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Wachovia Corporation

LUNARSSM

(Leveraged Upside iNdexed Accelerated Return Securities)

Linked to the Nasdaq-100 Index[®]

due April 26, 2006

Issuer:	Wachovia Corporation
Principal Amount:	Each note will have a principal amount of \$1,000. Each note will be offered at an original public offering price of \$1,000.
Maturity Date:	April 26, 2006
Interest:	Wachovia will not pay you interest during the term of the notes.
Market Measure:	The return on the notes is linked to the performance of the Nasdaq-100 Index [®] .
Payment at Maturity:	The amount you receive at maturity, for each note you own, will be based upon the percentage change in the level of the Index from the Index starting level relative to the Index ending level (calculated as described in this prospectus supplement). If the Index ending level is higher than the Index starting level, at maturity you will receive a payment per note based upon triple the percentage increase of the Index, not to exceed a maximum payment of \$1,190 per note. If the Index ending level is lower than the Index starting level, at maturity you will receive a payment per note based upon the full percentage decrease of the Index. <i>If the Index ending level is lower than the Index starting level, you will lose some or all of your principal.</i>
Listing:	Wachovia has applied to list the notes on the American Stock Exchange under the symbol WDB.C . The American Stock Exchange has advised us that our application will not be approved until the rule filing submitted by the American Stock Exchange in respect of the notes is approved by the Securities and Exchange Commission.
Pricing Date:	October 19, 2004
Expected Settlement Date:	October 26, 2004
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For a detailed description of the terms of the notes, see [Summary Information](#) beginning on page S-1 and [Specific Terms of the Notes](#) beginning on page S-9.

Investing in the notes involves risks. See [Risk Factors](#) beginning on page S-5.

	<u>Per Note</u>	<u>Total</u>
Public Offering Price	100%	\$ 7,250,000
Underwriting Discount and Commission	1.5%	\$ 108,750
Proceeds to Wachovia Corporation.	98.5%	\$ 7,141,250

The notes solely represent senior, unsecured debt obligations of Wachovia and are not the obligation of, or guaranteed by, any other entity. The notes are not deposits or accounts and are not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other governmental agency.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission, any state securities commission or the Commissioner of Insurance of the state of North Carolina has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

Wachovia may use this prospectus supplement in the initial sale of the notes. In addition, Wachovia Securities, LLC or any other broker-dealer affiliate of Wachovia may use this prospectus supplement in a market-making or other transaction in any note after its initial sale. *Unless Wachovia or its agent informs the purchaser otherwise in the confirmation of sale, this prospectus supplement is being used in a market-making transaction.*

Wachovia Securities

The date of this prospectus supplement is October 19, 2004.

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Unless otherwise indicated, you may rely on the information contained in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. Neither we nor the underwriter has authorized anyone to provide information different from that contained in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. When you make a decision about whether to invest in the notes, you should not rely upon any information other than the information in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. Neither the delivery of this prospectus supplement nor sale of the notes means that information contained in this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus is correct after their respective dates. This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus are not an offer to sell or solicitation of an offer to buy the notes in any circumstances under which the offer of solicitation is unlawful.

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SUMMARY INFORMATION

This summary includes questions and answers that highlight selected information from this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus to help you understand the LUNARSSM (Leveraged Upside iNdexed Accelerated Return Securities) Linked to the Nasdaq-100 Index[®] due April 26, 2006 (the notes). You should carefully read this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus to fully understand the terms of the notes, the Nasdaq-100 Index[®] (the Index) and the tax and other considerations that are important to you in making a decision about whether to invest in the notes. You should carefully review the section Risk Factors in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, which highlights certain risks associated with an investment in the notes, to determine whether an investment in the notes is appropriate for you.

Unless otherwise mentioned or unless the context requires otherwise, all references in this prospectus supplement to Wachovia, we, us and our or similar references mean Wachovia Corporation and its subsidiaries. Unless otherwise mentioned or unless the context requires otherwise, all references in this prospectus supplement to Wachovia Securities mean Wachovia Securities, LLC and all references to WBNA mean Wachovia Bank, National Association. All references to this prospectus supplement mean the pricing supplement contemplated in the accompanying prospectus.

What are the notes?

The notes offered by this prospectus supplement will be issued by Wachovia and will mature on April 26, 2006. The return on the notes will be linked to the performance of the Index. The notes will bear no interest and no other payments will be made until maturity.

As discussed in the accompanying prospectus, the notes are debt securities and are part of a series of debt securities entitled Medium-Term Notes, Series E that Wachovia may issue from time to time. The notes will rank equally with all other unsecured and unsubordinated debt of Wachovia. For more details, see Specific Terms of the Notes beginning on page S-9.

Each note will have a principal amount of \$1,000. Each note will be offered at an original public offering price equal to \$1,000. You may transfer only whole notes. Wachovia will issue the notes in the form of a global certificate, which will be held by The Depository Trust Company, also known as DTC, or its nominee. Direct and indirect participants in DTC will record your ownership of the notes.

What will I receive upon maturity of the notes?

At maturity, for each note you own, you will receive a cash payment equal to the maturity payment amount. The maturity payment amount to which you will be entitled depends on the percentage change in the level of the Index calculated based on the Index ending level (as defined below) relative to the Index starting level (as defined below):

If the Index ending level is greater than the Index starting level, the maturity payment amount per note will equal:

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$$\$1,000 \times \left(1 + \left(3 \times \text{Index performance} \right) \right)$$

provided, however, that the maturity payment amount may not exceed \$1,190 per note (the maximum payment at maturity).

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If the Index ending level is equal to or less than the Index starting level, the maturity payment amount per note will equal:

$$\$1,000 \times \left(1 + \text{Index performance} \right)$$

If the Index ending level is zero, the maturity payment amount per note will equal zero.

The Index starting level is 1,443.80, the closing level of the Index on October 19, 2004.

The Index ending level will be determined by the calculation agent and will equal the closing level of the Index on the valuation date. If the valuation date occurs on a day that is not a scheduled trading day or a disrupted day, then the Index ending level will be the value of the Index on the next succeeding scheduled trading day that is not a disrupted day. *If the determination of the Index ending level is postponed then the maturity date of the notes will be postponed an equal number of scheduled trading days.*

$$\text{The Index performance is equal to } \left(\frac{\text{Index ending level} - \text{Index starting level}}{\text{Index starting level}} \right)$$

The valuation date means the fifth scheduled trading day prior to the maturity date.

You should understand that the opportunity to participate in the possible increases in the level of the Index through an investment in the notes is limited because the amount that you receive at maturity will never exceed the maximum payment at maturity. The maximum payment at maturity represents a maximum return on the notes equal to 19% over the principal amount of the notes. However, in the event that the Index ending level is less than the Index starting level, the amount you will receive at maturity will be proportionately less than the principal amount of the notes. ***Accordingly, if the level of the Index declines in this manner, you will lose some or all of your principal.***

Hypothetical Examples

Set forth below are three hypothetical examples of the calculation of the maturity payment amount:

Index starting level: 1,443.80

Maximum payment at maturity: \$1,190

Example 1 The hypothetical Index ending level is equal to 50% of the Index starting level:

Hypothetical Index ending level: 721.90

$$\text{Maturity payment amount (per note)} = \$1,000 \times \left(1 + \frac{721.90 - 1,443.80}{1,443.80} \right) = \$500$$

Since the Index ending level is *less* than the Index starting level, you will lose some of your principal based on the percentage change in the level of the Index. Your total cash payment at maturity would be \$500 per note, representing a 50% total loss on your investment.

Example 2 The hypothetical Index ending level is equal to 105% of the Index starting level:

Hypothetical Index ending level: 1,515.99

$$\text{Maturity payment amount (per note)} = \$1,000 \times \left(1 + \left(3 \times \frac{1,515.99 - 1,443.80}{1,443.80} \right) \right) = \$1,150$$

Since the Index ending level is *greater* than the Index starting level, you will receive three times the amount of the percentage change in the level of the Index, subject to the maximum payment at maturity. Your total cash payment at maturity would be \$1,150 per note, representing a 15% total return on your investment.

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Example 3 The hypothetical Index ending level is equal to 150% of the Index starting level:

Hypothetical Index ending level: 2,165.70

$$\text{Maturity payment amount (per note)} = \$1,000 \times \left(1 + \left(3 \times \frac{2,165.70 - 1,443.80}{1,443.80} \right) \right) = \$2,500$$

(subject to \$1,190 maximum payment at maturity)

Since the Index ending level is *greater* than the Index starting level, you will receive three times the amount of the percentage change in the Index, subject to the maximum payment at maturity. Although the calculation of the maturity payment amount would generate a result of \$2,500 per note, your maturity payment amount would be limited to \$1,190 per note, representing a 19% maximum total return. This is because the payment on the notes at maturity may not exceed the maximum payment at maturity.

Who should or should not consider an investment in the notes?

We have designed the notes for investors who want to participate in the possible appreciation of the Index (measured by the percentage change in the level of the Index based on the Index ending level relative to the Index starting level), subject to the maximum payment at maturity representing a maximum return on the notes equal to 19% over the principal amount of the notes. The notes are designed for investors who are also willing to make an investment that is exposed to the full downside performance risk of the Index. The notes are not designed for, and may not be a suitable investment for, investors who seek principal protection for their investment and who are unwilling to make an investment exposed to any downside performance risk of the Index. This may not be a suitable investment for investors who prefer the lower risk of fixed income investments with comparable maturities issued by companies with comparable credit ratings.

What will I receive if I sell the notes prior to maturity?

The market value of the notes may fluctuate between the date you purchase them and the maturity of the notes. Several factors and their interrelationship will influence the market value of the notes, including the level of the Index, dividend yields of the component stocks underlying the Index, the time remaining to maturity of the notes, interest rates and the volatility of the Index. Depending on the impact of these factors, you may receive less than \$1,000 per note from any sale of your notes before the maturity date of the notes and less than what you would have received had you held the notes until maturity. For more details, see [Risk Factors](#). Many factors affect the market value of the notes.

Who publishes the Index and what does the Index measure?

The Index is calculated, maintained and published by The Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc. (together with its affiliates Nasdaq) and is intended to provide an indication of the pattern of common stock price movements. The Nasdaq-100 Index® is a modified capitalization-weighted index of 100 of the largest non-financial companies listed on the Nasdaq National Market System tier of The Nasdaq Stock Market. As of September 30, 2004, the major industry groups covered in the Index (listed according to their respective capitalization in the Index) were as follows: computer

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and office equipment (27.02%), computer software/services (23.38%), telecommunications (14.39%), retail/wholesale trade (14.39%), biotechnology (10.00%), health care (4.19%), services (3.12%), manufacturing (2.55%) and transportation (0.96%). The identity and capitalization weightings of the five largest companies represented in the Index as of September 30, 2004 were as follows: Microsoft Corporation (9.00%), QUALCOMM Incorporated (6.66%), eBay Inc. (3.94%), Intel Corporation (3.92%) and Cisco Systems, Inc. (3.80%). Current information regarding the market value of the Index is available from Nasdaq as well as numerous market information services.

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The Index is determined, comprised and calculated by Nasdaq without regard to the notes.

You should be aware that an investment in the notes does not entitle you to any ownership interest in the stocks of the companies included in the Index. For a detailed discussion of the Index, see *The Nasdaq-100 Index* beginning on page S-14.

What about taxes?

The U.S. federal income tax consequences of an investment in the notes are complex and uncertain. By purchasing a note, you and Wachovia hereby agree, in the absence of an administrative or judicial ruling to the contrary, to characterize a note for all tax purposes as a pre-paid cash-settled forward contract linked to the level of the Index. Under this characterization of the notes, you should be required to recognize capital gain or loss to the extent that you receive cash on the maturity date or upon a sale or exchange of a note prior to the maturity date. For a further discussion, see *Supplemental Tax Considerations* beginning on page S-20.

Will the notes be listed on a stock exchange?

We have applied to list the notes on the American Stock Exchange under the symbol WDB.C. The American Stock Exchange has advised us that our application will not be approved until the rule filing submitted by the American Stock Exchange in respect of the notes is approved by the Securities and Exchange Commission. We cannot predict whether or when the Securities and Exchange Commission will approve the related rule filing and whether or when the American Stock Exchange will approve our application. You should be aware that even if the notes are listed on the American Stock Exchange, a liquid trading market will not necessarily develop for the notes. Accordingly, if you sell your notes prior to maturity, you may have to sell them at a substantial loss. You should review the section entitled *Risk Factors* There may not be an active trading market for the notes in this prospectus supplement.

Are there any risks associated with my investment?

Yes, an investment in the notes is subject to significant risks, including the risk of loss of some or all of your principal. We urge you to read the detailed explanation of risks in *Risk Factors* beginning on page S-5.

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RISK FACTORS

*An investment in the notes is subject to the risks described below, as well as the risks described under **Risks Related to Indexed Notes** in the accompanying prospectus. Your notes are a riskier investment than ordinary debt securities. Also, your notes are not equivalent to investing directly in the component stocks, i.e., the common stocks underlying the Index to which your notes are linked. You should carefully consider whether the notes are suited to your particular circumstances.*

Your investment may result in a loss of all or some of your principal

We will not repay you a fixed amount of principal on the notes at maturity. The payment at maturity on the notes will depend on the percentage change in the level of the Index based on the Index ending level relative to the Index starting level. Because the level of the Index is subject to market fluctuations, the amount of cash you receive at maturity may be more or less than the principal amount of the notes. If the Index ending level is less than the Index starting level, the maturity payment amount will be less than the principal amount of each note. ***Accordingly, if the level of the Index declines in this manner, you will lose some or all of your principal.***

Your yield may be lower than the yield on a standard debt security of comparable maturity

The yield that you will receive on your notes, which could be negative, may be less than the return you could earn on other investments. Your yield may be less than the yield you would earn if you bought a standard senior non-callable debt security of Wachovia with the same maturity date. Your investment may not reflect the full opportunity cost to you when you take into account factors that affect the time value of money. Unlike standard senior non-callable debt securities, the notes do not guarantee the return of a principal amount at maturity. In addition, no interest will be paid during the term of your notes.

Your return is limited and will not reflect the return of owning the common stocks underlying the Index

You should understand that the opportunity to participate in the possible appreciation in the level of the Index through an investment in the notes is limited because the amount that you receive at maturity will never exceed the maximum payment at maturity. The maximum payment at maturity represents a maximum return on the notes equal to 19% over the principal amount of the notes. Although any positive return on the notes is based on triple the amount of the percentage increase in the Index, in no event will the amount you receive at maturity be greater than the maximum payment at maturity of \$1,190 per note. However, in the event that the Index ending level is less than the Index starting level, you will realize the entire decline and will lose some or all of your principal.

Your return will not reflect dividends paid on the common stocks underlying the Index

Your return will not reflect the return you would realize if you actually owned the stocks underlying the Index and received the dividends paid on those stocks because the level of the Index is calculated by reference to the prices of the common stocks underlying the Index without taking into consideration the value of dividends paid on those stocks.

