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James

E,

Rohr,

Chairman

and

Chief

Executive

Officer

of

The

PNC

Financial

Services

Group,

Inc.

(PNC),

gave

a

presentation

to investors on December

12, 2007 at the Goldman Sachs Financial

Services

CEO

Conference.

This

presentation

was

accompanied

by

a series of electronic

slides

that

included

information

pertaining

to

the

financial

results

and

business
strategies
of
PNC.
The
following
slides
and
related
material
were
posted
on
PNC's
website
on
Wednesday,
December
12,
2007.

The PNC Financial Services Group, Inc.
Goldman Sachs
Financial Services CEO Conference 2007
New York
December 12, 2007

This
presentation
contains
forward-looking
statements
regarding
our

outlook
or
expectations
relating
to
PNC's
future
business,
operations,
financial
condition,
financial
performance
and
asset
quality.
Forward-looking
statements
are
necessarily
subject
to
numerous
assumptions,
risks
and
uncertainties,
which
change
over
time.
The
forward-looking
statements
in
this
presentation
are
qualified
by
the
factors
affecting
forward-looking
statements
identified
in
the
more
detailed

Cautionary
Statement
included
in
the
Appendix,
which
is
included
in
the
version
of
the
presentation
materials
posted
on
our
corporate
website
at
www.pnc.com/investorevents.

We
provide
greater
detail
regarding
these
factors
in
our
2006
Form
10-K,
including
in
the
Risk
Factors
and
Risk
Management
sections,
and
in
our
current
quarter
2007

Form
10-Q
and
other
SEC
reports
(accessible
on
the
SEC's
website
at
www.sec.gov
and
on
or
through
our
corporate
website).
Future
events
or
circumstances
may
change
our
outlook
or
expectations
and
may
also
affect
the
nature
of
the
assumptions,
risks
and
uncertainties
to
which
our
forward-looking
statements
are
subject.
The

forward-looking
statements
in
this
presentation
speak
only
as
of
the
date
of
this
presentation.
We
do
not
assume
any
duty
and
do
not
undertake
to
update
those
statements.
In
this
presentation,
we
will
sometimes
refer
to
adjusted
results
to
help
illustrate
the
impact
of
the
deconsolidation
of
BlackRock
near
the

end
of
third
quarter
2006
and
the
impact
of
certain
types
of
items.
Adjusted
results
reflect,
as
applicable,
the
following
types
of
adjustments:
(1)
2006
and
earlier
periods
reflect
the
impact
of
the
deconsolidation
of
BlackRock
by
adjusting
as
if
we
had
recorded
our
BlackRock
investment
on
the
equity
method

prior
to
its
deconsolidation;
(2)
adjusting
the
2006
periods
to
exclude
the
impact
of
the
third
quarter
2006
gain
on
the
BlackRock/MLIM
transaction
and
losses
on
the
repositioning
of
PNC's
securities
and
mortgage
loan
portfolios;
(3)
adjusting
fourth
quarter
2006
and
the
2007
periods
to
exclude
the
net
mark-to-market
adjustments

on
PNC's
remaining
BlackRock
LTIP
shares
obligation
and,
as
applicable,
the
gain
PNC
recognized
in
first
quarter
2007
in
connection
with
the
company's
transfer
of
BlackRock
shares
to
satisfy
a
portion
of
its
BlackRock
LTIP
shares
obligation;
(4)
adjusting
all
2007
and
2006
periods
to
exclude,
as
applicable,
integration
costs

related
to
acquisitions
and
to
the
BlackRock/MLIM
transaction;
and
(5)
adjusting,
as
appropriate,
for
the
tax
impact
of
these
adjustments.
We
have
provided
these
adjusted
amounts
and
reconciliations
so
that
investors,
analysts,
regulators
and
others
will
be
better
able
to
evaluate
the
impact
of
these
items
on
our
results
for

the
periods
presented,
in
addition
to
providing
a
basis
of
comparability
for
the
impact
of
the
BlackRock
deconsolidation
given
the
magnitude
of
the
impact
of
deconsolidation
on
various
components
of
our
income
statement
and
balance
sheet.
We
believe
that
information
as
adjusted
for
the
impact
of
the
specified
items
may

