentive compensation arrangements take appropriate account of risk should be tailored to the size, complexity, business strategy, and risk tolerance of each organization. The resources required will depend upon the complexity of the firm and its use of incentive compensation arrangements. For some, the task of designing and implementing compensation arrangements that properly offer incentives for executive and

non-executive employees to pursue the organization's long-term well-being and that do not encourage imprudent risk-taking is a complex task that will require the commitment of adequate resources.

While issues related to designing and implementing incentive compensation arrangements are complex, the Agencies are committed to ensuring that banking organizations move forward in incorporating the principles described in this guidance into their incentive compensation practices. [FN5]

FN5 In December 2009 the Federal Reserve, working with the other Agencies, initiated a special horizontal review of incentive compensation arrangements and related risk-management, control, and corporate governance practices of large banking organizations (LBOs). This initiative was designed to spur and monitor the industry's progress towards the implementation of safe and sound incentive compensation arrangements, identify emerging best practices, and advance the state of practice more generally in the industry.

As discussed further below, because of the size and complexity of their operations, LBOs [FN6] should have and adhere to systematic and formalized policies, procedures, and processes. These are considered important in ensuring that incentive compensation arrangements for all covered employees are identified and reviewed by appropriate levels of management (including the board of directors where appropriate and control units), and that they appropriately balance risks and rewards. In several places, this guidance specifically highlights the types of policies, procedures, and

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systems that LBOs should have and maintain, but that generally are not expected of smaller, less complex organizations. LBOs warrant the most intensive supervisory attention because they are significant users of incentive compensation arrangements and because flawed approaches at these organizations are more likely to have adverse effects on the broader financial system. The Agencies will work with LBOs as necessary through the supervisory process to ensure that they promptly correct any deficiencies that may be inconsistent with the safety and soundness of the organization.

FN6 For supervisory purposes, the Agencies segment organizations they supervise into different supervisory portfolios based on, among other things, size, complexity, and risk profile. For purposes of the final guidance, LBOs include, in the case of banking organizations supervised by (i) the Federal Reserve, large, complex banking organizations as identified by the Federal Reserve for supervisory purposes; (ii) the OCC, the largest and most complex national banks as defined in the Large Bank Supervision booklet of the Comptroller's Handbook; (iii) the FDIC, large, complex insured depository institutions (IDIs); and (iv) the OTS, the largest and most complex savings associations and savings and loan holding companies.

The policies, procedures, and systems of smaller banking organizations that use incentive compensation arrangements [FN7] are expected to be less extensive, formalized, and detailed than those of LBOs. Supervisory reviews of incentive compensation arrangements at smaller, less-complex banking organizations will be conducted by the Agencies as part of the evaluation of those organizations' risk-management, internal controls, and corporate governance during the regular, risk-focused examination process. These reviews will be tailored to reflect the scope and complexity of an organization's activities, as well as the prevalence and scope of its incentive compensation arrangements. Little, if any, additional examination work is expected for smaller banking organizations that do not use, to a significant extent, incentive compensation arrangements. [FN8]

FN7 This guidance does not apply to banking organizations that do not use incentive compensation.

FN8 To facilitate these reviews, where appropriate, a smaller banking organization should review its compensation arrangements to determine whether it uses incentive compensation arrangements to a significant extent in its business operations. A smaller banking organization will not be considered a significant user of incentive compensation arrangements simply because the organization has a firm-wide profit-sharing or bonus plan that is based on the bank's profitability, even if the plan covers all or most of the organization's employees.

For all banking organizations, supervisory findings related to incentive compensation will be communicated to the organization and included in the relevant report of examination or inspection. In addition, these findings will be incorporated, as appropriate, into the organization's rating component(s) and subcomponent(s) relating to risk-management, internal controls, and corporate governance under the relevant supervisory rating system, as well as the organization's overall supervisory rating.

An organization's appropriate Federal supervisor may take enforcement action against a banking organization if its incentive compensation arrangements or related risk-management, control, or governance processes pose a risk to the safety and soundness of the organization, particularly when the organization is not taking prompt and effective measures to correct the deficiencies. For example, the appropriate Federal supervisor may take an enforcement action if material deficiencies are found to exist in the organization's incentive compensation arrangements or related risk-management, control, or governance processes, or the organization fails to promptly develop, submit, or adhere to an effective plan designed to ensure that its incentive compensation arrangements do not encourage imprudent risk-taking and are consistent with principles of safety and soundness. As provided under section 8 of the Federa l Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1818), an enforcement action may, among other things, require an organization to take affirmative action, such as developing a corrective action plan that is acceptable to the appropriate Federal supervisor to rectify safety-and-soundness deficiencies in its incentive compensation arrangements or related processes. Where warranted, the appropriate Federal supervisor may require the organization to take additional affirmative action

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to correct or remedy deficiencies related to the organization's incentive compensation practices.

Effective and balanced incentive compensation practices are likely to evolve significantly in the coming years, spurred by the efforts of banking organizations, supervisors, and other stakeholders. The Agencies will review and update this guidance as appropriate to incorporate best practices that emerge from these efforts.