There may not be an active trading market for the notes

We have applied to list the notes on the American Stock Exchange under the symbol WDB.C. The American Stock Exchange has advised us that our application will not be approved until the rule filing submitted by the American Stock Exchange in respect of the notes is approved by the Securities and Exchange Commission. We cannot predict whether or when the Securities and Exchange Commission will approve the related rule filing and whether or when the American Stock Exchange will approve our application. You should be aware that even if the notes are listed on the American Stock Exchange, a liquid trading market will not necessarily develop for the notes. The development of a trading market for the notes

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will depend on our financial performance and other factors such as the increase, if any, in the level of the Index. Even if a secondary market for the notes develops, it may not provide significant liquidity and we expect that transaction costs in any secondary market would be high. As a result, the difference between bid and asked prices for your note in any secondary market could be substantial. If you sell your notes before maturity, you may have to do so at a discount from the original public offering price, and, as a result, you may suffer substantial losses.

Wachovia Securities and other broker-dealer affiliates of Wachovia currently intend to make a market for the notes, although they are not required to do so and may stop any such market-making activities at anytime. As market makers, trading of the notes may cause Wachovia Securities or any other broker-dealer affiliates of Wachovia to have long or short positions of the notes in their inventory. The supply and demand for the notes, including inventory positions of market makers, may affect the secondary market for the notes.

Many factors affect the market value of the notes

The market value of the notes will be affected by factors that interrelate in complex ways. It is important for you to understand that the effect of one factor may offset the increase in the market value of the notes caused by another factor and that the effect of one factor may exacerbate the decrease in the market value of the notes caused by another factor. The following paragraphs describe the expected impact on the market value of the notes given a change in a specific factor, assuming all other conditions remain constant.

The level of the Index is expected to affect the market value of the notes

We expect that the market value of the notes will depend substantially on the amount, if any, by which the Index ending level exceeds or does not exceed the Index starting level. If you choose to sell your notes when the level of the Index exceeds the Index starting level, you may receive substantially less than the amount that would be payable at maturity based on this level because of the expectation that the Index will continue to fluctuate until the Index ending level is determined. In addition, because the payment at maturity on the notes will not exceed the maximum payment at maturity, we do not expect that the notes will trade in the secondary market above the maximum payment at maturity.

Changes in the volatility of the Index are expected to affect the market value of the notes

Volatility is the term used to describe the size and frequency of price and/or market fluctuations. If the volatility of the Index increases or decreases, the market value of the notes may be adversely affected.

Changes in the levels of interest rates are expected to affect the market value of the notes

We expect that changes in interest rates, even if they do not affect the level of the Index as described above, may affect the market value of the notes and, depending upon other factors (such as the then current level of the Index, the magnitude of the changes in interest rates and the time remaining to the maturity of the notes), such changes may be adverse to holders of the notes.

Changes in dividend yields of the stocks included in the Index are expected to affect the market value of the notes

In general, if dividend yields on the stocks included in the Index increase, we expect that the market value of the notes will decrease and, conversely, if dividend yields on these stocks decrease, we expect that the market value of the notes will increase. The return on the notes will not reflect any dividends paid on the stocks included in the Index.

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Changes in our credit ratings may affect the market value of the notes

Our credit ratings are an assessment of our ability to pay our obligations. Consequently, real or anticipated changes in our credit ratings may affect the market value of the notes. However, because the return on your notes is dependent upon factors in addition to our ability to pay our obligations under the notes, such as the percentage change in the level of the Index shortly prior to maturity relative to the pricing date, an improvement in our credit ratings will not reduce the other investment risks related to the notes.

In general, assuming all relevant factors are held constant, we expect that the effect on the market value of the notes of a given change in some of the factors listed above will be less if it occurs later in the term of the notes than if it occurs earlier in the term of the notes.

Wachovia and its affiliates have no affiliation with Nasdaq and are not responsible for its public disclosure of information

Wachovia and its affiliates are not affiliated with Nasdaq in any way (except for licensing arrangements discussed below under "The Nasdaq-100 Index[®]") and have no ability to control or predict its actions, including any errors in or discontinuation of disclosure regarding its methods or policies relating to the calculation of the Index. If Nasdaq discontinues or suspends the calculation of the Index, it may become difficult to determine the market value of the notes or the amount payable at maturity of the notes. The calculation agent may designate a successor index selected in its sole discretion. If the calculation agent determines in its sole discretion that no successor index comparable to the Index exists, the amount you receive at maturity will be determined by the calculation agent in its sole discretion. See "Specific Terms of the Notes—Market Disruption Event" on page S-11 and "Specific Terms of the Notes—Discontinuation of the Index; Adjustments to the Index" on page S-10. Nasdaq is not involved in the offer of the notes in any way and has no obligation to consider your interest as an owner of notes in taking any actions that might affect the value of your notes.

We have derived the information about Nasdaq and the Index in this prospectus supplement from publicly available information, without independent verification. Neither we nor any of our affiliates assumes any responsibility for the adequacy or accuracy of the information about the Index or Nasdaq contained in this prospectus supplement. You, as an investor in the notes, should make your own investigation into the Index and Nasdaq.

Historical levels of the Index should not be taken as an indication of the future levels of the Index during the term of the notes

The trading prices of the stocks underlying the Index will determine the Index level at any given time. As a result, it is impossible to predict whether the level of the Index will rise or fall. Trading prices of the stocks underlying the Index will be influenced by complex and interrelated political, economic, financial and other factors that can affect the issuers of the stocks underlying the Index.

Purchases and sales by us and our affiliates may affect the return on the notes

As described below under "Use of Proceeds and Hedging" on page S-23, we or one or more of our affiliates may hedge our obligations under the notes by purchasing stocks underlying the Index, futures or options on the Index or stocks underlying the Index, or exchange-traded funds or

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other derivative instruments with returns linked or related to changes in the trading prices of stocks underlying the Index or the level of the Index, and we may adjust these hedges by, among other things, purchasing or selling stocks underlying the Index, futures, options, or exchange-traded funds or other derivative instruments with returns linked to the Index or the stocks underlying the Index at any time. Although they are not expected to, any of these hedging activities may adversely affect the trading prices of stocks underlying the Index and/or the level of the Index and, therefore, the market value of the notes. It is possible that we or one or more of our affiliates could receive substantial returns from these hedging activities while the market value of the notes declines.

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Potential conflicts of interest could arise

Our subsidiary, WBNA, is our agent for the purposes of calculating the Index ending level and the maturity payment amount. Under certain circumstances, WBNA's role as our subsidiary and its responsibilities as calculation agent for the notes could give rise to conflicts of interest. These conflicts could occur, for instance, in connection with its determination as to whether the level of the Index can be calculated on a particular trading day, or in connection with judgments that it would be required to make in the event of a discontinuance of the Index. See the sections entitled "Specific Terms of the Notes - Discontinuance of the Index; Adjustments to the Index" on page S-10 and "Specific Terms of the Notes - Market Disruption Event" on page S-11. WBNA is required to carry out its duties as calculation agent in good faith and using its reasonable judgment.

Wachovia or its affiliates may presently or from time to time engage in business with one or more of the issuers of component stocks included in the Index. This business may include extending loans to, or making equity investments in, such companies or providing advisory services to such companies, including merger and acquisition advisory services. In the course of business, Wachovia or its affiliates may acquire non-public information relating to these companies and, in addition, one or more affiliates of Wachovia may publish research reports about these companies. Wachovia does not make any representation to any purchasers of the notes regarding any matters whatsoever relating to the issuers of component stocks included in the Index. Any prospective purchaser of the notes should undertake an independent investigation of these companies as in its judgment is appropriate to make an informed decision regarding an investment in the notes. The composition of the issuers of component stock included in the Index does not reflect any investment or sell recommendations of Wachovia or its affiliates.

Tax consequences are uncertain

You should consider the tax consequences of investing in the notes, significant aspects of which are uncertain. See "Supplemental Tax Considerations" on page S-20.

You will not receive interest payments on the notes or dividend payments on the stocks underlying the Index

You will not receive any interest payments on the notes and you will not receive any dividend payments or other distributions on the component stocks included in the Index. As a holder of the notes, you will not have voting rights or any other rights that holders of the component stocks included in the Index may have.

Certain considerations for insurance companies and employee benefit plans

A fiduciary of a pension plan or other employee benefit plan that is subject to the prohibited transaction rules of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended, which we call "ERISA", or the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and that is considering purchasing the notes with the assets of such a plan, should consult with its counsel regarding whether the purchase or holding of the notes could become a prohibited transaction under ERISA, the Internal Revenue Code or any substantially similar prohibition. These prohibitions are discussed in further detail under "Employee Retirement Income Security Act" on page S-22.

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SPECIFIC TERMS OF THE NOTES

*Please note that in this section entitled **Specific Terms of the Notes**, references to **holders** mean those who own notes registered in their own names, on the books that we or the trustee maintain for this purpose, and not indirect holders who own beneficial interests in notes registered in street name or in notes issued in book-entry form through The Depository Trust Company. Please review the special considerations that apply to indirect holders in the accompanying prospectus, under **Legal Ownership**.*

The notes are part of a series of debt securities, entitled **Medium-Term Notes, Series E**, that we may issue under the indenture from time to time as described in the accompanying prospectus. The notes are also **Indexed Notes** and **Senior Notes**, each as described in the accompanying prospectus.

This prospectus supplement summarizes specific financial and other terms that apply to the notes. Terms that apply generally to all **Medium-Term Notes, Series E**, are described in **Description of the Notes We May Offer** in the accompanying prospectus. The terms described here supplement those described in the accompanying prospectus and, if the terms described there are inconsistent with those described here, the terms described here are controlling.

We describe the terms of the notes in more detail below.

No Interest

While at maturity a beneficial owner of a note will receive a cash payment equal to the maturity payment amount, there will be no other payment of interest, periodic or otherwise.

Denominations

Wachovia will issue the notes in principal amount of \$1,000 per note and integral multiples thereof.

Payment at Maturity

At maturity, for each note you own, you will receive a cash payment equal to the maturity payment amount, as provided below. The maturity payment amount to which you will be entitled depends on the percentage change in the level of the Index calculated based on the Index ending level relative to the Index starting level.

Determination of the Maturity Payment Amount

The maturity payment amount for each note will be determined by the calculation agent as described below:

If the Index ending level is *greater* than the Index starting level, the maturity payment amount per note will equal:

$$\$1,000 \times \left(1 + \left(3 \times \text{Index performance} \right) \right)$$

provided, however, that the maturity payment amount may not exceed \$1,190 per note (the maximum payment at maturity).

If the Index ending level is equal to or less than the Index starting level, the maturity payment amount per note will equal:

$$\$1,000 \times \left(1 + \text{Index performance} \right)$$

If the Index ending level is zero, the maturity payment amount per note will be zero.

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The Index starting level is 1,443.80, the closing level of the Index on October 19, 2004.

The Index ending level will be determined by the calculation agent and will equal the closing level of the Index on the valuation date. If the valuation date occurs on a day that is not a scheduled trading day or a disrupted day, then the Index ending level will be the value of the Index on the next succeeding scheduled trading day that is not a disrupted day. *If the determination of the Index ending level is postponed then the maturity date of the notes will be postponed an equal number of scheduled trading days.*

$$\text{The Index performance is equal to } \left(\frac{\text{Index ending level} - \text{Index starting level}}{\text{Index starting level}} \right)$$

A scheduled trading day means any day on which each exchange and related exchange is scheduled to be open for its respective regular trading sessions.

The valuation date means the fifth scheduled trading day prior to the maturity date.

A disrupted day means any scheduled trading day on which a relevant exchange or related exchange fails to open for trading during its regular trading session or on which a market disruption event has occurred.

If any payment is due on the notes on a day which is not a day on which commercial banks settle payments in New York, then such payment may be made on the next day that is a day on which commercial banks settle payments in New York, in the same amount and with the same effect as if paid on the original due date.

WBNA, our subsidiary, will serve as the calculation agent. All determinations made by the calculation agent will be at the sole discretion of the calculation agent and, absent a determination of a manifest error, will be conclusive for all purposes and binding on Wachovia and the holders and beneficial owners of the notes. Wachovia may at any time change the calculation agent without notice to holders of notes.

Discontinuation of the Index; Adjustments to the Index

If Nasdaq discontinues publication of the Index and Nasdaq or another entity publishes a successor or substitute index that the calculation agent determines, in its sole discretion, to be comparable to the Index (a successor index), then, upon the calculation agent's notification of any determination to the trustee and Wachovia, the calculation agent will substitute the successor index as calculated by Nasdaq or any other entity for the Index and calculate the Index ending level as described above under Payment at Maturity. Upon any selection by the calculation agent of a successor index, Wachovia will cause notice to be given to holders of the notes.

In the event that Nasdaq discontinues publication of the Index and:

the calculation agent does not select a successor index, or

the successor index is no longer published on any of the relevant scheduled trading days,

the calculation agent will compute a substitute level for the Index in accordance with the procedures last used to calculate the level of the Index before any discontinuation but using only those securities that comprised the Index prior to such discontinuation. If a successor index is selected or the calculation agent calculates a level as a substitute for the Index as described below, the successor index or level will be used as a substitute for the Index for all purposes going forward, including for purposes of determining whether a market disruption event exists, even if Nasdaq elects to begin republishing the Index, unless the calculation agent in its sole discretion decides to use the republished Index.

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If Nasdaq discontinues publication of the Index before the valuation date and the calculation agent determines that no successor index is available at that time, then on each scheduled trading day until the earlier to occur of:

the determination of the Index ending level, or

a determination by the calculation agent that a successor index is available,

the calculation agent will determine the level that would be used in computing the maturity payment amount as described in the preceding paragraph as if that day were a scheduled trading day. The calculation agent will cause notice of each level to be published not less often than once each month in *The Wall Street Journal* or another newspaper of general circulation, and arrange for information with respect to these levels to be made available by telephone.

Notwithstanding these alternative arrangements, discontinuation of the publication of the Index would be expected to adversely affect the value of, liquidity of and trading in the notes.

If at any time the method of calculating the level of the Index or the level of the successor index, changes in any material respect, or if the Index or successor index is in any other way modified so that the Index or successor index does not, in the opinion of the calculation agent, fairly represent the level of the Index had those changes or modifications not been made, then, from and after that time, the calculation agent will, at the close of business in New York, New York, on each date that the closing level of the Index is to be calculated, make any adjustments as, in the good faith judgment of the calculation agent, may be necessary in order to arrive at a calculation of a level of a stock index comparable to the Index or such successor index, as the case may be, as if those changes or modifications had not been made, and calculate the closing level with reference to the Index or such successor index, as so adjusted. Accordingly, if the method of calculating the Index or a successor index is modified and has a diluting or concentrative effect on the level of such index e.g., due to a split, then the calculation agent will adjust such index in order to arrive at a level of such index as if it had not been modified, e.g., as if a split had not occurred.

Neither the calculation agent nor Wachovia will have any responsibility for good faith errors or omissions in calculating or disseminating information regarding the Index or any successor index or as to modifications, adjustments or calculations by Nasdaq or any successor index sponsor in order to arrive at the level of the Index or any successor index.