be
useful
due
to
the
extent
to
which
these
items
are
not
indicative
of
our
ongoing
operations
as
the
result
of
our
management
activities
on
those
operations.
While
we
have
not
provided
other
adjustments
for
the
periods
discussed,
this
is
not
intended
to
imply
that
there
could
not
have
been

other
similar
types
of
adjustments,
but
any
such
adjustments
would
not
have
been
similar
in
magnitude
to
the
amount
of
the
adjustments
shown.
In
certain
discussions,
we
may
also
provide
revenue
information
on
a
taxable-equivalent
basis
by
increasing
the
interest
income
earned
on
tax-exempt
assets
to
make
it
fully
equivalent

to
interest
income
earned
on
taxable
investments.

We
believe
this
adjustment
may
be
useful
when
comparing
yields
and
margins
for
all
earning
assets.

This
presentation
may
also
include
a
discussion
of
other
non-GAAP
financial
measures,
which,
to
the
extent
not
so
qualified
therein
or
in
the
Appendix,
is
qualified
by

GAAP
reconciliation
information
available
on
our
corporate
website
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under

About PNC
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Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking
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PNC's Differentiation

Growing Our Balance Sheet

As of September 30

\$77B

\$93B

\$98B

\$131B

Peer

net
loan CAGR
14%

(1) Peer reflects CAGR of the average of the super-regional banks identified in the Appendix other than PNC.

\$51B
\$42B
\$60B
\$50B
\$65B
\$48B
\$78B
\$65B

Peer
deposit
CAGR
10%

Peer
asset
CAGR
11%

Net loans
Deposits
Assets

1
1
1

2004

2005

2006

2007

Delivering the Bottom Line

2004

2005

2006

2007

For the Nine Months
Ended September 30

\$890MM

\$970MM

\$1.12B

(as adjusted,

\$2.22B as reported)

\$1.34B

(as adjusted,

\$1.29B as reported)

(1)

As

adjusted.

As

reported

net

income

CAGR

13%;

diluted

earnings

per

share

CAGR

7%.

Adjusted

net

income

and

diluted

earnings

per

share

for

the

nine

months

ended

September

30,

2006

and

2007

are

reconciled

to

GAAP

figures

in
the
Appendix.
(2)
Peer
reflects
CAGR
of
the
average
of
the
super-regional
banks
identified
in
the
Appendix
other
than
PNC.
Peer
net
income CAGR
7%
For the Nine Months
Ended September 30
\$3.13
\$3.35
\$3.77
(as adjusted,
\$7.46 as reported)
\$4.00
(as adjusted,
\$3.85 as reported)
Peer
diluted
EPS CAGR
1%
Diluted Earnings Per Share
Net Income
2
2

\$0
\$1
\$2
\$3
\$4
\$5
\$6

\$7

2004

2005

2006

Revenue

9%

Creating Positive Operating Leverage

Generating Capital by Growing Revenues Faster Than Expenses

billions

Compound Annual

Growth Rate

(2004

2006)

Adjusted Revenue

(as reported

\$5.5 billion, \$6.3 billion, \$8.6 billion for 2004, 2005, 2006, respectively)

Adjusted Noninterest

Expense

(as reported \$3.7 billion, \$4.3 billion, \$4.4 billion for 2004, 2005, 2006, respectively)

Adjusted Net Income

(as reported \$1.2 billion, \$1.3 billion, \$2.6 billion for 2004, 2005, 2006, respectively)

Net Income

12%

\$1.2

\$1.3

\$1.5

Expense

7%

Revenue +20%

Expense +15%

Net Income +19%

Trend Continues¹

(1) As reported: revenue (28%), expense (11%), net income (42%).

Adjusted amounts are reconciled to GAAP in the Appendix.