The incentive compensation arrangements and related policies and procedures of banking organizations should be consistent with principles of safety and soundness.[FN9] Incentive compensation arrangements for executive officers as well as for non-executive personnel who have the ability to expose a banking organization to material amounts of risk may, if not properly structured, pose a threat to the organization's safety and soundness. Accordingly, this guidance applies to incentive compensation arrangements for:

FN9 In the case of the U.S. operations of FBOs, the organization's policies, including management, review, and approval requirements for its U.S. operations, should be coordinated with the FBO's group-wide policies developed in accordance with the rules of the FBO's home country supervisor. The policies of the FBO's U.S. operations should also be consistent with the FBO's overall corporate and management structure, as well as its framework for risk-management and internal controls. In addition, the policies for the U.S. operations of FBOs should be consistent with this guidance.

· Senior executives and others who are responsible for oversight of the organization's firm-wide activities or material business lines; [FN10]

FN10 Senior executives include, at a minimum, "executive officers" within the meaning of the Federal Reserve's Regulation O (see 12 CFR 215.2(e)(1)) and, for publicly traded companies, "named officers" within the meaning of the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules on disclosure of executive compensation (see 17 CFR 229.402(a)(3)). Savings associations should also refer to OTS's rule on loans by saving associations to their executive officers, directors, and principal shareholders. (12 CFR 563.43).

- · Individual employees, including non-executive employees, whose activities may expose the organization to material amounts of risk (e.g., traders with large position limits relative to the organization's overall risk tolerance); and
- · Groups of employees who are subject to the same or similar incentive compensation arrangements and who, in the aggregate, may expose the organization to material amounts of risk, even if no individual employee is likely to expose the organization to material risk (e.g., loan officers who, as a group, originate loans that account for a material amount of the organization's credit risk).

For ease of reference, these executive and non-executive employees are collectively referred to hereafter as "covered employees" or "employees." Depending on the facts and circumstances of the individual organization, the types of employees or categories of employees that are outside the scope of this guidance because they do not have the ability to expose the organization to material risks would likely include, for example, tellers, bookkeepers, couriers, or data processing personnel.

In determining whether an employee, or group of employees, may expose a banking organization to material risk, the organization should consider the full range of inherent risks arising from, or generated by, the employee's activities, even if the organization uses risk-management processes or controls to limit the risks such activities ultimately may pose to the organization. Moreover, risks should be considered to be material for purposes of this guidance if they are material to the organization, or are material to a business line or operating unit that is itself material to the organization. [FN11] For purposes of illustration, assume that a banking organization has a structured-finance unit that is material to the organization. A group of employees within that unit who originate structured-finance transactions that

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may expose the unit to material risks should be considered "covered employees" for purposes of this guidance even if those transactions must be approved by an independent risk function prior to consummation, or the organization uses other processes or methods to limit the risk that such transactions may present to the organization.

FN11 Thus, risks may be material to an organization even if they are not large enough to themselves threaten the solvency of the organization.

Strong and effective risk-management and internal control functions are critical to the safety and soundness of banking organizations. However, irrespective of the quality of these functions, poorly designed or managed incentive compensation arrangements can themselves be a source of risk to a banking organization. For example, incentive compensation arrangements that provide employees strong incentives to increase the organization's short-term revenues or profits, without regard to the short- or long-term risk associated with such business, can place substantial strain on the risk-management and internal control functions of even well-managed organizations.

Moreover, poorly balanced incentive compensation arrangements can encourage employees to take affirmative actions to weaken or circumvent the organization's risk-management or internal control functions, such as by providing inaccurate or incomplete information to these functions, to boost the employee's personal compensation. Accordingly, sound compensation practices are an integral part of strong risk-management and internal control functions. A key goal of this guidance is to encourage banking organizations to incorporate the risks related to incentive compensation into their broader risk-management framework. Risk-management procedures and risk controls that ordinarily limit risk-taking do not obviate the need for incentive compensation arrangements to properly balance risk-taking incentives.

III. Principles of a Sound Incentive Compensation System

Principle 1: Balanced Risk-Taking Incentives

Incentive compensation arrangements should balance risk and financial results in a manner that does not encourage employees to expose their organizations to imprudent risks.

Incentive compensation arrangements typically attempt to encourage actions that result in greater revenue or profit for the organization. However, short-run revenue or profit can often diverge sharply from actual long-run profit because risk outcomes may become clear only over time. Activities that carry higher risk typically yield higher short-term revenue, and an employee who is given incentives to increase short-term revenue or profit, without regard to risk, will naturally be attracted to opportunities to expose the organization to more risk.

An incentive compensation arrangement is balanced when the amounts paid to an employee appropriately take into account the risks (including compliance risks), as well as the financial benefits, from the employee's activities and the impact of those activities on the organization's safety and soundness. As an example, under a balanced incentive compensation arrangement, two employees who generate the same amount of short-term revenue or profit for an organization should not receive the same amount of incentive compensation if the risks taken by the employees in generating that revenue or profit differ materially. The employee whose activities create materially larger risks for the organization should receive less than the other employee, all else being equal.

The performance measures used in an incentive compensation arrangement have an important effect on the incentives provided employees and, thus, the potential for the arrangement to encourage imprudent risk-taking. For example, if an employee's incentive compensation payments are closely tied to short-term revenue or profit of business generated by the employee, without any adjustments for the risks associated with the business generated, the potential for the arrangement to encourage imprudent risk-taking may be quite strong. Similarly, traders who work with positions that close at year-end could have an incentive to take large risks toward the end of a year if there is no mechanism for factoring how such positions perform over a longer period of time. The same result could ensue if the performance measures themselves lack integrity or can be manipulated inappropriately by the employees receiving incentive compensation.