Market Disruption Event

A market disruption event, as determined by the calculation agent in its sole discretion, means a relevant exchange or any related exchange fails to open for trading during its regular trading session or the occurrence or existence of any of the following events:

a trading disruption, if the calculation agent determines it is material, at any time during the one-hour period that ends at the close of trading for a relevant exchange or related exchange; or

an exchange disruption, if the calculation agent determines it is material, at any time during the one-hour period that ends at the close of trading for a relevant exchange or related exchange; or

an early closure.

For the purposes of determining whether a market disruption event exists at any time, if a market disruption event occurs in respect of a security included in the Index at any time, then the relevant percentage contribution of that security to the level of the Index will be based on a comparison of (i) the portion of the level of the Index attributable to that security and (ii) the overall level of the Index, in each case immediately before the occurrence of such market disruption event.

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A **trading disruption** means any suspension of or limitation imposed on trading by the relevant exchange or related exchange or otherwise, whether by reason of movements in price exceeding limits permitted by the relevant exchange or related exchange or otherwise, (i) relating to securities that comprise 20 percent or more of the level of the Index or (ii) in options contracts or futures contracts relating to the Index on any relevant related exchange.

An **exchange disruption** means any event (other than a scheduled early closure) that disrupts or impairs (as determined by the calculation agent in its sole discretion) the ability of market participants in general to (i) effect transactions in or obtain market values on any relevant exchange or related exchange in securities that comprise 20 percent or more of the level of the Index or (ii) effect transactions in options contracts or futures contracts relating to the Index on any relevant related exchange.

An **early closure** means the closure on any exchange business day of any relevant exchange relating to securities that comprise 20 percent or more of the level of the Index or any related exchange prior to its normally scheduled closing time unless such earlier closing time is announced by such exchange or related exchange at least one hour prior to the earlier of (i) the actual closing time for the regular trading session on such exchange or related exchange on such exchange business day and (ii) the submission deadline for orders to be entered into the relevant exchange system for execution at the close of trading on such exchange business day.

An **exchange** means the primary organized exchange or quotation system for trading any securities included in the Index and any successor to any such exchange or quotation system or any substitute exchange or quotation system to which trading in any securities underlying the Index has temporarily relocated (provided that the calculation agent has determined that there is comparable liquidity relative to the securities underlying the Index on such substitute exchange or quotation system as on the original exchange).

An **exchange business day** means any scheduled trading day on which each exchange and related exchange is open for business during its regular trading session, notwithstanding any such exchange or related exchange closing prior to its scheduled weekday closing time, without regard to after hours or other trading outside its regular trading session hours.

A **related exchange** means each exchange or quotation system on which futures or options contracts relating to the Index are traded, any successor to such exchange or quotation system or any substitute exchange or quotation system to which trading in the futures or options contracts relating to such Index has temporarily relocated (provided that the calculation agent has determined that there is comparable liquidity relative to the futures or options contracts relating to such Index on such temporary substitute exchange or quotation system as on the original related exchange).

Events of Default and Acceleration

In case an event of default with respect to any notes has occurred and is continuing, the amount payable to a beneficial owner of a note upon any acceleration permitted by the notes, with respect to each \$1,000 principal amount of each note, will be equal to the maturity payment amount, calculated as though the date of early repayment were the maturity date of the notes. If a bankruptcy proceeding is commenced in respect of Wachovia, the claim of the beneficial owner of a note may be limited, under Section 502(b)(2) of Title 11 of the United States Code, to the principal amount of the note plus an additional amount of contingent interest calculated as though the date of the commencement of the proceeding were the maturity date of the notes.

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In case of default in payment of the notes, whether at their maturity or upon acceleration, the notes will not bear a default interest rate.

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The following table illustrates, for the Index starting level and a range of hypothetical Index ending levels:

the hypothetical percentage change from the Index starting level to the hypothetical Index ending level;

the hypothetical total amount payable at maturity for each note;

the hypothetical total rate of return to beneficial owners of the notes;

the hypothetical pre-tax annualized rate of return to beneficial owners of the notes; and

the hypothetical pre-tax annualized rate of return of an investment in the stocks included in the Index, which includes an assumed aggregate dividend yield of 0.22% per annum, as more fully described below.

Hypothetical Index ending level	Percentage change from the Index starting level to the hypothetical Index ending level	Total amount payable at maturity per note	Total rate of return on the notes	Pre-tax annualized rate of return on the notes(1)	Pre-tax annualized rate of return of stocks included in the Index(1)(2)
721.90	-50.00%	\$ 500.00	-50.00%	-41.29%	-41.11%
794.09	-45.00%	\$ 550.00	-45.00%	-36.17%	-35.98%
866.28	-40.00%	\$ 600.00	-40.00%	-31.34%	-31.15%
938.47	-35.00%	\$ 650.00	-35.00%	-26.77%	-26.58%
1,010.66	-30.00%	\$ 700.00	-30.00%	-22.44%	-22.24%
1,082.85	-25.00%	\$ 750.00	-25.00%	-18.30%	-18.10%
1,155.04	-20.00%	\$ 800.00	-20.00%	-14.35%	-14.14%
1,227.23	-15.00%	\$ 850.00	-15.00%	-10.56%	-10.35%
1,299.42	-10.00%	\$ 900.00	-10.00%	-6.91%	-6.70%
1,371.61	-5.00%	\$ 950.00	-5.00%	-3.39%	-3.18%
1,443.80(3)	0.00%	\$1,000.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.22%
1,515.99	5.00%	\$1,150.00	15.00%	9.55%	3.51%
1,588.18	10.00%	\$1,190.00	19.00%	11.95%	6.69%
1,660.37	15.00%	\$1,190.00	19.00%	11.95%	9.78%
1,732.56	20.00%	\$1,190.00	19.00%	11.95%	12.78%
1,804.75	25.00%	\$1,190.00	19.00%	11.95%	15.70%
1,876.94	30.00%	\$1,190.00	19.00%	11.95%	18.54%
1,949.13	35.00%	\$1,190.00	19.00%	11.95%	21.31%
2,021.32	40.00%	\$1,190.00	19.00%	11.95%	24.01%
2,093.51	45.00%	\$1,190.00	19.00%	11.95%	26.65%
2,165.70	50.00%	\$1,190.00	19.00%	11.95%	29.23%

(1) The annualized rates of return specified in the preceding table are calculated on a semiannual bond equivalent basis.

(2) This rate of return assumes:

a percentage change in the aggregate price of the stocks that equals the percentage change in the Index starting level to the relevant hypothetical Index ending level;

a constant dividend yield of 0.22% per annum, paid quarterly from the date of initial delivery of the notes, applied to the level of the Index at the end of each quarter assuming this level increases or decreases linearly from the Index starting level to the applicable hypothetical Index ending level;

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no transaction fees or expenses; and

an 18 month investment term

(3) This is also the Index starting level.

The above figures are for purposes of illustration only. We cannot predict the actual Index ending level at maturity or the market value of your notes, nor can we predict the relationship between the level of the Index and the market value of your notes at any time prior to the maturity date. The actual amount that a holder of the notes will receive at maturity and the rate of return on the notes will depend on the Index starting level and on the actual Index ending level determined by the calculation agent as described above. Moreover, the assumptions on which the hypothetical returns are based may turn out to be inaccurate. Consequently, the amount of cash to be paid in respect of your notes on the maturity date may be very different from the information reflected in the table above.

THE NASDAQ-100 INDEX®

The Index is a modified market capitalization-weighted index of 100 of the largest stocks of non-financial companies listed on The Nasdaq National Market tier of The Nasdaq Stock Market. The Index was first published in January 1985 and includes companies across a variety of major industry groups. As of September 30, 2004, the major industry groups covered in the Index (listed according to their respective capitalization in the Index) were as follows: computer and office equipment (27.02%), computer software/services (23.38%), telecommunications (14.39%), retail/wholesale trade (14.39%), biotechnology (10.00%), health care (4.19%), services (3.12%), manufacturing (2.55%) and transportation (0.96%). The identity and capitalization weightings of the five largest companies represented in the Index as of September 30, 2004 were as follows: Microsoft Corporation (9.00%), QUALCOMM Incorporated (6.66%), eBay Inc. (3.94), Intel Corporation (3.92%) and Cisco Systems, Inc. (3.80%). Current information regarding the market value of the Index is available from Nasdaq as well as numerous market information services. The Index is determined, comprised and calculated by Nasdaq without regard to the notes.

The Index share weights of the component securities of the Index at any time are based upon the total shares outstanding in each of the 100 Index securities and are additionally subject, in certain cases, to rebalancing. Accordingly, each underlying stock's influence on the value of the Index is directly proportional to the value of its Index share weight.

Computation of the Index

Underlying Stock Eligibility Criteria and Annual Ranking Review

Initial Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for initial inclusion in the Index, a security must be listed on The Nasdaq Stock Market and meet the following criteria:

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the security must be listed on The Nasdaq National Market (unless the security was dually listed on another U.S. market prior to January 1, 2004 and has continuously maintained such listing);

the security must be of a non-financial company;

the security may not be issued by an issuer currently in bankruptcy proceedings;

the security must have an average daily trading volume on The Nasdaq Stock Market of at least 200,000 shares;

if the security is of a foreign issuer (a foreign issuer is determined based on its country of incorporation), it must have listed options or be eligible for listed-options trading;

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only one class of security per issuer is allowed;

the issuer of the security may not have entered into a definitive agreement or other arrangement which would result in the security no longer being listed on The Nasdaq Stock Market within the next six months;

the issuer of the security may not have annual financial statements with an audit opinion which the auditor or the company have indicated cannot be currently relied upon;

the security must have been seasoned on The Nasdaq Stock Market or another recognized market (generally, a company is considered to be seasoned if it has been listed on a market for at least two years; in the case of spin-offs, the operating history of the spin-off will be considered); and

if the security would otherwise qualify to be in the top 25% of the securities included in the Index by market capitalization for the six prior consecutive month ends, then a one-year seasoning criteria would apply.

Continued Eligibility Criteria

In addition, to be eligible for continued inclusion in the Index the following criteria apply:

the security must be listed on The Nasdaq National Market (unless the security was dually listed on another U.S. market prior to January 1, 2004 and has continuously maintained such listing);

the security must be of a non-financial company;

the security may not be issued by an issuer currently in bankruptcy proceedings;

the security must have an average daily trading volume of at least 200,000 shares;

if the security is of a foreign issuer, it must have listed options or be eligible for listed-options trading, as measured annually during the ranking review process;

the security must have an adjusted market capitalization equal to or exceeding 0.10% of the aggregate adjusted market capitalization of the Index at each month end. In the event a company does not meet this criterion for two consecutive month ends, it will be removed from the Index effective after the close of trading on the third Friday of the following month; and

the issuer of the security may not have annual financial statements with an audit opinion which the auditor or the company have indicated cannot be currently relied upon.

These Index eligibility criteria may be revised from time to time by Nasdaq without regard to the notes.

The Index securities are evaluated on an annual basis, except under extraordinary circumstances which may result in an interim evaluation, as follows (such evaluation is referred to herein as the "Ranking Review"). Securities listed on The Nasdaq Stock Market which meet the above eligibility criteria are ranked by market value using closing prices as of the end of October and publicly available total shares outstanding as of the end of November. Index-eligible securities which are already in the Index and which are in the top 150 eligible securities (based on market value) are retained in the Index provided that such security was ranked in the top 100 eligible securities as of the previous ranking review. Securities not meeting such criteria are replaced. The replacement securities chosen are those Index-eligible securities not currently in the Index which have the largest market capitalization.

Generally, the list of annual additions and deletions is publicly announced via a press release in the early part of December and replacements are made effective after the close of trading on the third Friday in December. Moreover, if at any time during the year an Index security is no longer traded on The Nasdaq Stock Market, or is otherwise determined by Nasdaq to become ineligible for continued inclusion in the Index, the security will be replaced with the largest market capitalization security not currently in the Index and meeting the Index eligibility criteria listed above.

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In addition to the Ranking Review, the securities in the Index are monitored every day by Nasdaq with respect to changes in total shares outstanding arising from secondary offerings, stock repurchases, conversions or other corporate actions. Nasdaq has adopted the following quarterly scheduled weight adjustment procedures with respect to such changes. If the change in total shares outstanding arising from such corporate action is greater than or equal to 5.0%, such change is made to the Index on the evening prior to the effective date of such corporate action or as soon as practical thereafter. Otherwise, if the change in total shares outstanding is less than 5.0%, then all such changes are accumulated and made effective at one time on a quarterly basis after the close of trading on the third Friday in each of March, June, September, and December. In either case, the Index share weights for such underlying stocks are adjusted by the same percentage amount by which the total shares outstanding have changed in such Index securities. Ordinarily, whenever there is a change in the Index share weights or a change in a component security included in the Index, Nasdaq adjusts the divisor to assure that there is no discontinuity in the value of the Index which might otherwise be caused by any such change.

Rebalancing of the Index

The Index is calculated under a modified capitalization-weighted methodology, which is a hybrid between equal weighting and conventional capitalization weighting. This methodology is expected to: (1) retain in general the economic attributes of capitalization weighting; (2) promote portfolio weight diversification (thereby limiting domination of the Index by a few large stocks); (3) reduce Index performance distortion by preserving the capitalization ranking of companies; and (4) reduce market impact on the smallest Index securities from necessary weight rebalancings.

Under the methodology employed, on a quarterly basis coinciding with Nasdaq's quarterly scheduled weight adjustment procedures, the Index securities are categorized as either Large Stocks or Small Stocks depending on whether their current percentage weights (after taking into account such scheduled weight adjustments due to stock repurchases, secondary offerings or other corporate actions) are greater than, or less than or equal to, the average percentage weight in the Index (i.e., as a 100-stock index, the average percentage weight in the Index is 1.0%).

Such quarterly examination will result in an Index rebalancing if either one or both of the following two weight distribution requirements are not met: (1) the current weight of the single largest market capitalization Index security must be less than or equal to 24.0% and (2) the collective weight of those Index securities whose individual current weights are in excess of 4.5%, when added together, must be less than or equal to 48.0%. In addition, Nasdaq may conduct a special rebalancing if it is determined necessary to maintain the integrity of the Index.

If either one or both of these weight distribution requirements are not met upon quarterly review, or Nasdaq determines that a special rebalancing is required, a weight rebalancing will be performed. First, relating to weight distribution requirement (1) above, if the current weight of the single largest Index security exceeds 24.0%, then the weights of all Large Stocks will be scaled down proportionately towards 1.0% by enough for the adjusted weight of the single largest Index security to be set to 20.0%. Second, relating to weight distribution requirement (2) above, for those Index securities whose individual current weights or adjusted weights in accordance with the preceding step are in excess of 4.5%, if their collective weight exceeds 48.0%, then the weights of all Large Stocks will be scaled down proportionately towards 1.0% by just enough for the collective weight, so adjusted, to be set to 40.0%.