Nine months ended September 30, as adjusted

2007 vs 2006

WB
0.19 %
RF
0.27
PNC
0.30
CMA

0.32
STI
0.35
KEY
0.35
BBT
0.41
USB
0.54
NCC
0.54
FITB
0.60
WFC
1.02
USB
318 %
PNC
251
RF
182
CMA
176
BBT
171
KEY
168
WFC
142
WB
117
FITB
117
NCC
113
STI
93

Credit Discipline Reflected in

Reserves and Losses

Proactively Assessing Credits

For the three months ended September 30, 2007. Source: SNL DataSource, PNC as reported

3Q07

Managing the Risk

3Q07

Net Charge-offs to Average Loans

Reserves to Nonperforming Assets

PNC
58 %
USB
52
FITB
48
WFC

46
WB
42
STI
42
BBT
42
KEY
41
RF
39
NCC
37
CMA
30

Building a Diversified Business Mix

High Fee Income Contribution

YTD07

(1) For the nine months ended September 30, 2007. (2) As of September 30, 2007. (3) Reconciled to GAAP in the Appendix.

DataSource, PNC as reported

Less Net Interest Income Dependent

Noninterest Income to Total Revenue¹

50%

without

PFPC and

BlackRock³

PNC

84 %

RF

101

STI

104

BBT

104

WB

106

KEY

108

WFC

108

FITB

110

NCC

114

CMA

118

USB

121

Loans to Deposits²

3Q07

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Projected 5-Year Population Growth

\$60,949

\$56,250

\$69,270

\$54,620

\$73,965

\$69,363

\$66,273

Median Household Income

Improving Our Demographics

3.7%

6.0%

2.0%

3.4%

8.4%

10.0%

3.9%

2003

Proforma

Acquisitions

2003

Proforma

Acquisitions

Amounts

based

on

data

at

time

of

acquisition

announcement.

United

Trust

data

reflects

demographics

of

footprint

counties

weighted

by

households.

Mercantile,

Yardville

and

Sterling

data

reflect

demographics

of

footprint

counties

of

that

company,

or

by
MSA
in
the
case
of
Riggs,
weighted
by
deposits.
PNC
2003
and
PNC
Proforma
amounts
reflect
demographics,
weighted
by
deposits,
of
PNC s
68
county
footprint
and
105
county
footprint,
respectively,
including
the
impact
of
PNC s
ongoing
branch
optimization
process.
PNC
and
Mercantile
headquarter
offices
excluded
for
purposes
of
deposit

weighting.

Source:

SNL

DataSource.

*Pending.

\$0
\$4
\$8
\$12
\$16
\$20
1Q06

3Q07

Asset Management

Service Charges

Brokerage

Corporate Services

Consumer and Other

Executing in the Greater Washington

Area (**GWA**)

40.5%

43.6%

0

25

50

75

100

125

Deepening Relationships and Growing Noninterest Income*

GWA noninterest income

to total revenue

PNC -

GWA Retail Relationships

(1) Riggs transaction completed May 2005

PNC GWA Region

*Excludes the impact of Mercantile

June 30

2005¹

Sept 30

2007

PNC -

GWA Fee Growth

+14%

+48%

+45%

+96%

+38%

GWA business checking relationships

GWA consumer checking relationships

1Q06

3Q07

Transforming the Business Model
High Growth Product Focus
Albridge Solutions, Inc.
To
Integrated
Provider
Leveraging Our Global Fund Servicing

Platform
From
Processor
Unified client views
Performance reporting
\$0
\$100
\$200
\$300
\$400
\$500
\$600
\$700
Emerging Product
Revenue
Core Product
Revenue
Sept 04
Sept 07
21%
28%
72%
79%
Emerging product
revenue
3-yr CAGR 18%
For the nine months ended

Leveraging Corporate & Institutional
Relationships to Grow Noninterest Income

\$0
\$200
\$400
\$600
\$800

Major Product Revenue¹

(1) Represents consolidated PNC amounts

2006

2007

For the nine months ended

Capital Markets

Treasury Management

Midland Loan Services

Commercial Loan Servicing

CMBS Servicing Portfolio

Institutional Servicing Portfolio

Agency Servicing Portfolio

Construction Loan Administration

Government Services

Foreign exchange

Derivatives

Loan syndications

M&A advisory services

Securities underwriting

Securities sales and trading

Cash and investment management

Receivables management

Disbursement services

Funds transfer services

Information reporting

Global trade services

Deepening Relationships with Fee Based Products and Services

Leveraging Corporate & Institutional Banking
Channels to Grow Low Cost Deposits
3Q06
4Q06
3Q07
Corporate & Institutional Banking
Average Deposits