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On the other hand, if an employee's incentive compensation payments are determined based on performance measures that are only distantly linked to the employee's activities (e.g., for most employees, organization-wide profit), the potential for the arrangement to encourage the employee to take imprudent risks on behalf of the organization may be weak. For this reason, plans that provide for awards based solely on overall organization-wide performance are unlikely to provide employees, other than senior executives and individuals who have the ability to materially affect the organization's overall risk profile, with unbalanced risk-taking incentives.

Incentive compensation arrangements should not only be balanced in design, they also should be implemented so that actual payments vary based on risks or risk outcomes. If, for example, employees are paid substantially all of their potential incentive compensation even when risk or risk outcomes are materially worse than expected, employees have less incentive to avoid activities with substantial risk.

 $\cdot$  Banking organizations should consider the full range of risks associated with an employee's activities, as well as the time horizon over which those risks may be realized, in assessing whether incentive compensation arrangements are balanced.

The activities of employees may create a wide range of risks for a banking organization, such as credit, market, liquidity, operational, legal, compliance, and reputational risks, as well as other risks to the viability or operation of the organization. Some of these risks may be realized in the short term, while others may become apparent only over the long term. For example, future revenues that are booked as current income may not materialize, and short-term profit-and-loss measures may not appropriately reflect differences in the risks associated with the revenue derived from different activities (e.g., the higher credit or compliance risk associated with subprime loans versus prime loans).[FN12] In addition, some risks (or combinations of risky strategies and positions) may have a low probability of being realized, but would have highly adverse effects on the organization if they were to be realized (";bad tail risks"). While shareholders may have less incentive to guard against bad tail risks because of the infrequency of their realization and the existence of the Federal safety net, these risks warrant special attention for safety-and-soundness reasons given the threat they pose to the organization's solvency and the Federal safety net.

FN12 Importantly, the time horizon over which a risk outcome may be realized is not necessarily the same as the stated maturity of an exposure. For example, the ongoing reinvestment of funds by a cash management unit in commercial paper with a one-day maturity not only exposes the organization to one-day credit risk, but also exposes the organization to liquidity risk that may be realized only infrequently.

Banking organizations should consider the full range of current and potential risks associated with the activities of covered employees, including the cost and amount of capital and liquidity needed to support those risks, in developing balanced incentive compensation arrangements. Reliable quantitative measures of risk and risk outcomes ("quantitative measures"), where available, may be particularly useful in developing balanced compensation arrangements and in assessing the extent to which arrangements are properly balanced. However, reliable quantitative measures may not be available for all types of risk or for all activities, and their utility for use in compensation arrangements varies across business lines and employees. The absence of reliable quantitative measures for certain types of risks or outcomes does not mean that banking organizations should ignore such risks or outcomes for purposes of assessing whether an incentive compensation arrangement achieves balance. For example, while reliable quantitative measures may not exist for many bad-tail risks, it is important that such risks be considered given their potential effect on safety and soundness. As in other risk-management areas, banking organizations should rely on informed judgments, supported by available data, to estimate risks and risk outcomes in the absence of reliable quantitative risk measures.

Large banking organizations. In designing and modifying incentive compensation arrangements, LBOs should assess in advance of implementation whether such arrangements are likely to provide balanced risk-taking incentives. Simulation analysis of incentive compensation arrangements is one way of doing so. Such analysis uses forward-looking projections of incentive compensation awards and payments based on a range of performance levels, risk outcomes, and levels of risks taken. This type of analysis, or other analysis that results in assessments of likely effectiveness, can help an LBO assess whether incentive compensation awards and payments to an employee are likely to be reduced appropriately as the risks to the organization from the employee's activities increase.

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· An unbalanced arrangement can be moved toward balance by adding or modifying features that cause the amounts ultimately received by employees to appropriately reflect risk and risk outcomes.

If an incentive compensation arrangement may encourage employees to expose their banking organization to imprudent risks, the organization should modify the arrangement as needed to ensure that it is consistent with safety and soundness. Four methods are often used to make compensation more sensitive to risk. These methods are:

cir] Risk Adjustment of Awards: The amount of an incentive compensation award for an employee is adjusted based on measures that take into account the risk the employee's activities may pose to the organization. Such measures may be quantitative, or the size of a risk adjustment may be set judgmentally, subject to appropriate oversight.

cir] Deferral of Payment: The actual payout of an award to an employee is delayed significantly beyond the end of the performance period, and the amounts paid are adjusted for actual losses or other aspects of performance that are realized or become better known only during the deferral period.[FN13] Deferred payouts may be altered according to risk outcomes either formulaically or judgmentally, subject to appropriate oversight. To be most effective, the deferral period should be sufficiently long to allow for the realization of a substantial portion of the risks from employee activities, and the measures of loss should be clearly explained to employees and closely tied to their activities during the relevant performance period.