The aggregate weight reduction among the Large Stocks resulting from either or both of the above rescalings will then be redistributed to the Small Stocks in the following iterative manner. In the first iteration, the weight of the largest Small Stock will be scaled upwards by a factor which sets it equal to the average Index weight of 1.0%. The weights of each of the smaller remaining Small Stocks will be scaled up by the same factor reduced in relation to each stock's relative ranking among the Small Stocks such that the

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smaller the Index security in the ranking, the less the scale-up of its weight. This is intended to reduce the market impact of the weight rebalancing on the smallest component securities in the Index.

In the second iteration, the weight of the second largest Small Stock, already adjusted in the first iteration, will be scaled upwards by a factor which sets it equal to the average index weight of 1.0%. The weights of each of the smaller remaining Small Stocks will be scaled up by this same factor reduced in relation to each stock's relative ranking among the Small Stocks such that, once again, the smaller the stock in the ranking, the less the scale-up of its weight.

Additional iterations will be performed until the accumulated increase in weight among the Small Stocks exactly equals the aggregate weight reduction among the Large Stocks from rebalancing in accordance with weight distribution requirement (1) and/or weight distribution requirement (2).

Then, to complete the rebalancing procedure, once the final percent weights of each of the Index securities are set, the Index share weights will be determined anew based upon the last sale prices and aggregate capitalization of the Index at the close of trading on the Thursday in the week immediately preceding the week of the third Friday in March, June, September and December. Changes to the Index share weights will be made effective after the close of trading on the third Friday in March, June, September and December and an adjustment to the Index divisor will be made to ensure continuity of the Index.

Ordinarily, new rebalanced weights will be determined by applying the above procedures to the current Index share weights. However, Nasdaq may from time to time determine rebalanced weights, if necessary, by instead applying the above procedure to the actual current market capitalization of the Index components. In such instances, Nasdaq would announce the different basis for rebalancing prior to its implementation.

Historical Closing Levels of the Index

Since its inception, the level of the Index has experienced significant fluctuations. Any historical upward or downward trend in the closing level of the Index during any period shown below is not an indication that the closing level of the Index is more or less likely to increase or decrease at any time during the term of the notes. The historical Index levels do not give an indication of future levels of the Index. We cannot make any assurance that the future levels of the Index or the trading prices of the component stocks will result in holders of the notes receiving an amount greater than the principal amount of their notes on the maturity date. We do not make any representation to you as to the performance of the Index.

We obtained the closing levels of the Index listed below from Bloomberg Financial Services, without independent verification. The actual level of the Index at or near maturity of the notes may bear little relation to the historical levels shown below.

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The following table sets forth the level of the Index at the end of each month, in the period from January 1996 through September 2004. This historical data on the Index is not indicative of the future levels of the Index or what the market value of the notes may be. Any historical upward or downward trend in the level of the Index during any period set forth below is not any indication that the level of the Index is more or less likely to increase or decrease at any time during the term of the notes.

Month-End Closing Levels of the Index

<u>Month end</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>
January	591.82	921.55	1071.13	2127.19	3570.05	2593.00	1550.17	983.05	1493.08
February	622.83	850.46	1194.13	1925.28	4266.94	1908.32	1359.22	1009.74	1470.38
March	609.69	797.06	1220.66	2106.39	4397.84	1573.25	1452.81	1018.66	1438.41
April	666.73	874.74	1248.12	2136.39	3773.18	1855.15	1277.07	1106.06	1401.36
May	692.39	958.85	1192.07	2089.70	3324.08	1799.89	1208.34	1197.89	1466.22
June	677.30	957.30	1337.34	2296.77	3763.79	1830.19	1051.41	1201.69	1516.64
July	636.01	1107.03	1377.26	2270.93	3609.35	1683.61	962.11	1276.94	1400.39
August	663.57	1074.17	1140.34	2396.87	4077.59	1469.70	942.38	1341.20	1368.68
September	737.58	1097.17	1345.48	2407.90	3570.61	1168.37	832.52	1303.70	1412.74
October	751.99	1019.62	1400.52	2637.44	3282.30	1364.78	989.54	1416.39	
November	834.01	1050.51	1557.96	2966.71	2506.54	1596.05	1116.10	1424.25	
December	821.36	990.80	1836.01	3707.83	2341.70	1577.05	984.36	1467.92	

The following table sets forth the published intra-day high and low levels of the Index, as well as the level of the Index at the end of the given period for each quarter from January 1, 1998 through September 30, 2004 and for the period from October 1, 2004 through October 19, 2004. On October 19, 2004, the closing level of the Index was 1443.80. Past movements of the Index are not indicative of future Index levels.

Quarterly High, Low and Closing Level of the Index

<u>Quarter - Start</u>	<u>Quarter - End</u>	<u>High Intra-Day</u>	<u>Low Intra-Day</u>	<u>Quarter - End</u>
<u>Date</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Level of</u>	<u>Level of</u>	<u>Closing Level</u>
		<u>the Index</u>	<u>the Index</u>	<u>of the Index</u>
1/1/98	3/31/98	1230.92	933.01	1220.66
4/1/98	6/30/98	1347.44	1157.88	1337.34
7/1/98	9/30/98	1485.97	1118.12	1345.48
10/1/98	12/31/98	1848.36	1063.27	1836.01
1/1/99	3/31/99	2168.69	1809.91	2106.39
4/1/99	6/30/99	2320.43	1952.36	2296.77
7/1/99	9/30/99	2551.66	2120.26	2407.90
10/1/99	12/31/99	3750.41	2299.95	3707.83
1/1/00	3/31/00	4816.35	3314.75	4397.84
4/1/00	6/30/00	4424.43	2897.27	3763.79
7/1/00	9/30/00	4147.19	3341.83	3570.61
10/1/00	12/31/00	3690.24	2174.76	2341.7
1/1/01	3/31/01	2771.63	1530.14	1573.25
4/1/01	6/30/01	2070.61	1348.52	1830.19
7/1/01	9/30/01	1865.36	1088.96	1168.37
10/1/01	12/31/01	1734.58	1131.32	1577.05
1/1/02	3/31/02	1710.23	1329.93	1452.81

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4/1/02	6/30/02	1481.74	979.87	1051.41
7/1/02	9/30/02	1066.28	825.80	832.52
10/1/02	12/31/02	1155.68	795.25	984.36
1/1/03	3/31/03	1104.32	938.52	1018.66
4/1/03	6/30/03	1265.69	1015.46	1201.69
7/1/03	9/30/03	1406.61	1180.11	1303.70
10/1/03	12/31/03	1474.24	1306.33	1467.92
1/1/04	3/31/04	1559.47	1368.08	1438.41
4/1/04	6/30/04	1523.48	1372.46	1516.64
7/1/04	9/30/04	1514.82	1301.93	1412.74
10/1/04	10/19/04	1474.70	1416.29	1443.80

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License Agreement

The Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc. and WBNA have entered into a non-exclusive license agreement providing for the license to WBNA, its subsidiaries and affiliates, including Wachovia, in exchange for a fee, of the right to use the Nasdaq-100 Index[®], which is owned and published by Nasdaq, in connection with some securities, including the notes.

The license agreement between The Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc. and WBNA provides that the following language must be stated in this prospectus supplement:

The notes are not sponsored, endorsed, sold or promoted by The Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc. (including its affiliates, Nasdaq). Nasdaq has not passed on legality or suitability of, or the accuracy or adequacy of descriptions and disclosures relating to, the notes. Nasdaq makes no representation or warranty, express or implied, to the owners of the notes or any member of the public regarding the advisability of investing in securities generally or in the notes particularly, or the ability of the Nasdaq-100 Index[®] to track general stock market performance. Nasdaq's only relationship to WBNA, is in the licensing of the Nasdaq-100[®], Nasdaq-100 Index[®], and Nasdaq[®] trademarks or service marks, and certain trade names of Nasdaq and the use of the Nasdaq-100 Index[®] which is determined, composed and calculated by Nasdaq without regard to WBNA or the notes. Nasdaq has no obligation to take the needs of WBNA or the owners of the notes into consideration in determining, composing or calculating the Nasdaq-100 Index[®]. Nasdaq is not responsible for and has not participated in the determination of the timing of, prices at, or quantities of the notes to be issued or in the determination or calculation of the equation by which the notes are to be converted into cash. Nasdaq has no liability in connection with the administration, marketing or trading of the notes.

NASDAQ DOES NOT GUARANTEE THE ACCURACY AND/OR UNINTERRUPTED CALCULATION OF THE NASDAQ-100 INDEX[®] OR ANY DATA INCLUDED THEREIN. NASDAQ MAKES NO WARRANTY, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, AS TO RESULTS TO BE OBTAINED BY WBNA, OWNERS OF THE NOTES, OR ANY OTHER PERSON OR ENTITY FROM THE USE OF THE NASDAQ-100 INDEX[®] OR ANY DATA INCLUDED THEREIN. NASDAQ MAKES NO EXPRESS OR IMPLIED WARRANTIES, AND EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMS ALL WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE OR USE WITH RESPECT TO THE NASDAQ-100 INDEX[®] OR ANY DATA INCLUDED THEREIN. WITHOUT LIMITING ANY OF THE FOREGOING, IN NO EVENT SHALL NASDAQ HAVE ANY LIABILITY FOR ANY LOST PROFITS OR SPECIAL, INCIDENTAL, PUNITIVE, INDIRECT, OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES, EVEN IF NOTIFIED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGES.

Nasdaq-100[®], Nasdaq-100 Index[®], and Nasdaq[®] are trade or service marks of The Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc. (together with its affiliates Nasdaq) and have been licensed for use by WBNA, its subsidiaries and affiliates. The notes are not sponsored, endorsed, sold or promoted by Nasdaq and Nasdaq makes no representation regarding the advisability of investing in the notes.

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SUPPLEMENTAL TAX CONSIDERATIONS

The following is a general description of certain United States federal tax considerations relating to the notes. It does not purport to be a complete analysis of all tax considerations relating to the notes. Prospective purchasers of the notes should consult their tax advisers as to the consequences under the tax laws of the country of which they are resident for tax purposes and the tax laws of the United States of acquiring, holding and disposing of the notes and receiving payments of interest, principal and/or other amounts under the notes. This summary is based upon the law as in effect on the date of this prospectus supplement and is subject to any change in law that may take effect after such date. This summary does not address all aspects of United States federal income taxation of the notes that may be relevant to you in light of your particular circumstances, nor does it address all of your tax consequences if you are a holder of notes who is subject to special treatment under the United States federal income tax laws.

In particular, this description does not apply to you if you are a dealer in securities or currencies, a trader in securities that elects to use a mark-to-market method of accounting for your securities holdings, a bank, a life insurance company, a tax-exempt organization, a person that owns notes that are a hedge or that are hedged against interest rate or currency risks, a person that owns notes as part of a straddle or conversion transaction for tax purposes, or a United States holder whose functional currency for tax purposes is not the U.S. dollar.

Supplemental U.S. Tax Considerations

The discussion below supplements the discussion under **United States Taxation** in the accompanying prospectus and is subject to the limitations and exceptions set forth therein. Except as otherwise noted under **United States Alien Holders** below, this discussion is only applicable to you if you are a United States holder (as defined in the accompanying prospectus).

The treatment of the notes for United States federal income tax purposes is uncertain. In the opinion of Sullivan & Cromwell LLP, it would be reasonable to treat the notes as a pre-paid cash-settled forward contract linked to the level of the Index and the terms of the notes require you and us (in the absence of an administrative or judicial ruling to the contrary) to treat the notes for all tax purposes in accordance with such characterization. If the notes are so treated, you will recognize capital gain or loss upon the sale or maturity of your notes (which will be long-term capital gain or loss if you hold your notes for more than one year) in an amount equal to the difference between the amount you receive at such time and your tax basis in the notes. Capital gain of a non-corporate United States holder that is recognized before January 1, 2009 is generally taxed at a maximum rate of 15% where the holder has a holding period of its notes of more than one year. In general, your tax basis in your notes will be equal to the price you paid for them. The deductibility of capital losses is subject to limitations.

Alternative Treatments. In light of the uncertainty as to the United States federal income tax purposes, in the opinion of Sullivan & Cromwell LLP, it would also be reasonable for the notes to be treated as a single debt instrument subject to the special tax rules governing contingent debt instruments. If the notes are so treated, you would be required to accrue interest income over the term of your notes based upon the yield at which we would issue a non-contingent fixed-rate debt instrument with other terms and conditions similar to your notes (the **comparable yield**). You would recognize gain or loss upon the sale or maturity of your notes in an amount equal to the difference, if any, between the amount you receive at such time and your adjusted basis in your notes. In general, your adjusted basis in your notes would be equal to the amount you paid for your notes, increased by the amount of interest you previously accrued with respect to your notes. Any gain you recognize upon the sale, redemption or maturity of your notes would be ordinary income and any loss recognized by you at such time would be ordinary loss to the extent of interest you included in income in the current or previous taxable years in respect of your notes, and thereafter, would be capital loss.

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If the notes are treated as a contingent debt instrument and you purchase your notes in the secondary market at a price that is at a discount from, or in excess of, the adjusted issue price of the notes, such excess or discount would not be subject to the generally applicable market discount or amortizable bond premium rules described in the accompanying prospectus but rather would be subject to special rules set forth in treasury regulations governing contingent debt instruments. Accordingly, if you purchase your notes in the secondary market, you should consult your tax adviser as to the possible application of such rules to you.

Because of the absence of authority regarding the appropriate tax characterization of your notes, it is possible that the Internal Revenue Service could seek to characterize your notes in a manner that results in tax consequences to you that are different from those described above. For example, the Internal Revenue Service could characterize your notes in part as a non-equity option that is subject to special mark-to-market rules under Section 1256 of the Internal Revenue Code. You should consult your tax adviser as to the tax consequences of such characterization and any possible alternative characterizations of your notes for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

United States Alien Holders. If the notes are treated as pre-paid cash-settled forward contracts as discussed above, then if you are a United States alien holder (as defined in the accompanying prospectus), you will not be subject to United States withholding tax with respect to payments on your notes but you will be subject to generally applicable information reporting and backup withholding requirements with respect to payments on your notes unless you comply with certain certification and identification requirements as to your foreign status.

As discussed above, alternative characterizations of the notes for U.S. federal income tax purposes are possible. Should an alternative characterization of the notes, by reason of a change or clarification of the law, by regulation or otherwise, cause payments with respect to the notes to become subject to withholding tax, we will withhold tax at the applicable statutory rate. Prospective United States alien holders of the notes should consult their own tax advisors in this regard.