Total deposits

\$13.6 billion

Treasury

Management

74%

Midland

25%

Other

1%

Midland

40%

Treasury

Management

59%

For the three months ended

\$10.5B

\$11.8B

\$13.6B

Noninterest bearing

\$7.2 billion

\$0
\$10
\$20
\$30
\$40
\$50
Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov

2006

CMBS Originations

A Strategic Business with

Unprecedented Liquidity Issues and Spread Widening

Focused on risk adjusted returns,

supports our servicing activity

High quality HFS credit portfolio

consistent with moderate risk

profile

Unprecedented market volatility

across entire non-government and

non-agency markets

As of November 30, 2007,

commercial mortgages held for

sale were approximately \$1.5B

with \$55 million of losses

Committed to the business

0

25

50

75

100

125

Market Volatility Impact on CMBS

10 Year, AAA Spread

over swaps, bps

CMBS Spreads

Nov 07

+121

2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007

US CMBS Securitizations

Context

Sept 07

+65

Source: Commercial Mortgage Alert

2007

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Foster
Innovation
Strengthen
the brand
Engage
Employees
Create a

sense of
urgency
PNC's Differentiation
Focus on
Execution

Brand Equity Contribution to Market Cap
Home
Appliances
Motor
Vehicles
Restaurants
Toiletries/

Cosmetics

Retailers

Banks

16.1%

14.8%

13.3%

13.3%

11.5%

6.8%

Source: CoreBrand

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Summary

Cautionary Statement Regarding
Forward-Looking Information
Appendix
We
make
statements
in

this
presentation,
and
we
may
from
time
to
time
make
other
statements,
regarding
our
outlook
or
expectations
for
earnings,
revenues,
expenses
and/or
other
matters
regarding
or
affecting
PNC
that
are
forward-looking
statements
within
the
meaning
of
the
Private
Securities
Litigation
Reform
Act.
Forward-looking
statements
are
typically
identified
by
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such

as
believe,
expect,
anticipate,
intend,
outlook,
estimate,
forecast,
will ,
project
and
other
similar
words
and
expressions.
Forward-looking
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uncertainties,
which
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Forward-looking
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We
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and
do
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our
forward-looking
statements.
Because
forward-looking
statements
are
subject
to
assumptions
and
uncertainties,
actual
results
or
future
events
could
differ,
possibly
materially,
from
those
that
we
anticipated
in
our
forward-looking
statements,
and
future
results
could
differ
materially
from
our
historical
performance.
Our
forward-looking
statements
are
subject
to
the

following
principal
risks
and
uncertainties.

We
provide
greater
detail
regarding
some
of
these
factors
in
our
Form
10-K
for
the
year
ended
December
31,
2006,
including
in
the
Risk
Factors
and
Risk
Management
sections
of
that
report,
and
in
our
current
quarter
2007
Form
10-Q
and
other
SEC
reports.
Our

forward-looking
statements
may
also
be
subject
to
other
risks
and
uncertainties,
including
those
that
we
may
discuss
elsewhere
in
this
presentation
or
in
our
filings
with
the
SEC,
accessible
on
the
SEC's
website
at
www.sec.gov
and
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our
corporate
website
at
www.pnc.com
under
About
PNC

Investor
Relations

Financial
Information.

Our
businesses
and
financial
results
are
affected
by
business
and
economic
conditions,
both
generally
and
specifically
in
the
principal
markets
in
which
we
operate.

In
particular,
our
businesses
and
financial
results
may
be
impacted
by:

Changes
in
interest
rates
and
valuations
in
the
debt,
equity
and
other

financial
markets.

Disruptions
in
the
liquidity
and
other
functioning
of
financial
markets,
including
such
disruptions
in
the
markets
for
real
estate
and
other
assets
commonly
securing
financial
products.

Actions
by
the
Federal
Reserve
and
other
government
agencies,
including
those
that
impact
money
supply
and
market
interest
rates.