FN13 The deferral-of-payment method is sometimes referred to in the industry as a "clawback." The term "clawback" also may refer specifically to an arrangement under which an employee must return incentive compensation payments previously received by the employee (and not just deferred) if certain risk outcomes occur. Section 304 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (15 U.S.C. 7243), which applies to chief executive officers and chief financial officers of public banking organizations, is an example of this more specific type of "clawback" requirement.

cir] Longer Performance Periods: The time period covered by the performance measures used in determining an employee's award is extended (for example, from one year to two or more years). Longer performance periods and deferral of payment are related in that both methods allow awards or payments to be made after some or all risk outcomes are realized or better known.

cir] Reduced Sensitivity to Short-Term Performance: The banking organization reduces the rate at which awards increase as an employee achieves higher levels of the relevant performance measure(s). Rather than offsetting risk-taking incentives associated with the use of short-term performance measures, this method reduces the magnitude of such incentives. This method also can include improving the quality and reliability of performance measures in taking into account both short-term and long-term risks, for example improving the reliability and accuracy of estimates of revenues and long-term profits upon which performance measures depend.[FN14]

FN14 Performance targets may have a material effect on risk-taking incentives. Such targets may offer employees greater rewards for increments of performance that are above the target or may provide that awards will be granted only if a target is met or exceeded. Employees may be particularly motivated to take imprudent risk in order to reach performance targets that are aggressive, but potentially achievable.

These methods for achieving balance are not exclusive, and additional methods or variations may exist or be developed. Moreover, each method has its own advantages and disadvantages. For example, where reliable risk measures exist, risk adjustment of awards may be more effective than deferral of payment in reducing incentives for imprudent risk-taking. This is because risk adjustment potentially can take account of the full range and time horizon of risks, rather than just those risk outcomes that occur or become more evident during the deferral period. On the other hand, deferral of payment may be more effective than risk adjustment in mitigating incentives to take hard-to-measure risks (such as the risks of new activities or products, or certain risks such as reputational or operational risk that may be difficult to measure with respect to particular activities), especially if such risks are likely to be real ized during the

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deferral period. Accordingly, in some cases two or more methods may be needed in combination for an incentive compensation arrangement to be balanced.

The greater the potential incentives an arrangement creates for an employee to increase the risks associated with the employee's activities, the stronger the effect should be of the methods applied to achieve balance. Thus, for example, risk adjustments used to counteract a materially unbalanced compensation arrangement should have a similarly material impact on the incentive compensation paid under the arrangement. Further, improvements in the quality and reliability of performance measures themselves, for example improving the reliability and accuracy of estimates of revenues and profits upon which performance measures depend, can significantly improve the degree of balance in risk-taking incentives.

Where judgment plays a significant role in the design or operation of an incentive compensation arrangement, strong policies and procedures, internal controls, and ex post monitoring of incentive compensation payments relative to actual risk outcomes are particularly important to help ensure that the arrangements as implemented are balanced and do not encourage imprudent risk-taking. For example, if a banking organization relies to a significant degree on the judgment of one or more managers to ensure that the incentive compensation awards to employees are appropriately risk-adjusted, the organization should have policies and procedures that describe how managers are expected to exercise that judgment to achieve balance and that provide for the manager(s) to receive appropriate available information about the employee's risk-taking activities to make informed judgments.

Large banking organizations. Methods and practices for making compensation sensitive to risk are likely to evolve rapidly during the next few years, driven in part by the efforts of supervisors and other stakeholders. LBOs should actively monitor developments in the field and should incorporate into their incentive compensation systems new or emerging methods or practices that are likely to improve the organization's long-term financial well-being and safety and soundness.

 $\cdot$  The manner in which a banking organization seeks to achieve balanced incentive compensation arrangements should be tailored to account for the differences between employees—including the substantial differences between senior executives and other employees—as well as between banking organizations.

Activities and risks may vary significantly both across banking organizations and across employees within a particular banking organization. For example, activities, risks, and incentive compensation practices may differ materially among banking organizations based on, among other things, the scope or complexity of activities conducted and the business strategies pursued by the organizations. These differences mean that methods for achieving balanced compensation arrangements at one organization may not be effective in restraining incentives to engage in imprudent risk-taking at another organization. Each organization is responsible for ensuring that its incentive compensation arrangements are consistent with the safety and soundness of the organization.

Moreover, the risks associated with the activities of one group of non-executive employees (e.g., loan originators) within a banking organization may differ significantly from those of another group of non-executive employees (e.g., spot foreign exchange traders) within the organization. In addition, reliable quantitative measures of risk and risk outcomes are unlikely to be available for a banking organization as a whole, particularly a large, complex organization. This factor can make it difficult for banking organizations to achieve balanced compensation arrangements for senior executives who have responsibility for managing risks on an organization-wide basis solely through use of the risk-adjustment-of-award method.

Furthermore, the payment of deferred incentive compensation in equity (such as restricted stock of the organization) or equity-based instruments (such as options to acquire the organization's stock) may be helpful in restraining the risk-taking incentives of senior executives and other covered employees whose activities may have a material effect on the overall financial performance of the organization. However, equity-related deferred compensation may not be as effective in restraining the incentives of lower-level covered employees (particularly at large organizations) to take risks because such employees are unlikely to believe that their actions will materially affect the organization's stock price.

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Banking organizations should take account of these differences when constructing balanced compensation arrangements. For most banking organizations, the use of a single, formulaic approach to making employee incentive compensation arrangements appropriately risk-sensitive is likely to result in arrangements that are unbalanced at least with respect to some employees.[FN15]

FN15 For example, spreading payouts of incentive compensation awards over a standard three-year period may not appropriately reflect the differences in the type and time horizon of risk associated with the activities of different groups of employees, and may not be sufficient by itself to balance the compensation arrangements of employees who may expose the organization to substantial longer-term risks.