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EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT

A fiduciary of a pension, profit-sharing or other employee benefit plan (a plan) subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (ERISA), should consider the fiduciary standards of ERISA in the context of the plan's particular circumstances before authorizing an investment in the notes. Accordingly, among other factors, the fiduciary should consider whether the investment would satisfy the prudence and diversification requirements of ERISA and would be consistent with the documents and instruments governing the plan, and whether the investment would involve a prohibited transaction under Section 406 of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

Section 406 of ERISA and Section 4975 of the Code prohibit plans, as well as individual retirement accounts and Keogh plans subject to Section 4975 of the Internal Revenue Code (also plans), from engaging in certain transactions involving plan assets with persons who are parties in interest under ERISA or disqualified persons under the Code (parties in interest) with respect to the plan or account. A violation of these prohibited transaction rules may result in civil penalties or other liabilities under ERISA and/or an excise tax under Section 4975 of the Code for those persons, unless exemptive relief is available under an applicable statutory, regulatory or administrative exemption. Certain employee benefit plans and arrangements including those that are governmental plans (as defined in section 3(32) of ERISA), certain church plans (as defined in Section 3(33) of ERISA) and foreign plans (as described in Section 4(b)(4) of ERISA) (non-ERISA arrangements) are not subject to the requirements of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code but may be subject to similar provisions under applicable federal, state, local, foreign or other regulations, rules or laws (similar laws).

The acquisition of the notes by a plan with respect to which Wachovia, Wachovia Securities or certain of our affiliates is or becomes a party in interest may constitute or result in a prohibited transaction under ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code, unless those notes are acquired pursuant to and in accordance with an applicable exemption. The U.S. Department of Labor has issued five prohibited transaction class exemptions, or PTCEs, that may provide exemptive relief if required for direct or indirect prohibited transactions that may arise from the purchase or holding of the notes. These exemptions are:

PTCE 84-14, an exemption for certain transactions determined or effected by independent qualified professional asset managers;

PTCE 90-1, an exemption for certain transactions involving insurance company pooled separate accounts;

PTCE 91-38, an exemption for certain transactions involving bank collective investment funds;

PTCE 95-60, an exemption for transactions involving certain insurance company general accounts; and

PTCE 96-23, an exemption for plan asset transactions managed by in-house asset managers.

The notes may not be purchased or held by (1) any plan, (2) any entity whose underlying assets include plan assets by reason of any plan's investment in the entity (a plan asset entity) or (3) any person investing plan assets of any plan, unless in each case the purchaser or holder is eligible for the exemptive relief available under one or more of the PTCEs listed above or another applicable similar exemption. Any purchaser or holder of the notes or any interest in the notes will be deemed to have represented by its purchase and holding of the notes that it either (1) is not a plan or a plan asset entity and is not purchasing those notes on behalf of or with plan assets of any plan or plan asset entity or (2) with respect to the purchase or holding, is eligible for the exemptive relief available under any of the PTCEs listed above or another applicable exemption. In addition, any purchaser or holder of the notes or any interest in the notes which is a non-ERISA arrangement will be deemed to have represented by its purchase and holding of the notes that its purchase and holding will not violate the provisions of any similar law.

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Due to the complexity of these rules and the penalties that may be imposed upon persons involved in non-exempt prohibited transactions, it is important that fiduciaries or other persons considering purchasing the notes on behalf of or with plan assets of any plan, plan asset entity or non-ERISA arrangement consult with their counsel regarding the availability of exemptive relief under any of the PTCEs listed above or any other applicable exemption, or the potential consequences of any purchase or holding under similar laws, as applicable.

If you are an insurance company or the fiduciary of a pension plan or an employee benefit plan, and propose to invest in the notes, you should consult your legal counsel.

USE OF PROCEEDS AND HEDGING

The net proceeds from the sale of the notes will be used as described under Use of Proceeds in the accompanying prospectus and to hedge market risks of Wachovia associated with its obligation to pay the maturity payment amount at the maturity of the notes.

The hedging activity discussed above may adversely affect the market value of the notes from time to time and the maturity payment amount you will receive on the notes at maturity. See Risk Factors Purchases and sales by us or our affiliates may affect your return and Potential conflicts of interest could arise for a discussion of these adverse effects.

SUPPLEMENTAL PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

Wachovia Securities, an agent under the distribution agreement, has agreed, subject to the terms and conditions of the distribution agreement and a terms agreement, to purchase from Wachovia as principal \$7,250,000 aggregate principal amount of notes.

The distribution agreement provides that the obligations of Wachovia Securities are subject to certain conditions and that Wachovia Securities is obligated to purchase the notes. Wachovia Securities has advised Wachovia that it proposes initially to offer all or part of the notes directly to the public at the offering price set forth on the cover page of this prospectus supplement. After the initial public offering, the public offering price may be changed and a concession to dealers may be offered. Wachovia Securities is offering the notes subject to receipt and acceptance and subject to its right to reject any order in whole or in part.

Proceeds to be received by Wachovia in this offering will be net of the underwriting discount, commission and expenses payable by Wachovia.

The Agents may use this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus for offers and sales related to market-making transactions in the notes. The Agents may act as principal or agent in these transactions, and the sales will be made at prices related to prevailing market prices at the time of sale.

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The participation of Wachovia Securities in the offer and sale of the notes must comply with the requirements of Rule 2720 of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. regarding underwriting securities of an affiliate. Wachovia Securities will not execute a transaction in the notes in a discretionary account without the prior specific written approval of such member's customer.

No action has been or will be taken by Wachovia or the Agents that would permit a public offering of the notes or possession or distribution of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus in any jurisdiction, other than the United States, where action for that purpose is required. No offers, sales or deliveries of the notes, or distribution of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus, may be

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made in or from any jurisdiction except in circumstances which will result in compliance with any applicable laws and regulations and will not impose any obligations on Wachovia or the Agents. In respect of specific jurisdictions, please note the following:

The notes will not be offered or sold to any persons who are Residents of the Bahamas within the meaning of the Exchange Control Regulations of 1956 issued by the Central Bank of the Bahamas.

The notes may not be offered or sold to the public in Brazil. Accordingly, the notes have not been submitted to the Comissao de Valores Mobiliarios for approval. Documents relating to this offering may not be supplied to the public as a public offering in Brazil or be used in connection with any offer for subscription or sale to the public in Brazil.

Neither the notes nor Wachovia Corporation are registered in the Securities Registry of the Superintendency of Securities and Insurance in Chile.

The notes have not been registered with the National Registry of Securities maintained by the Mexican National Banking and Securities Commission and may not be offered or sold publicly in Mexico. This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus may not be publicly distributed in Mexico.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

Third Quarter 2004 Results

On October 15, 2004, Wachovia announced its results of operations for the quarter ended September 30, 2004. Wachovia's earnings were \$1.26 billion in the third quarter of 2004 compared with earnings of \$1.11 billion in the third quarter of 2003. On a per share basis, earnings were \$0.96 compared with \$0.83 a year ago.

In the first nine months of 2004, earnings were \$3.77 billion or \$2.85 per share, compared with \$3.16 billion, or \$2.35 per share, in the first nine months of 2003.

Tax-equivalent net interest income was \$3.03 billion in the third quarter of 2004 compared with \$2.72 billion in the third quarter of 2003. Fee and other income was \$2.59 billion in the third quarter of 2004 compared with \$2.62 billion in the third quarter of 2003.

Nonperforming assets were \$899 million, or 0.51% of net loans and foreclosed properties, at September 30, 2004, compared with \$1.51 billion, or 0.91% at September 30, 2003. Annualized net charge-offs as a percentage of average net loans were 0.15% in the third quarter of 2004 compared with 0.33% in the third quarter of 2003. The provision for credit losses was \$43 million in the third quarter of 2004 compared with \$81 million in the third quarter of 2003.

Net loans at September 30, 2004, were \$174.5 billion compared with \$165.9 billion a year ago. Total deposits were \$253.0 billion at September 30, 2004, compared with \$203.5 billion a year ago. Stockholders' equity was \$33.9 billion at September 30, 2004, compared with \$32.8 billion a year ago. At September 30, 2004, Wachovia had assets of \$436.7 billion.

SouthTrust Merger

On June 21, 2004, Wachovia announced that it had entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of June 20, 2004, with SouthTrust Corporation (SouthTrust), providing for the merger of SouthTrust with and into Wachovia. The proposed merger is subject to customary closing conditions, including regulatory and shareholder approvals and is expected to be completed in the fourth quarter of 2004. On October 15, 2004, the Federal Reserve Board approved the application for the merger.

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As of June 30, 2004, SouthTrust reported assets of \$53 billion, consolidated total deposits of \$37 billion and consolidated total stockholders equity of \$4 billion. Under the terms of the merger agreement with SouthTrust, Wachovia will exchange 0.89 shares of Wachovia common stock for each outstanding share of SouthTrust common stock. Wachovia expects to issue approximately 318 million shares of Wachovia common stock upon consummation of the SouthTrust merger. For more information about the SouthTrust merger, see Wachovia's Current Report on Form 8-K dated June 21, 2004, and Wachovia's Registration Statement on Form S-4 (No. 333-117283) and "Where You Can Find More Information" on page 3 of the attached prospectus.

Certain Proceedings

Wachovia's periodic reports filed with the SEC contain information regarding certain pending legal and regulatory proceedings involving Wachovia. As disclosed in Wachovia's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended June 30, 2004, on July 23, 2004, the SEC staff advised Wachovia that the staff is considering recommending to the SEC that it institute an enforcement action against Wachovia and certain former legacy Wachovia officers, some of whom remain with the combined company, relating to legacy Wachovia's purchases of legacy First Union common stock and the disclosures made by both legacy companies related to those purchases following the April 2001 announcement of the merger between First Union and legacy Wachovia. Wachovia has made a written Wells submission in response to the SEC staff setting forth the reasons why Wachovia believes the SEC should not commence any enforcement action.

In addition, in connection with ongoing regulatory investigations of various practices in the securities and mutual fund industries, on July 28, 2004, the SEC staff advised Wachovia's investment advisory subsidiary that the staff is considering recommending to the SEC that it institute an enforcement action against the investment advisory subsidiary, Evergreen Investment Management Company, LLC, and other Evergreen entities. The SEC staff's proposed allegations relate to (i) an arrangement involving a former Evergreen employee and an individual broker pursuant to which the broker, on behalf of a client, made exchanges to and from a mutual fund during the period December 2000 through April 2003 in excess of the limitations set forth in the mutual fund prospectus, (ii) purchase and sale activity from September 2001 through January 2003 by a former Evergreen portfolio manager in the mutual fund he managed at the time, (iii) the sufficiency of systems for monitoring exchanges and enforcing exchange limitations stated in mutual fund prospectuses, and (iv) the adequacy of e-mail retention practices. In addition, on September 17, 2004, the SEC staff advised Wachovia's retail brokerage subsidiary, Wachovia Securities, that the staff is considering recommending to the SEC that it institute an enforcement action against the brokerage subsidiary regarding the allegations described in (i) of the preceding sentence. Wachovia currently intends to make a written Wells submission explaining why Wachovia believes the enforcement action should not be instituted.

In addition, as disclosed in Wachovia's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended March 31, 2004, on July 26, 2000, a jury in the Philadelphia County (PA) Court of Common Pleas returned a verdict in the case captioned *Pioneer Commercial Funding Corporation v. American Financial Mortgage Corporation, CoreStates Bank, N.A., et al.* The verdict against CoreStates Bank, N.A., a predecessor of Wachovia Bank, National Association, included consequential damages of \$13.5 million and punitive damages of \$337.5 million. The trial court had earlier directed a verdict against CoreStates for compensatory damages of \$1.7 million. Upon Wachovia's motion, the trial court reduced the amount of the punitive damages award to \$40.5 million in December 2000. In March 2002, the Pennsylvania Superior Court vacated the award of punitive damages, affirmed the awards of consequential and compensatory damages and remanded the case for a new trial on punitive damages. On August 19, 2004, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court reversed the Pennsylvania Superior Court's judgment and remanded the case to the trial court for an entry of judgment in favor of Wachovia on all counts.

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Based on information currently available, advice of counsel, available insurance coverage and established reserves, Wachovia believes that the eventual outcome of the actions against Wachovia and/or its subsidiaries, including the matters described above, in Wachovia's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003, in Wachovia's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended March 31, 2004, and in Wachovia's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended June 30, 2004, will not, individually or in the aggregate, have a material adverse effect on Wachovia's consolidated financial position or results of operations. However, in the event of unexpected future developments it is possible that the ultimate resolution of those matters, if unfavorable, may be material to Wachovia's results of operations for any particular period.

Wachovia has been advised that the large accounting firms have recently discussed with the staff of the Financial Accounting Standards Board the accounting of leveraged leases used by public companies. If a change is made, it may result in a one-time charge to earnings and, thereafter, increased earnings in an approximate equal aggregate amount over the future life of the leases.

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WACHOVIA CORPORATION

(Formerly named First Union Corporation)

Senior Global Medium-Term Notes, Series E

and

Subordinated Global Medium-Term Notes, Series F

Terms of Sale

Wachovia Corporation may from time to time offer and sell notes with various terms, including the following:

stated maturity of 9 months or longer	amount of principal or interest may be determined by reference to an index or formula
fixed or floating interest rate, zero-coupon or issued with original issue discount; a floating interest rate may be based on:	book-entry form only through The Depository Trust Company
commercial paper rate	redemption at the option of Wachovia or repayment at the option of the holder
prime rate	interest on notes paid monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or annually
LIBOR	denominations of \$1,000 and multiples of \$1,000

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EURIBOR	denominated in a currency other than U.S dollars or in a composite currency
treasury rate	settlement in immediately available funds
CMT rate	
CD rate	
federal funds rate	
ranked as senior or subordinated indebtedness of Wachovia	

The final terms of each note will be included in a pricing supplement. Wachovia will receive between \$3,995,000,000 and \$3,960,000,000 of the proceeds from the sale of the notes, after paying the agents' commissions of between \$5,000,000 and \$40,000,000.

Wachovia has filed an application to list notes issued under this prospectus on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange. The Luxembourg Stock Exchange has advised us that with respect to notes so listed, this prospectus is valid for one year from the date of this prospectus.

Prior to September 1, 2001, our company was named First Union Corporation. We changed our name on September 1, 2001, following our merger with the former Wachovia Corporation.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission, any state securities commission or the Commissioner of Insurance of the state of North Carolina has approved or disapproved of the securities or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

These securities will be our unsecured obligations and will not be savings accounts, deposits or other obligations of any bank or non-bank subsidiary of ours and are not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Bank Insurance Fund or any other governmental agency.

Wachovia may sell the notes directly or through one or more agents or dealers, including the agents listed below. The agents are not required to sell any particular amount of the notes.

Wachovia may use this prospectus in the initial sale of any notes. In addition, First Union Securities, Inc. or any other affiliate of Wachovia may use this prospectus in a market-making or other transaction in any note after its initial sale. *Unless Wachovia or its agent informs the purchaser otherwise in the confirmation of sale or pricing supplement, this prospectus is being used in a market-making transaction.*

Wachovia Securities

This prospectus is dated May 31, 2002

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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

General

This document is called a prospectus and is part of a registration statement that we filed with the SEC using a shelf registration or continuous offering process. Under this shelf registration, we may from time to time sell any combination of the securities described in this prospectus in one or more offerings up to a total dollar amount of \$4,000,000,000.