Changes
in
our

customers ,
suppliers
and
other
counterparties
performance
in
general
and
their
creditworthiness
in
particular.

Changes
in
customer
preferences
and
behavior,
whether
as
a
result
of
changing
business
and
economic
conditions
or
other
factors.

A
continuation
of
recent
turbulence
in
significant
portions
of
the
global
financial
markets
could
impact
our
performance,
both

directly
by
affecting
our
revenues
and
the
value
of
our
assets
and
liabilities
and
indirectly
by
affecting
the
economy
generally.

Our
operating
results
are
affected
by
our
liability
to
provide
shares
of
BlackRock
common
stock
to
help
fund
certain
BlackRock
long-term
incentive
plan
(LTIP)
programs,
as
our
LTIP
liability
is

adjusted
quarterly
(marked-to-market)
based
on
changes
in
BlackRock's
common
stock
price
and
the
number
of
remaining
committed
shares,
and
we
recognize
gain
or
loss
on
such
shares
at
such
times
as
shares
are
transferred
for
payouts
under
the
LTIP
programs.
Competition
can
have
an
impact
on
customer
acquisition,
growth
and

retention,
as
well
as
on
our
credit
spreads
and
product
pricing,
which
can
affect
market
share,
deposits
and
revenues.

Our
ability
to
implement
our
business
initiatives

and
strategies
could
affect
our
financial
performance
over
the
next
several
years.

Legal
and
regulatory
developments
could
have
an
impact
on
our
ability
to
operate
our
businesses
or
our
financial
condition
or
results
of
operations
or
our
competitive
position
or
reputation.
Reputational
impacts,
in
turn,
could
affect
matters
such
as

business
generation
and
retention,
our
ability
to
attract
and
retain
management,
liquidity,
and
funding.

These
legal
and
regulatory
developments
could
include:

(a)
the
unfavorable
resolution
of
legal
proceedings
or
regulatory
and
other
governmental
inquiries;

(b)
increased
litigation
risk
from
recent
regulatory
and
other
governmental
developments;

(c)
the
results
of
the

regulatory
examination
process,
our
failure
to
satisfy
the
requirements
of
agreements
with
governmental
agencies,
and
regulators
future
use
of
supervisory
and
enforcement
tools;
(d)
legislative
and
regulatory
reforms,
including
changes
to
laws
and
regulations
involving
tax,
pension,
education
lending,
and
the
protection
of
confidential
customer
information;
and
(e)
changes
in

accounting
policies
and
principles.

Our
business
and
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results
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affected
by
our
ability
to
identify
and
effectively
manage
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inherent
in
our
businesses,
including,
where
appropriate,
through
the
effective
use
of
third-party
insurance,
derivatives,
and
capital
management
techniques.

Our
ability
to
anticipate
and
respond
to
technological
changes
can
have

an
impact
on
our
ability
to
respond
to
customer
needs
and
to
meet
competitive
demands.

The
adequacy
of
our
intellectual
property
protection,
and
the
extent
of
any
costs
associated
with
obtaining
rights
in
intellectual
property
claimed
by
others,
can
impact
our
business
and
operating
results.

Our
business
and
operating
results

can
also
be
affected
by
widespread
natural
disasters,
terrorist
activities
or
international
hostilities,
either
as
a
result
of
the
impact
on
the
economy
and
capital
and
other
financial
markets
generally
or
on
us
or
on
our
customers,
suppliers
or
other
counterparties
specifically.

Also,
risks
and
uncertainties
that
could
affect
the

results
anticipated
in
forward-looking
statements
or
from
historical
performance
relating
to
our
equity
interest
in
BlackRock,
Inc.
are
discussed
in
more
detail
in
BlackRock's
2006
Form
10-K,
including
in
the
Risk
Factors
section,
and
in
BlackRock's
other
filings
with
the
SEC,
accessible
on
the
SEC's
website
and
on
or
through

BlackRock's
website
at
www.blackrock.com.
We
grow
our
business
from
time
to
time
by
acquiring
other
financial
services
companies,
including
our
pending
Sterling
Financial
Corporation
(Sterling)