Large banking organizations. Incentive compensation arrangements for senior executives at LBOs are likely to be better balanced if they involve deferral of a substantial portion of the executives' incentive compensation over a multi-year period in a way that reduces the amount received in the event of poor performance, substantial use of multi-year performance periods, or both. Similarly, the compensation arrangements for senior executives at LBOs are likely to be better balanced if a significant portion of the incentive compensation of these executives is paid in the form of equity-based instruments that vest over multiple years, with the number of instruments ultimately received dependent on the performance of the organization during the deferral period.

The portion of the incentive compensation of other covered employees that is deferred or paid in the form of equity-based instruments should appropriately take into account the level, nature, and duration of the risks that the employees' activities create for the organization and the extent to which those activities may materially affect the overall performance of the organization and its stock price. Deferral of a substantial portion of an employee's incentive compensation may not be workable for employees at lower pay scales because of their more limited financial resources. This may require increased reliance on other measures in the incentive compensation arrangements for these employees to achieve balance.

· Banking organizations should carefully consider the potential for "golden parachutes" and the vesting arrangements for deferred compensation to affect the risk-taking behavior of employees while at the organizations.

Arrangements that provide for an employee (typically a senior executive), upon departure from the organization or a change in control of the organization, to receive large additional payments or the accelerated payment of deferred amounts without regard to risk or risk outcomes can provide the employee significant incentives to expose the organization to undue risk. For example, an arrangement that provides an employee with a guaranteed payout upon departure from an organization, regardless of performance, may neutralize the effect of any balancing features included in the arrangement to help prevent imprudent risk-taking.

Banking organizations should carefully review any such existing or proposed arrangements (sometimes called "golden parachutes") and the potential impact of such arrangements on the organization's safety and soundness. In appropriate circumstances an organization should consider including balancing features—such as risk adjustment or deferral requirements that extend past the employee's departure—in the arrangements to mitigate the potential for the arrangements to encourage imprudent risk-taking. In all cases, a banking organization should ensure that the structure and terms of any golden parachute arrangement entered into by the organization do not encourage imprudent risk-taking in light of the other features of the employee's incentive compensation arrangements.

Large banking organizations. Provisions that require a departing employee to forfeit deferred incentive compensation payments may weaken the effectiveness of the deferral arrangement if the departing employee is able to negotiate a "golden handshake" arrangement with the new employer.[FN16] This weakening effect can be particularly significant for senior executives or other skilled employees at LBOs whose services are in high demand within the market.

FN16 Golden handshakes are arrangements that compensate an employee for some or all of the estimated, non-adjusted value of deferred incentive compensation that would have been forfeited upon departure from the employee's previous employment.

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Golden handshake arrangements present special issues for LBOs and supervisors. For example, while a banking organization could adjust its deferral arrangements so that departing employees will continue to receive any accrued deferred compensation after departure (subject to any clawback or malus [FN17]), these changes could reduce the employee's incentive to remain at the organization and, thus, weaken an organization's ability to retain qualified talent, which is an important goal of compensation, and create conflicts of interest. Moreover, actions of the hiring organization (which may or may not be a supervised banking organization) ultimately may defeat these or other risk-balancing aspects of a banking organization's deferral arrangements. LBOs should monitor whether golden handshake arrangements are materially weakening the organization's efforts to constrain the risk-taking incentives of employees. The Agencies will continue to work with banking organizations and others to develop appropriate methods for addressing any effect that such arrangements may have on the safety and soundness of banking organizations.

FN17 A malus arrangement permits the employer to prevent vesting of all or part of the amount of a deferred remuneration award. Malus provisions are invoked when risk outcomes are worse than expected or when the information upon which the award was based turns out to have been incorrect. Loss of unvested compensation due to the employee voluntarily leaving the firm is not an example of malus as the term is used in this guidance.

<sup>·</sup> Banking organizations should effectively communicate to employees the ways in which incentive compensation awards and payments will be reduced as risks increase.

In order for the risk-sensitive provisions of incentive compensation arrangements to affect employee risk-taking behavior, the organization's employees need to understand that the amount of incentive compensation that they may receive will vary based on the risk associated with their activities. Accordingly, banking organizations should ensure that employees covered by an incentive compensation arrangement are informed about the key ways in which risks are taken into account in determining the amount of incentive compensation paid. Where feasible, an organization's communications with employees should include examples of how incentive compensation payments may be adjusted to reflect projected or actual risk outcomes. An organization's communications should be tailored appropriately to reflect the sophistication of the relevant audience(s).

Principle 2: Compatibility With Effective Controls and Risk-management

A banking organization's risk-management processes and internal controls should reinforce and support the development and maintenance of balanced incentive compensation arrangements.

In order to increase their own compensation, employees may seek to evade the processes established by a banking organization to achieve balanced compensation arrangements. Similarly, an employee covered by an incentive compensation arrangement may seek to influence, in ways designed to increase the employee's pay, the risk measures or other information or judgments that are used to make the employee's pay sensitive to risk.