This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities we may offer. Each time we sell securities we will provide a pricing supplement containing specific information about the terms of the securities being offered. That pricing supplement may include a discussion of any risk factors or other special considerations that apply to those securities. The pricing supplement may also add, update or change the information in this prospectus. If there is any inconsistency between the information in this prospectus and any pricing supplement, you should rely on the information in that pricing supplement. You should read both this prospectus and any pricing supplement together with additional information described under the heading **Where You Can Find More Information**.

The registration statement containing this prospectus, including exhibits to the registration statement, provides additional information about us and the securities offered under this prospectus. The registration statement can be read at the SEC web site or at the SEC offices mentioned under the heading **Where You Can Find More Information**.

When acquiring any securities discussed in this prospectus, you should rely only on the information provided in this prospectus and in any pricing supplement, including the information incorporated by reference. Neither we nor any underwriters or agents have authorized anyone to provide you with different information. We are not offering the securities in any state where the offer is prohibited. You should not assume that the information in this prospectus, any pricing supplement or any document incorporated by reference is truthful or complete at any date other than the date mentioned on the cover page of these documents.

We may sell securities to underwriters who will sell the securities to the public on terms fixed at the time of sale. In addition, the securities may be sold by us directly or through dealers or agents designated from time to time, which agents may be our affiliates. If we, directly or through agents, solicit offers to purchase the securities, we reserve the sole right to accept and, together with our agents, to reject, in whole or in part, any of those offers.

The pricing supplement will contain the names of the underwriters, dealers or agents, if any, together with the terms of offering, the compensation of those underwriters and the net proceeds to us. Any underwriters, dealers or agents participating in the offering may be deemed underwriters within the meaning of the Securities Act of 1933 (the **Securities Act**).

One or more of our subsidiaries, including First Union Securities, Inc., may buy and sell any of the securities after the securities are issued as part of their business as a broker-dealer. Those subsidiaries may use this prospectus and the related pricing supplement in those transactions. Any sale by a subsidiary will be made at the prevailing market price at the time of sale. Unless otherwise mentioned or unless the context requires otherwise, any reference in this prospectus to **Wachovia Securities** means First Union Securities, Inc. and does not mean Wachovia Securities, Inc., a broker-dealer subsidiary of Wachovia which is not participating in this offering.

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Unless otherwise mentioned or unless the context requires otherwise, all references in this prospectus to Wachovia , we , us , our or similar references mean Wachovia Corporation and its subsidiaries.

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Selling Restrictions Outside the United States

Offers and sales of the notes are subject to restrictions in the United Kingdom. The distribution of this prospectus and the offering of the notes in certain other jurisdictions may also be restricted by law. This prospectus does not constitute an offer of, or an invitation on Wachovia's behalf or on behalf of the agents or any of them to subscribe to or purchase, any of the notes. This prospectus may not be used for or in connection with an offer or solicitation by anyone in any jurisdiction in which such an offer or solicitation is not authorized or to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such an offer or solicitation. Please refer to the section entitled "Plan of Distribution".

As long as the notes are listed on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange, a supplemental prospectus will be prepared and filed with the Luxembourg Stock Exchange in the event of a material change in the financial condition of Wachovia that is not reflected in this prospectus, for the use in connection with any subsequent issue of debt securities to be listed on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange. As long as the notes are listed on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange, if the terms and conditions of the notes are modified or amended in a manner which would make this prospectus materially inaccurate or misleading, a new prospectus or supplemental prospectus will be prepared.

Wachovia accepts responsibility for the information contained in this prospectus. The Luxembourg Stock Exchange takes no responsibility for the contents of this document, makes no representation as to its accuracy or completeness and expressly disclaims any liability whatsoever for any loss no matter how arising from or in reliance upon the whole or any part of the contents of this prospectus.

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WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. You may read and copy any document we file at the SEC's public reference room in Washington, D.C. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the public reference rooms. In addition, our SEC filings are available to the public at the SEC's web site at <http://www.sec.gov>. You can also inspect reports, proxy statements and other information about us at the offices of the New York Stock Exchange, 20 Broad Street, New York, New York.

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference into this prospectus the information in documents we file with it. This means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents. The information incorporated by reference is considered to be a part of this prospectus and should be read with the same care. When we update the information contained in documents that have been incorporated by reference by making future filings with the SEC the information incorporated by reference in this prospectus is considered to be automatically updated and superseded. In other words, in the case of a conflict or inconsistency between information contained in this prospectus and information incorporated by reference into this prospectus, you should rely on the information contained in the document that was filed later. We incorporate by reference the documents listed below and any documents we file with the SEC in the future under Section 13(a), 13(c), 14, or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act) until our offering is completed:

Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2001;

Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2002; and

Current Reports on Form 8-K dated August 30, 2001, September 6, 2001, January 23, 2002 and April 18, 2002.

You may request a copy of these filings, other than an exhibit to a filing unless that exhibit is specifically incorporated by reference into that filing, at no cost, by writing to or telephoning us at the following address:

Corporate Relations

Wachovia Corporation

One Wachovia Center

301 South College Street

Charlotte, North Carolina 28288-0206

(704) 374-6782

As long as the notes are listed on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange, you may also obtain documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus free of charge from the Luxembourg Listing Agent or the Luxembourg Paying Agent and Transfer Agent.

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FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus and applicable pricing supplements contain or incorporate statements that are forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act and Section 21E of the Exchange Act. These statements can be identified by the use of forward-looking language such as will likely result, may, are expected to, is anticipated, estimate, projected, intends to, or other similar words. Our actual performance or achievements could be significantly different from the results expressed in or implied by these forward-looking statements. These statements are subject to certain risks and uncertainties, including but not limited to certain risks described in the pricing supplement or the documents incorporated by reference. When considering these forward-looking statements, you should keep in mind these risks, uncertainties and other cautionary statements made in this prospectus and the pricing supplements. You should not place undue reliance on any forward-looking statement, which speaks only as of the date made. You should refer to our periodic and current reports filed with the SEC for specific risks which could cause actual results to be significantly different from those expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements.

WACHOVIA CORPORATION

Wachovia was incorporated under the laws of North Carolina in 1967. We are registered as a financial holding company and a bank holding company under the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, as amended, and are supervised and regulated by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. Our banking and securities subsidiaries are supervised and regulated by various federal and state banking and securities regulatory authorities. On September 1, 2001, the former Wachovia Corporation merged with and into First Union Corporation, and First Union Corporation changed its name to Wachovia Corporation.

In addition to North Carolina, Wachovia's full-service banking subsidiaries operate in Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Virginia and Washington, D.C. These full-service banking subsidiaries provide a wide range of commercial and retail banking and trust services. Wachovia also provides various other financial services, including mortgage banking, home equity lending, leasing, investment banking, insurance and securities brokerage services through other subsidiaries.

In 1985, the Supreme Court upheld regional interstate banking legislation. Since then, Wachovia has concentrated its efforts on building a large regional banking organization in what it perceives to be some of the better banking markets in the eastern United States. Since November 1985, Wachovia has completed over 90 banking-related acquisitions.

Wachovia continually evaluates its business operations and organizational structures to ensure they are aligned closely with its goal of maximizing performance in its core business lines, Capital Management, Wealth Management, the General Bank and Corporate and Investment Banking. When consistent with our overall business strategy, we may consider the disposition of certain of our assets, branches, subsidiaries or lines of business. We continue to routinely explore acquisition opportunities, particularly in areas that would complement our core business lines, and frequently conduct due diligence activities in connection with possible acquisitions. As a result, acquisition discussions and, in some cases, negotiations frequently take place, and future acquisitions involving cash, debt or equity securities can be expected.

Wachovia is a separate and distinct legal entity from its banking and other subsidiaries. Dividends received from our subsidiaries are our principal source of funds to pay dividends on our common and preferred stock and debt service on our debt. Various federal and state statutes and regulations limit the amount of dividends that our banking and other subsidiaries may pay to us without regulatory approval.

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RISK FACTORS

Our Credit Ratings May Not Reflect All Risks of An Investment in the Notes

The credit ratings of our medium-term note program may not reflect the potential impact of all risks related to structure and other factors on any trading market for, or trading value of, your notes. In addition, real or anticipated changes in our credit ratings will generally effect any trading market for, or trading value of, your notes.

Risks Relating to Indexed Notes

We use the term *indexed notes* to mean notes whose value is linked to an underlying property or index. Indexed notes may present a high level of risk, and those who invest in indexed notes may lose their entire investment. In addition, the treatment of indexed notes for U.S. federal income tax purposes is often unclear due to the absence of any authority specifically addressing the issues presented by any particular indexed note. Thus, if you propose to invest in indexed notes, you should independently evaluate the federal income tax consequences of purchasing an indexed note that apply in your particular circumstances. You should also read *United States Taxation* for a discussion of U.S. tax matters.

Investors in Indexed Notes Could Lose Their Investment

The amount of principal and/or interest payable on an indexed note and the cash value or physical settlement value of a physically settled note will be determined by reference to the price, value or level of one or more securities, currencies, commodities or other properties, any other financial, economic or other measure or instrument, including the occurrence or non-occurrence of any event or circumstance, and/or one or more indices or baskets of any of these items. We refer to each of these as an *index*. The direction and magnitude of the change in the price, value or level of the relevant index will determine the amount of principal and/or interest payable on the indexed note, and the cash value or physical settlement value of a physically settled note. The terms of a particular indexed note may or may not include a guaranteed return of a percentage of the face amount at maturity or a minimum interest rate. Thus, if you purchase an indexed note, you may lose all or a portion of the principal or other amount you invest and may receive no interest on your investment.

The Issuer of a Security or Currency That Serves as an Index Could Take Actions That May Adversely Affect an Indexed Note

The issuer of a security that serves as an index or part of an index for an indexed note will have no involvement in the offer and sale of the indexed note and no obligations to the holder of the indexed note. The issuer may take actions, such as a merger or sale of assets, without regard to the interests of the holder. Any of these actions could adversely affect the value of a note indexed to that security or to an index of which that security is a component.

If the index for an indexed note includes a non-U.S. dollar currency or other asset denominated in a non-U.S. dollar currency, the government that issues that currency will also have no involvement in the offer and sale of the indexed note and no obligations to the holder of the indexed note. That government may take actions that could adversely affect the value of the note. See *Risks Relating to Notes Denominated or Payable*

in or Linked to a Non-U.S. Dollar Currency below for more information about these kinds of government actions.

An Indexed Note May Be Linked to a Volatile Index, Which Could Hurt Your Investment

Some indices are highly volatile, which means that their value may change significantly, up or down, over a short period of time. The amount of principal or interest that can be expected to become payable on an

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indexed note may vary substantially from time to time. Because the amounts payable with respect to an indexed note are generally calculated based on the value or level of the relevant index on a specified date or over a limited period of time, volatility in the index increases the risk that the return on the indexed note may be adversely affected by a fluctuation in the level of the relevant index.

The volatility of an index may be affected by political or economic events, including governmental actions, or by the activities of participants in the relevant markets. Any of these events or activities could adversely affect the value of an indexed note.

An Index to Which a Note Is Linked Could Be Changed or Become Unavailable

Some indices compiled by us or our affiliates or third parties may consist of or refer to several or many different securities, commodities or currencies or other instruments or measures. The compiler of such an index typically reserves the right to alter the composition of the index and the manner in which the value or level of the index is calculated. An alteration may result in a decrease in the value of or return on an indexed note that is linked to the index. The indices for our indexed notes may include published indices of this kind or customized indices developed by us or our affiliates in connection with particular issues of indexed notes.

A published index may become unavailable, or a customized index may become impossible to calculate in the normal manner, due to events such as war, natural disasters, cessation of publication of the index or a suspension or disruption of trading in one or more securities, commodities or currencies or other instruments or measures on which the index is based. If an index becomes unavailable or impossible to calculate in the normal manner, the terms of a particular indexed note may allow us to delay determining the amount payable as principal or interest on an indexed note, or we may use an alternative method to determine the value of the unavailable index. Alternative methods of valuation are generally intended to produce a value similar to the value resulting from reference to the relevant index. However, it is unlikely that any alternative method of valuation we use will produce a value identical to the value that the actual index would produce. If we use an alternative method of valuation for a note linked to an index of this kind, the value of the note, or the rate of return on it, may be lower than it otherwise would be.

Some indexed notes are linked to indices that are not commonly used or that have been developed only recently. The lack of a trading history may make it difficult to anticipate the volatility or other risks associated with an indexed note of this kind. In addition, trading in these indices or their underlying stocks, commodities or currencies or other instruments or measures, or options or futures contracts on these stocks, commodities or currencies or other instruments or measures, may be limited, which could increase their volatility and decrease the value of the related indexed notes or the rates of return on them.

We May Engage in Hedging Activities that Could Adversely Affect an Indexed Note

In order to hedge an exposure on a particular indexed note, we may, directly or through our affiliates, enter into transactions involving the securities, commodities or currencies or other instruments or measures that underlie the index for the note, or involving derivative instruments, such as swaps, options or futures, on the index or any of its component items. By engaging in transactions of this kind, we could adversely affect the value of an indexed note. It is possible that we could achieve substantial returns from our hedging transactions while the value of the indexed note may decline.

Information About Indices May Not Be Indicative of Future Performance

If we issue an indexed note, we may include historical information about the relevant index in the relevant pricing supplement. Any information about indices that we may provide will be furnished as a matter of information only, and you should not regard the information as indicative of the range of, or trends in, fluctuations in the relevant index that may occur in the future.

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We May Have Conflicts of Interest Regarding an Indexed Note

First Union Securities, Inc. and our other affiliates may have conflicts of interest with respect to some indexed notes. First Union Securities, Inc. and our other affiliates may engage in trading, including trading for hedging purposes, for their proprietary accounts or for other accounts under their management, in indexed notes and in the securities, commodities or currencies or other instruments or measures on which the index is based or in other derivative instruments related to the index or its component items. These trading activities could adversely affect the value of indexed notes. We and our affiliates may also issue or underwrite securities or derivative instruments that are linked to the same index as one or more indexed notes. By introducing competing products into the marketplace in this manner, we could adversely affect the value of an indexed note.

Wachovia Bank, N.A. (formerly named First Union National Bank) or another of our affiliates may serve as calculation agent for the indexed notes and may have considerable discretion in calculating the amounts payable in respect of the notes. To the extent that Wachovia Bank, N.A. or another of our affiliates calculates or compiles a particular index, it may also have considerable discretion in performing the calculation or compilation of the index. Exercising discretion in this manner could adversely affect the value of an indexed note based on the index or the rate of return on the security.

Risks Relating to Notes Denominated or Payable in or Linked to a Non-U.S. Dollar Currency

If you intend to invest in a non-U.S. dollar note e.g., a note whose principal and/or interest is payable in a currency other than U.S. dollars or that may be settled by delivery of or reference to a non-U.S. dollar currency or property denominated in or otherwise linked to a non-U.S. dollar currency you should consult your own financial and legal advisors as to the currency risks entailed by your investment. Notes of this kind may not be an appropriate investment for investors who are unsophisticated with respect to non-U.S. dollar currency transactions.