Such actions may significantly weaken the effectiveness of an organization's incentive compensation arrangements in restricting imprudent risk-taking. These actions can have a particularly damaging effect on the safety and soundness of the organization if they result in the weakening of risk measures, information, or judgments that the organization uses for other risk-management, internal control, or financial purposes. In such cases, the employee's actions may weaken not only the balance of the organization's incentive compensation arrangements, but also the risk-management, internal controls, and other functions that are supposed to act as a separate check on risk-taking. For this reason, traditional risk-management controls alone do not eliminate the need to identify employees who may expose the organization to material risk, nor do they obviate the need for the incentive compensation arrangements for these employees to be balanced. Rather, a banking organization's risk-management processes and internal controls should reinforce and support the development and maintenance of balanced incentive compensation arrangements.

 $\cdot$  Banking organizations should have appropriate controls to ensure that their processes for achieving balanced compensation arrangements are followed and to maintain the integrity of their risk-management and other functions.

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To help prevent damage from occurring, a banking organization should have strong controls governing its process for designing, implementing, and monitoring incentive compensation arrangements. Banking organizations should create and maintain sufficient documentation to permit an audit of the effectiveness of the organization's processes for establishing, modifying, and monitoring incentive compensation arrangements. Smaller banking organizations should incorporate reviews of these processes into their overall framework for compliance monitoring (including internal audit).

Large banking organizations. LBOs should have and maintain policies and procedures that (i) identify and describe the role(s) of the personnel, business units, and control units authorized to be involved in the design, implementation, and monitoring of incentive compensation arrangements; (ii) identify the source of significant risk-related inputs into these processes and establish appropriate controls governing the development and approval of these inputs to help ensure their integrity; and (iii) identify the individual(s) and control unit(s) whose approval is necessary for the establishment of new incentive compensation arrangements or modification of existing arrangements.

An LBO also should conduct regular internal reviews to ensure that its processes for achieving and maintaining balanced incentive compensation arrangements are consistently followed. Such reviews should be conducted by audit, compliance, or other personnel in a manner consistent with the organization's overall framework for compliance monitoring. An LBO's internal audit department also should separately conduct regular audits of the organization's compliance with its established policies and controls relating to incentive compensation arrangements. The results should be reported to appropriate levels of management and, where appropriate, the organization's board of directors.

· Appropriate personnel, including risk-management personnel, should have input into the organization's processes for designing incentive compensation arrangements and assessing their effectiveness in restraining imprudent risk-taking.

Developing incentive compensation arrangements that provide balanced risk-taking incentives and monitoring arrangements to ensure they achieve balance over time requires an understanding of the risks (including compliance risks) and potential risk outcomes associated with the activities of the relevant employees. Accordingly, banking organizations should have policies and procedures that ensure that risk-management personnel have an appropriate role in the organization's processes for designing incentive compensation arrangements and for assessing their effectiveness in restraining imprudent risk-taking. [FN18] Ways that risk managers might assist in achieving balanced compensation arrangements include, but are not limited to, (i) reviewing the types of risks associated with the activities of covered employees; (ii) approving the risk measures used in risk adjustments and performance measures, as well as me asures of risk outcomes used in deferred-payout arrangements; and (iii) analyzing risk-taking and risk outcomes relative to incentive compensation payments.

FN18 Involvement of risk-management personnel in the design and monitoring of these arrangements also should help ensure that the organization's risk-management functions can properly understand and address the full range of risks facing the organization.

Other functions within an organization, such as its control, human resources, or finance functions, also play an important role in helping ensure that incentive compensation arrangements are balanced. For example, these functions may contribute to the design and review of performance measures used in compensation arrangements or may supply data used as part of these measures.

· Compensation for employees in risk-management and control functions should be sufficient to attract and retain qualified personnel and should avoid conflicts of interest.

The risk-management and control personnel involved in the design, oversight, and operation of incentive compensation arrangements should have appropriate skills and experience needed to effectively fulfill their roles. These skills and experiences should be sufficient to equip the personnel to remain effective in the face of challenges by covered employees seeking to increase their incentive compensation in ways that are inconsistent with sound risk-management or internal controls. The compensation arrangements for employees in risk-management and control functions thus

should be sufficient to attract and retain qualified personnel with experience and expertise in these fields that is appropriate in light of the size, activities, and complexity of the organization.

In addition, to help preserve the independence of their perspectives, the incentive compensation received by risk-management and control personnel staff should not be based substantially on the financial performance of the business units that they review. Rather, the performance measures used in the incentive compensation arrangements for these personnel should be based primarily on the achievement of the objectives of their functions (e.g., adherence to internal controls).

· Banking organizations should monitor the performance of their incentive compensation arrangements and should revise the arrangements as needed if payments do not appropriately reflect risk.

Banking organizations should monitor incentive compensation awards and payments, risks taken, and actual risk outcomes to determine whether incentive compensation payments to employees are reduced to reflect adverse risk outcomes or high levels of risk taken. Results should be reported to appropriate levels of management, including the board of directors where warranted and consistent with Principle 3 below. The monitoring methods and processes used by a banking organization should be commensurate with the size and complexity of the organization, as well as its use of incentive compensation. Thus, for example, a small, noncomplex organization that uses incentive compensation only to a limited extent may find that it can appropriately monitor its arrangements through normal management processes.

A banking organization should take the results of such monitoring into account in establishing or modifying incentive compensation arrangements and in overseeing associated controls. If, over time, incentive compensation paid by a banking organization does not appropriately reflect risk outcomes, the organization should review and revise its incentive compensation arrangements and related controls to ensure that the arrangements, as designed and implemented, are balanced and do not provide employees incentives to take imprudent risks.

## Principle 3: Strong Corporate Governance

Banking organizations should have strong and effective corporate governance to help ensure sound compensation practices, including active and effective oversight by the board of directors.

Given the key role of senior executives in managing the overall risk-taking activities of an organization, the board of directors of a banking organization should directly approve the incentive compensation arrangements for senior executives.[FN19] The board also should approve and document any material exceptions or adjustments to the incentive compensation arrangements established for senior executives and should carefully consider and monitor the effects of any approved exceptions or adjustments on the balance of the arrangement, the risk-taking incentives of the senior executive, and the safety and soundness of the organization.

FN19 As used in this guidance, the term "board of directors" is used to refer to the members of the board of directors who have primary responsibility for overseeing the incentive compensation system. Depending on the manner in which the board is organized, the term may refer to the entire board of directors, a compensation committee of the board, or another committee of the board that has primary responsibility for overseeing the incentive compensation system. In the case of FBOs, the term refers to the relevant oversight body for the firm's U.S. operations, consistent with the FBO's overall corporate and management structure.

The board of directors of an organization also is ultimately responsible for ensuring that the organization's incentive compensation arrangements for all covered employees are appropriately balanced and do not jeopardize the safety and soundness of the organization. The involvement of the board of directors in oversight of the organization's overall incentive compensation program should be scaled appropriately to the scope and prevalence of the organization's incentive compensation arrangements.

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Large banking organizations and organizations that are significant users of incentive compensation. The board of directors of an LBO or other banking organization that uses incentive compensation to a significant extent should actively oversee the development and operation of the organization's incentive compensation policies, systems, and related control processes. The board of directors of such an organization should review and approve the overall goals and purposes of the organization's incentive compensation system. In addition, the board should provide clear direction to management to ensure that the goals and policies it establishes are carried out in a manner that achieves balance and is consistent with safety and soundness.

The board of directors of such an organization also should ensure that steps are taken so that the incentive compensation system—including performance measures and targets—is designed and operated in a manner that will achieve balance.

· The board of directors should monitor the performance, and regularly review the design and function, of incentive compensation arrangements.

To allow for informed reviews, the board should receive data and analysis from management or other sources that are sufficient to allow the board to assess whether the overall design and performance of the organization's incentive compensation arrangements are consistent with the organization's safety and soundness. These reviews and reports should be appropriately scoped to reflect the size and complexity of the banking organization's activities and the prevalence and scope of its incentive compensation arrangements.

The board of directors of a banking organization should closely monitor incentive compensation payments to senior executives and the sensitivity of those payments to risk outcomes. In addition, if the compensation arrangement for a senior executive includes a clawback provision, then the review should include sufficient information to determine if the provision has been triggered and executed as planned.

The board of directors of a banking organization should seek to stay abreast of significant emerging changes in compensation plan mechanisms and incentives in the marketplace as well as developments in academic research and regulatory advice regarding incentive compensation policies. However, the board should recognize that organizations, activities, and practices within the industry are not identical. Incentive compensation arrangements at one organization may not be suitable for use at another organization because of differences in the risks, controls, structure, and management among organizations. The board of directors of each organization is responsible for ensuring that the incentive compensation arrangements for its organization do not encourage employees to take risks that are beyond the organization's ability to manage effectively, regardless of the practices employed by other organizations.

Large banking organizations and organizations that are significant users of incentive compensation. The board of an LBO or other organization that uses incentive compensation to a significant extent should receive and review, on an annual or more frequent basis, an assessment by management, with appropriate input from risk-management personnel, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the organization's incentive compensation system in providing risk-taking incentives that are consistent with the organization's safety and soundness. These reports should include an evaluation of whether or how incentive compensation practices may increase the potential for imprudent risk-taking.

The board of such an organization also should receive periodic reports that review incentive compensation awards and payments relative to risk outcomes on a backward-looking basis to determine whether the organization's incentive compensation arrangements may be promoting imprudent risk-taking. Boards of directors of these organizations also should consider periodically obtaining and reviewing simulation analysis of compensation on a forward-looking basis based on a range of performance levels, risk outcomes, and the amount of risks taken.

· The organization, composition, and resources of the board of directors should permit effective oversight of incentive compensation.

The board of directors of a banking organization should have, or have access to, a level of expertise and experience in risk-management and compensation practices in the financial services industry that is appropriate for the nature, scope,

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and complexity of the organization's activities. This level of expertise may be present collectively among the members of the board, may come from formal training or from experience in addressing these issues, including as a director, or may be obtained through advice received from outside counsel, consultants, or other experts with expertise in incentive compensation and risk-management. The board of directors of an organization with less complex and extensive incentive compensation arrangements may not find it necessary or appropriate to require special board expertise or to retain and use outside experts in this area.

In selecting and using outside parties, the board of directors should give due attention to potential conflicts of interest arising from other dealings of the parties with the organization or for other reasons. The board also should exercise caution to avoid allowing outside parties to obtain undue levels of influence. While the retention and use of outside parties may be helpful, the board retains ultimate responsibility for ensuring that the organization's incentive compensation arrangements are consistent with safety and soundness.