An Investment in a Non-U.S. Dollar Note Involves Currency-Related Risks

An investment in a non-U.S. dollar note entails significant risks that are not associated with a similar investment in a note that is payable solely in U.S. dollars and where settlement value is not otherwise based on a non-U.S. dollar currency. These risks include the possibility of significant changes in rates of exchange between the U.S. dollar and the various non-U.S. dollar currencies or composite currencies and the possibility of the imposition or modification of foreign exchange controls or other conditions by either the United States or non-U.S. governments. These risks generally depend on factors over which we have no control, such as economic and political events and the supply of and demand for the relevant currencies in the global markets.

Changes in Currency Exchange Rates Can Be Volatile and Unpredictable

Rates of exchange between the U.S. dollar and many other currencies have been highly volatile, and this volatility may continue and perhaps spread to other currencies in the future. Fluctuations in currency exchange rates could adversely affect an investment in a note denominated in, or where value is otherwise linked to, a specified currency other than U.S. dollars. Depreciation of the specified currency against the U.S. dollar could result in a decrease in the U.S. dollar-equivalent value of payments on the note, including the principal payable at maturity. That in turn could cause the market value of the note to fall. Depreciation of the specified currency against the U.S. dollar could result in a loss to the investor on a U.S. dollar basis.

In courts outside of New York, investors may not be able to obtain judgment in a specified currency other than U.S. dollars. For example, a judgment for money in an action based on a non-U.S. dollar note in many other U.S. federal or state courts ordinarily would be enforced in the United States only in U.S. dollars.

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The date used to determine the rate of conversion of the currency in which any particular note is denominated into U.S. dollars will depend upon various factors, including which court renders the judgment.

Information About Exchange Rates May Not Be Indicative of Future Performance

If we issue a non-U.S. dollar note, we may include in the relevant pricing supplement a currency supplement that provides information about historical exchange rates for the relevant non-U.S. dollar currency or currencies. Any information about exchange rates that we may provide will be furnished as a matter of information only, and you should not regard the information as indicative of the range of, or trends in, fluctuations in currency exchange rates that may occur in the future. That rate will likely differ from the exchange rate used under the terms that apply to a particular note.

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Wachovia currently intends to use the net proceeds from the sale of any notes for general corporate purposes, which may include:

reducing debt;

investments at the holding company level;

investing in, or extending credit to, our operating subsidiaries;

acquisitions;

stock repurchases; and

other purposes as mentioned in any pricing supplement.

Pending such use, we may temporarily invest the net proceeds. The precise amounts and timing of the application of proceeds will depend upon our funding requirements and the availability of other funds. Except as mentioned in any pricing supplement, specific allocations of the proceeds to such purposes will not have been made at the date of that pricing supplement.

Based upon our historical and anticipated future growth and our financial needs, we may engage in additional financings of a character and amount that we determine as the need arises.

CONSOLIDATED EARNINGS RATIOS

The following table provides Wachovia's consolidated ratios of earnings to fixed charges and preferred stock dividends:

	Three Months Ended March 31,	Years Ended December 31,				
	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997
Consolidated Ratios of Earnings to Fixed Charges and Preferred Stock Dividends						
Excluding interest on deposits	3.20x	1.61	1.13	2.29	2.13	2.50
Including interest on deposits	1.88x	1.27	1.06	1.62	1.51	1.57

For purposes of computing these ratios

earnings represent income from continuing operations before extraordinary items and cumulative effect of a change in accounting principles, plus income taxes and fixed charges (excluding capitalized interest);

fixed charges, excluding interest on deposits, represent interest (including capitalized interest), one-third of rents and all amortization of debt issuance costs; and

fixed charges, including interest on deposits, represent all interest (including capitalized interest), one-third of rents and all amortization of debt issuance costs.

One-third of rents is used because it is the proportion deemed representative of the interest factor.

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The following is selected unaudited consolidated condensed financial information for Wachovia for the three months ended March 31, 2002, and for the year ended December 31, 2001. The summary below should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements of Wachovia, and the related notes thereto, and the other detailed information contained in Wachovia's March 31, 2002 Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and 2001 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2002	Year Ended December 31, 2001(a)
(In millions, except per share data)		
CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED SUMMARIES OF INCOME		
Interest income	\$ 3,903	\$ 16,100
Interest expense	1,477	8,325
Net interest income	2,426	7,775
Provision for loan losses	339	1,947
Net interest income after provision for loan losses	2,087	5,828
Securities transactions	(6)	(67)
Noninterest income	2,033	6,363
Merger-related and restructuring charges	(8)	106
Noninterest expense	2,777	9,725
Income before income taxes	1,345	2,293
Income taxes	432	674
Net income	913	1,619
Dividends on preferred stock	6	6
Net income available to common stockholders	\$ 907	\$ 1,613
PER COMMON SHARE DATA		
Basic earnings	\$ 0.67	\$ 1.47
Diluted earnings	0.66	1.45
Cash dividends	0.24	0.96
Average common shares basic	1,355	1,096
Average common shares diluted	\$ 1,366	\$ 1,105
CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED PERIOD-END BALANCE SHEETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 26,548	\$ 34,711
Trading account assets	28,227	25,386
Securities	57,382	58,467
Loans, net of unearned income	162,294	163,801
Allowance for loan losses	(2,986)	(2,995)
Loans, net	159,308	160,806
Goodwill and other intangibles	12,716	12,772
Other assets	35,672	38,310
Total assets	\$ 319,853	\$ 330,452

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Deposits	180,033	187,453
Short-term borrowings	46,559	44,385
Trading account liabilities	10,261	11,437
Other liabilities	14,279	16,989
Long-term debt	39,936	41,733
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Total liabilities	291,068	301,997
Stockholders' equity	28,785	28,455
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Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 319,853	\$ 330,452
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(a) The merger of the former Wachovia Corporation and First Union Corporation closed on September 1, 2001, and was accounted for under the purchase method of accounting.

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The following table sets forth the unaudited capitalization of Wachovia at March 31, 2002.

<i>(In millions)</i>	March 31, 2002
Long-term Debt	
Total long-term debt	\$ 39,936
Stockholders Equity	
Dividend Equalization Preferred shares, issued 97 million shares	11
Common stock, authorized 3 billion shares, issued 1.368 billion shares	4,559
Paid-in capital	17,989
Retained earnings	6,136
Accumulated other comprehensive income, net	90
Total stockholders equity	28,785
Total long-term debt and stockholders equity	\$ 68,721

As of the date of this prospectus, there has been no material change in the capitalization of Wachovia since March 31, 2002.

REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS

As a financial holding company and a bank holding company under the Bank Holding Company Act, the Federal Reserve Board regulates, supervises and examines Wachovia. For a discussion of the material elements of the regulatory framework applicable to financial holding companies, bank holding companies and their subsidiaries and specific information relevant to Wachovia, please refer to Wachovia's annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2001, and any subsequent reports we file with the SEC, which are incorporated by reference in this prospectus. This regulatory framework is intended primarily for the protection of depositors and the federal deposit insurance funds and not for the protection of security holders. As a result of this regulatory framework, Wachovia's earnings are affected by actions of the Federal Reserve Board, the Office of Comptroller of the Currency, that regulates our banking subsidiaries, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, that insures the deposits of our banking subsidiaries within certain limits, and the SEC, that regulates the activities of certain subsidiaries engaged in the securities business.

Wachovia's earnings are also affected by general economic conditions, our management policies and legislative action.

In addition, there are numerous governmental requirements and regulations that affect our business activities. A change in applicable statutes, regulations or regulatory policy may have a material effect on Wachovia's business.

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Depository institutions, like Wachovia's bank subsidiaries, are also affected by various federal laws, including those relating to consumer protection and similar matters. Wachovia also has other financial services subsidiaries regulated, supervised and examined by the Federal Reserve Board, as well as other relevant state and federal regulatory agencies and self-regulatory organizations. Wachovia's non-bank subsidiaries may be subject to other laws and regulations of the federal government or the various states in which they are authorized to do business.

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DESCRIPTION OF THE NOTES WE MAY OFFER

The following information outlines some of the provisions of the indentures and the notes. This information may not be complete in all respects, and is qualified entirely by reference to the indenture under which the notes are issued. These indentures are incorporated by reference as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part. This information relates to certain terms and conditions that generally apply to the notes. The specific terms of any series of notes will be described in the relevant pricing supplement. As you read this section, please remember that the specific terms of your note as described in your pricing supplement will supplement and, if applicable, may modify or replace the general terms described in this section. If your pricing supplement is inconsistent with this prospectus, your pricing supplement will control with regard to your note. Thus, the statements we make in this section may not apply to your note.

General

Senior notes will be issued under an indenture, dated as of April 1, 1983, as amended and supplemented, between Wachovia and JPMorgan Chase Bank, (formerly known as The Chase Manhattan Bank) as trustee. Subordinated notes will be issued under an indenture, dated as of March 15, 1986, as amended and supplemented, between Wachovia and Bank One Trust Company, N.A., as trustee. Each of the senior and the subordinated notes constitutes a single series of debt securities of Wachovia issued under the senior and the subordinated indenture, respectively. The term debt securities, as used in this prospectus, refers to all debt securities, including the notes, issued and issuable from time to time under the relevant indenture. The indentures are subject to, and governed by, the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended. These indentures are more fully described below in this section. Whenever we refer to specific provisions or defined terms in one or both of the indentures, those provisions or defined terms are incorporated in this prospectus by reference. Section references used in this discussion are references to the relevant indenture. Capitalized terms which are not otherwise defined shall have the meaning given to them in the relevant indenture. As long as the notes are listed on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange, the indentures will be available for inspection at the offices of the Luxembourg Listing Agent and Luxembourg Paying Agent and Transfer Agent.

The notes will be limited to an aggregate initial offering price of \$4,000,000,000, or at Wachovia's option if so specified in the relevant pricing supplement, the equivalent of this amount in any other currency or currency unit, and will be Wachovia's direct, unsecured obligations. The notes will not be deposits or other bank obligations and will not be FDIC insured.

The notes are being offered on a continuous basis by Wachovia through one or more agents listed under Plan of Distribution. The indentures do not limit the aggregate principal amount of senior or subordinated notes that we may issue. We may, from time to time, without the consent of the holders of the notes, provide for the issuance of notes or other debt securities under the indentures in addition to the \$4,000,000,000 aggregate initial offering price of notes noted on the cover of this prospectus. Each note issued under this prospectus will mature nine months or more from its date of issue, as selected by the purchaser and agreed to by Wachovia and may be subject to redemption or repayment before its stated maturity. Notes may be issued at significant discounts from their principal amount due on the stated maturity (or on any prior date on which the principal or an installment of principal of a note becomes due and payable, whether by the declaration of acceleration, call for redemption at the option of Wachovia, repayment at the option of the holder or otherwise), and some notes may not bear interest. Wachovia may from time to time, without the consent of the existing holders of the relevant notes, create and issue further notes having the same terms and conditions as such notes in all respects, except for the issue date, issue price and, if applicable, the first payment of interest thereon. Additional notes issued in this manner will be consolidated with, and will form a single series with, the previously outstanding notes.

Unless we specify otherwise in the relevant pricing supplement, currency amounts in this prospectus are expressed in United States dollars. Unless we specify otherwise in any note and pricing supplement, the notes

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will be denominated in U.S. dollars and payments of principal, premium, if any, and any interest on the notes will be made in U.S. dollars. If any note is to be denominated other than exclusively in U.S. dollars, or if the principal of, premium, if any, or any interest on the note is to be paid in one or more currencies (or currency units or in amounts determined by reference to an index or indices) other than that in which that note is denominated, additional information (including authorized denominations and related exchange rate information) will be provided in the relevant pricing supplement. Unless we specify otherwise in any pricing supplement, notes denominated in U.S. dollars will be issued in denominations of \$1,000 or any integral multiple of \$1,000.

Interest rates that we offer on the notes may differ depending upon, among other factors, the aggregate principal amount of notes purchased in any single transaction. Notes with different variable terms other than interest rates may also be offered concurrently to different investors. We may change interest rates or formulas and other terms of notes from time to time, but no change of terms will affect any note we have previously issued or as to which we have accepted an offer to purchase.

Each note will be issued as a book-entry note in fully registered form without coupons. Each note issued in book-entry form will be represented by a global note that we deposit with and register in the name of a financial institution or its nominee, that we select. The financial institution that we select for this purpose is called the depository. Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable pricing supplement, The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York, will be the depository for all notes in global form. Except as discussed below under "Global Notes", owners of beneficial interests in book-entry notes will not be entitled to physical delivery of notes in certificated form. We will make payments of principal of, and premium, if any and interest, if any, on the notes through the applicable trustee to the depository for the notes. See "Global Notes".

The indentures do not limit the aggregate principal amount of debt securities or of any particular series of debt securities which may be issued under the indentures and provide that these debt securities may be issued at various times in one or more series, in each case with the same or various maturities, at par or at a discount. (*Section 301*) The indentures provide that there may be more than one trustee under the indentures with respect to different series of debt securities. As of March 31, 2002, \$12.5 billion aggregate principal amount of senior debt securities was outstanding under the senior indenture. The senior trustee is trustee for such series. As of March 31, 2002, \$27.5 billion aggregate principal amount of subordinated debt securities was outstanding under the subordinated indenture. The subordinated trustee is trustee for such series.

The indentures do not limit the amount of other debt that Wachovia may issue and do not contain financial or similar restrictive covenants. As of March 31, 2002, Wachovia had an aggregate of \$4.1 billion of short-term senior indebtedness outstanding which consisted primarily of commercial paper. Wachovia expects from time to time to incur additional senior indebtedness and Other Financial Obligations (as defined below). The indentures do not prohibit or limit additional senior indebtedness or Other Financial Obligations.

Because Wachovia is a holding company and a legal entity separate and distinct from its subsidiaries, Wachovia's rights to participate in any distribution of assets of any subsidiary upon its liquidation, reorganization or otherwise, and the holders of notes' ability to benefit indirectly from such distribution, would be subject to prior creditor's claims, except to the extent that Wachovia itself may be a creditor of that subsidiary with recognized claims. Claims on Wachovia's subsidiary banks by creditors other than Wachovia include long-term debt and substantial obligations with respect to deposit liabilities and federal funds purchased, securities sold under repurchase agreements, other short-term borrowings and various other financial obligations. The indentures do not contain any covenants designed to afford holders of notes protection in the event of a highly leveraged transaction involving Wachovia.

Legal Ownership

Street Name and Other Indirect Holders

Investors who hold their notes in accounts at banks or brokers will generally not be recognized by us as legal holders of notes. This is called holding in street name. Instead, we would recognize only the bank or

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broker, or the financial institution the bank or broker uses to hold its notes. These intermediary banks, brokers and other financial institutions pass along principal, interest and other payments on the notes, either because they agree to do so in their customer agreements or because they are legally required to do so. If you hold your notes in street name, you should check with your own institution to find out:

how it handles note payments and notices;

whether it imposes fees or charges;

how it would handle voting if it were ever required;

whether and how you can instruct it to send you notes registered in your own name so you can be a direct holder as described below; and

how it would pursue rights under the notes if there were a default or other event triggering the need for holders to act to protect their interests.