Large banking organizations and organizations that are significant users of incentive compensation. If a separate compensation committee is not already in place or required by other authorities, [FN20] the board of directors of an LBO or other banking organization that uses incentive compensation to a significant extent should consider establishing such a committee—reporting to the full board—that has primary responsibility for overseeing the organization's incentive compensation systems. A compensation committee should be composed solely or predominantly of non-executive directors. If the board does not have such a compensation committee, the board should take other steps to ensure that non-executive directors of the board are actively involved in the oversight of incentive compensation systems. The compensation committee should work closely with any board-level risk and audit committees where the substance of their actions overlap.

FN20 See, New York Stock Exchange Listed Company Manual Section 303A.05(a); Nasdaq Listing Rule 5605(d); Internal Revenue Code section 162(m) (26 U.S.C. 162(m)).

 $\cdot$  A banking organization's disclosure practices should support safe and sound incentive compensation arrangements.

If a banking organization's incentive compensation arrangements provide employees incentives to take risks that are beyond the tolerance of the organization's shareholders, these risks are likely to also present a risk to the safety and soundness of the organization.[FN21] To help promote safety and soundness, a banking organization should provide an appropriate amount of information concerning its incentive compensation arrangements for executive and non-executive employees and related risk-management, control, and governance processes to shareholders to allow them to monitor and, where appropriate, take actions to restrain the potential for such arrangements and processes to encourage employees to take imprudent risks. Such disclosures should include information relevant to employees other than senior executives. The scope and level of the information disclosed by the organization should be tailored to the nature and complexity of the organization and its incentive compensation arrangements.[FN22]

FN21 On the other hand, as noted previously, compensation arrangements that are in the interests of the shareholders of a banking organization are not necessarily consistent with safety and soundness.

FN22 A banking organization also should comply with the incentive compensation disclosure requirements of the Federal securities law and other laws as applicable. See, e.g., Proxy Disclosure Enhancements, SEC Release Nos. 33-9089, 34-61175, 74 FR 68334 (Dec. 23, 2009) (to be codified at 17 CFR pts. 229 and 249).

· Large banking organizations should follow a systematic approach to developing a compensation system that has balanced incentive compensation arrangements.

At banking organizations with large numbers of risk-taking employees engaged in diverse activities, an ad hoc approach to developing balanced arrangements is unlikely to be reliable. Thus, an LBO should use a systematic approach—supported by robust and formalized policies, procedures, and systems—to ensure that those arrangements are

appropriately balanced and consistent with safety and soundness. Such an approach should provide for the organization effectively to:

- Identify employees who are eligible to receive incentive compensation and whose activities may expose the organization to material risks. These employees should include (i) senior executives and others who are responsible for oversight of the organization's firm-wide activities or material business lines; (ii) individual employees, including non-executive employees, whose activities may expose the organization to material amounts of risk; and (iii) groups of employees who are subject to the same or similar incentive compensation arrangements and who, in the aggregate, may expose the organization to material amounts of risk;
- · Identify the types and time horizons of risks to the organization from the activities of these employees;
- $\cdot$  Assess the potential for the performance measures included in the incentive compensation arrangements for these employees to encourage the employees to take imprudent risks;
- · Include balancing elements, such as risk adjustments or deferral periods, within the incentive compensation arrangements for these employees that are reasonably designed to ensure that the arrangement will be balanced in light of the size, type, and time horizon of the inherent risks of the employees' activities:
- · Communicate to the employees the ways in which their incentive compensation awards or payments will be adjusted to reflect the risks of their activities to the organization; and
- $\cdot$  Monitor incentive compensation awards, payments, risks taken, and risk outcomes for these employees and modify the relevant arrangements if payments made are not appropriately sensitive to risk and risk outcomes.

#### III. Conclusion

Banking organizations are responsible for ensuring that their incentive compensation arrangements do not encourage imprudent risk-taking behavior and are consistent with the safety and soundness of the organization. The Agencies expect banking organizations to take prompt action to address deficiencies in their incentive compensation arrangements or related risk-management, control, and governance processes.

The Agencies intend to actively monitor the actions taken by banking organizations in this area and will promote further advances in designing and implementing balanced incentive compensation arrangements. Where appropriate, the Agencies will take supervisory or enforcement action to ensure that material deficiencies that pose a threat to the safety and soundness of the organization are promptly addressed. The Agencies also will update this guidance as appropriate to incorporate best practices as they develop over time.

This concludes the text of the Guidance on Sound Incentive Compensation Policies.

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Comptroller of the Currency.

By order of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, June 21, 2010.

Robert deV. Frierson, Deputy Secretary of the Board.

Dated: June 21, 2010.

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# **Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

The Board of Directors BankUnited, Inc.:

In connection with amendment No. 4 of the Form S-1 registration statement to be filed by BankUnited, Inc. and subsidiaries, we consent to the use of our report dated October 25, 2010, except for Note 22, as to which the date is January 10, 2011, with respect to the consolidated balance sheet of BankUnited, Inc. and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2009, and the related consolidated statements of income, stockholder's equity and comprehensive income, and cash flows for the period from April 28, 2009 (date of inception) through December 31, 2009, included herein and to the reference to our firm under the heading "Experts" in the prospectus.

/s/KPMG LLP

January 24, 2011 Miami, Florida Certified Public Accountants

# CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We hereby consent to the use in this Registration Statement on Form S-1 of BankUnited, Inc. of our report dated October 27, 2010 relating to the consolidated financial statements of BankUnited FSB and its subsidiaries, which appears in such Registration Statement. We also consent to the reference to us under the heading "Experts" in such Registration Statement.

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
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