Direct Holders

Our obligations, as well as the obligations of the trustee and those of any third parties employed by us or the trustee, under the notes run only to persons who are registered as holders of notes. As noted above, we do not have obligations to you if you hold in street name or other indirect means, either because you choose to hold your notes in that manner or because the notes are issued in the form of global securities as described below. For example, once we make payment to the registered holder we have no further responsibility for the payment even if that holder is legally required to pass the payment along to you as a street name customer but does not do so.

Global Notes

A global note is a special type of indirectly held security, as described above under [Street Name and Other Indirect Holders](#) . If we choose to issue notes in the form of global notes, the ultimate beneficial owners of global notes can only be indirect holders. We require that the global note be registered in the name of a financial institution we select.

We also require that the notes included in the global note not be transferred to the name of any other direct holder except in the special circumstances described in the section [Global Notes](#) . The financial institution that acts as the sole direct holder of the global note is called the depositary. Any person wishing to own a global note must do so indirectly by virtue of an account with a broker, bank or other financial institution that in turn has an account with the depositary. The pricing supplement indicates whether your series of notes will be issued only in the form of global notes.

Further details of legal ownership are discussed in the section [Global Notes](#) below.

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In the remainder of this description you or holder means direct holders and not street name or other indirect holders of notes. Indirect holders should read the previous subsection titled Street Name and Other Indirect Holders .

Types of Notes

We may issue the following four types of notes:

Fixed Rate Notes. A note of this type will bear interest at a fixed rate described in the applicable pricing supplement. This type includes zero-coupon notes, which bear no interest and are instead issued at a price lower than the principal amount.

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Floating Rate Notes. A note of this type will bear interest at rates that are determined by reference to an interest rate formula. In some cases, the rates may also be adjusted by adding or subtracting a spread or multiplying by a spread multiplier and may be subject to a minimum rate or a maximum rate. The various interest rate formulas and these other features are described below in **Interest Rates Floating Rate Notes** . If your note is a floating rate note, the formula and any adjustments that apply to the interest rate will be specified in your pricing supplement.

Indexed Notes. A note of this type provides that the principal amount payable at its maturity, and/or the amount of interest payable on an interest payment date, will be determined by reference to:

one or more securities;

one or more currencies;

one or more commodities;

any other financial, economic or other measures or instruments, including the occurrence or non-occurrence of any event or circumstance; and/or

indices or baskets of any of these items.

If you are a holder of an indexed note, you may receive a principal amount at maturity that is greater than or less than the face amount of your note depending upon the value of the applicable index at maturity. That value may fluctuate over time. If you purchase an indexed note your pricing supplement will include information about the relevant index and about how amounts that are to become payable will be determined by reference to that index. Before you purchase any indexed note, you should read carefully the section entitled **Risk Factors Risks Relating to Indexed Notes** above.

Exchangeable Notes. We may issue notes, which we refer to as **exchangeable notes**, that are exchangeable, at our option or the option of the holder, into securities of an issuer other than Wachovia or into other property. The exchangeable notes may or may not bear interest or be issued with original issue discount or at a premium. The general terms of the exchangeable notes are described below.

Optionally Exchangeable Notes. The holder of an optionally exchangeable note may, during a period, or at specific times, exchange the note for the underlying property at a specified rate of exchange. If specified in your pricing supplement, we will have the option to redeem the optionally exchangeable note prior to maturity. If the holder of an optionally exchangeable note does not elect to exchange the note prior to maturity or any redemption date, the holder will receive the principal amount of the note plus any accrued interest at maturity or upon redemption.

Mandatorily Exchangeable Notes. At maturity, the holder of a mandatorily exchangeable note must exchange the note for the underlying property at a specified rate of exchange, and, therefore, depending upon the value of the underlying property at maturity, the holder of a mandatorily exchangeable note may receive less than the principal amount of the note at maturity. If so indicated in your pricing supplement, the specified rate at which a mandatorily exchangeable note may be exchanged may vary depending on the value of the underlying property so that, upon exchange, the holder participates in a percentage, which may be less than, equal to, or greater than 100% of the change in value of the underlying property. Mandatorily exchangeable notes may include notes where we have the right, but not the obligation, to require holders of notes to exchange their notes for the underlying property.

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Payments upon Exchange. Your pricing supplement will specify if upon exchange, at maturity or otherwise, the holder of an exchangeable note may receive, at the specified exchange rate, either the underlying property or the cash value of the underlying property. The underlying property may be the securities of either U.S. or foreign entities or both. The exchangeable notes may or may not provide for

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protection against fluctuations in the exchange rate between the currency in which that note is denominated and the currency or currencies in which the market prices of the underlying security or securities are quoted. Exchangeable notes may have other terms, which will be specified in your pricing supplement.

Special Requirements for Exchange of Global Securities. If an optionally exchangeable note is represented by a global security, the depositary's nominee will be the holder of that note and therefore will be the only entity that can exercise a right to exchange. In order to ensure that the depositary's nominee will timely exercise a right to exchange a particular note or any portion of a particular note, the beneficial owner of the note must instruct the broker or other direct or indirect participant through which it holds an interest in that note to notify the depositary of its desire to exercise a right to exchange. Different firms have different deadlines for accepting instructions from their customers. Each beneficial owner should consult the broker or other participant through which it holds an interest in a note in order to ascertain the deadline for ensuring that timely notice will be delivered to the depositary.

Payments upon Acceleration of Maturity or upon Tax Redemption. If the principal amount payable at maturity of any exchangeable note is declared due and payable prior to maturity, the amount payable on:

an optionally exchangeable note will equal the face amount of the note plus accrued interest, if any, to but excluding the date of payment, except that if a holder has exchanged an optionally exchangeable note prior to the date of declaration or tax redemption without having received the amount due upon exchange, the amount payable will be an amount of cash equal to the amount due upon exchange and will not include any accrued but unpaid interest; and

a mandatorily exchangeable note will equal an amount determined as if the date of declaration or tax redemption were the maturity date plus accrued interest, if any, to but excluding the date of payment.

Original Issue Discount Notes

A fixed rate note, a floating rate note or an indexed note may be an original issue discount note. A note of this type is issued at a price lower than its principal amount and provides that, upon redemption or acceleration of its maturity, an amount less than its principal amount will be payable. An original issue discount note may be a zero coupon note. A note issued at a discount to its principal may, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, be considered an original issue discount note, regardless of the amount payable upon redemption or acceleration of maturity. See United States Taxation below for a brief description of the U.S. federal income tax consequences of owning an original issue discount note.

Information in the Pricing Supplement

Your pricing supplement will describe one or more of the following terms of your note:

the stated maturity;

the specified currency or currencies for principal and interest, if not U.S. dollars;

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the price at which we originally issue your note, expressed as a percentage of the principal amount, and the original issue date;

whether your note is a fixed rate note, a floating rate note, an indexed note or an exchangeable note;

if your note is a fixed rate note, the yearly rate at which your note will bear interest, if any, and the interest payment dates;

if your note is a floating rate note, the interest rate basis, which may be one of the eight interest rate bases described in [Interest Rates - Floating Rate Notes](#) below; any applicable index currency or maturity, spread or spread multiplier or initial, maximum or minimum rate; and the

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interest reset, determination, calculation and payment dates, all of which we describe under Interest Rates Floating Rate Notes below;

if your note is an indexed note, the principal amount, if any, we will pay you at maturity, the amount of interest, if any, we will pay you on an interest payment date or the formula we will use to calculate these amounts, if any, and whether your note will be exchangeable for or payable in cash, securities of an issuer other than Wachovia or other property;

if your note is an exchangeable note, the securities or property for which the notes may be exchanged, whether the notes are exchangeable at your option or at Wachovia's option, and the other items described in Exchangeable Notes above;

if your note is an original issue discount note, the yield to maturity;

if applicable, the circumstances under which your note may be redeemed at our option before the stated maturity, including any redemption commencement date, redemption price(s) and redemption period(s);

if applicable, the circumstances under which you may demand repayment of your note before the stated maturity, including any repayment commencement date, repayment price(s) and repayment period(s);

any special United States federal income tax consequences of the purchase, ownership or disposition of a particular issuance of notes;

the use of proceeds, if materially different than those discussed in this prospectus; and

any other terms of your note, which could be different from those described in this prospectus.

Market-Making Transactions. If you purchase your note in a market-making transaction, you will receive information about the price you pay and your trade and settlement dates in a separate confirmation of sale. A market-making transaction is one in which Wachovia Securities or another of our affiliates resells a note that it has previously acquired from another holder. A market-making transaction in a particular note occurs after the original sale of the note.

Redemption at the Option of Wachovia; No Sinking Fund

If an initial redemption date is specified in the applicable pricing supplement, we may redeem the particular notes prior to their stated maturity date at our option on any date on or after that initial redemption date in whole or from time to time in part in increments of \$1,000 or any other integral multiple of an authorized denomination specified in the applicable pricing supplement (provided that any remaining principal amount thereof shall be at least \$1,000 or other minimum authorized denomination applicable thereto), at the applicable redemption price (as defined below), together with unpaid interest accrued thereon to the date of redemption. We must give written notice to registered holders of the particular notes to be redeemed at our option not more than 60 nor less than 30 calendar days prior to the date of redemption. Redemption price, with respect to a note, means an amount equal to the initial redemption percentage specified in the applicable pricing supplement (as adjusted by the annual redemption percentage reduction, if applicable) multiplied by the unpaid principal amount thereof to be redeemed. The initial redemption percentage, if any, applicable to a note shall decline at each anniversary of the initial redemption date by an amount equal to the applicable annual redemption percentage reduction, if any, until the redemption price is equal to 100% of the unpaid principal amount thereof to be redeemed.

The notes will not be subject to, or entitled to the benefit of, any sinking fund.

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Repayment at the Option of the Holder

If one or more optional repayment dates are specified in the applicable pricing supplement, registered holders of the particular notes may require us to repay those notes prior to their stated maturity date on any optional repayment date in whole or from time to time in part in increments of \$1,000 or any other integral multiple of an authorized denomination specified in the applicable pricing supplement (provided that any remaining principal amount thereof shall be at least \$1,000 or other minimum authorized denomination applicable thereto), at a repayment price equal to 100% of the unpaid principal amount thereof to be repaid, together with unpaid interest accrued thereon to the date of repayment. A registered holder's exercise of the repayment option will be irrevocable.

For any note to be repaid, the applicable trustee must receive, at its corporate trust office in the Borough of Manhattan, The City of New York, not more than 60 nor less than 30 calendar days prior to the date of repayment, the particular notes to be repaid and, in the case of a book-entry note, repayment instructions from the applicable beneficial owner (as defined below) to the depositary and forwarded by the depositary.

Only the depositary may exercise the repayment option in respect of global notes representing book-entry notes. Accordingly, beneficial owners of global notes that desire to have all or any portion of the book-entry notes represented thereby repaid must instruct the participant (as defined below) through which they own their interest to direct the depositary to exercise the repayment option on their behalf by forwarding the repayment instructions to the applicable trustee as aforesaid. In order to ensure that these instructions are received by the applicable trustee on a particular day, the applicable beneficial owner must so instruct the participant through which it owns its interest before that participant's deadline for accepting instructions for that day. Different firms may have different deadlines for accepting instructions from their customers. Accordingly, beneficial owners should consult their participants for the respective deadlines. All instructions given to participants from beneficial owners of global notes relating to the option to elect repayment shall be irrevocable. In addition, at the time repayment instructions are given, each beneficial owner shall cause the participant through which it owns its interest to transfer the beneficial owner's interest in the global note representing the related book-entry notes, on the depositary's records, to the applicable trustee. See Global Notes.

If applicable, we will comply with the requirements of Section 14(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), and the rules promulgated thereunder, and any other securities laws or regulations in connection with any repayment of notes at the option of the registered holders thereof.

We may at any time purchase notes at any price or prices in the open market or otherwise. Notes so purchased by us may, at our discretion, be held, resold or surrendered to the applicable trustee for cancellation.

Interest

Each interest-bearing note will bear interest from its date of issue at the rate per annum, in the case of a fixed rate note, or pursuant to the interest rate formula, in the case of a floating rate note, in each case as specified in the applicable pricing supplement, until the principal thereof is paid. We will make interest payments in respect of fixed rate notes and floating rate notes in an amount equal to the interest accrued from and including the immediately preceding interest payment date in respect of which interest has been paid or from and including the date of issue, if no interest has been paid, to but excluding the applicable interest payment date or the maturity date, as the case may be (each, an interest period).

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Interest on fixed rate notes and floating rate notes will be payable in arrears on each interest payment date and on the maturity date. The first payment of interest on any note originally issued between a regular record date and the related interest payment date will be made on the interest payment date immediately following the next succeeding record date to the registered holder on the next succeeding record date. The

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regular record date shall be the fifteenth calendar day, whether or not a business day, immediately preceding the related interest payment date. Business Day is defined below under Interest Rates Special Rate Calculation Terms. For the purpose of determining the holder at the close of business on a regular record date when business is not being conducted, the close of business will mean 5:00 P.M., New York City time, on that day.

Interest Rates

This subsection describes the different kinds of interest rates that may apply to your note, if it bears interest.

Fixed Rate Notes

The relevant pricing supplement will specify the interest payment dates for a fixed rate note as well as the maturity date. Interest on fixed rate notes will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months or such other day count fraction set forth in the pricing supplement.

If any interest payment date or the maturity date of a fixed rate note falls on a day that is not a business day, we will make the required payment of principal, premium, if any, and/or interest on the next succeeding business day, and no additional interest will accrue in respect of the payment made on that next succeeding business day.

Floating Rate Notes

*In this subsection, we use several specialized terms relating to the manner in which floating interest rates are calculated. These terms appear in **bold, italicized** type the first time they appear, and we define these terms in Special Rate Calculation Terms at the end of this subsection.*

The following will apply to floating rate notes.

Interest Rate Basis. We currently expect to issue floating rate notes that bear interest at rates based on one or more of the following interest rate bases:

commercial paper rate;

prime rate;

LIBOR;

EURIBOR;

treasury rate;

CMT rate;

CD rate; and/or

federal funds rate.

We describe each of the interest rate bases in further detail below in this subsection. If you purchase a floating rate note, your pricing supplement will specify the interest rate basis that applies to your note.

Calculation of Interest. Calculations relating to floating rate notes will be made by the calculation agent, an institution that we appoint as our agent for this purpose. That institution may include any affiliate of ours, such as Wachovia Securities or Wachovia Bank, N.A. (formerly named First Union National Bank). If

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other than Wachovia Securities or Wachovia Bank, N.A., the pricing supplement for a particular floating rate note will name the institution that we have appointed to act as the calculation agent for that note as of its original issue date. We may appoint a different institution to serve as calculation agent from time to time after the original issue date of the note without your consent and without notifying you of the change.

For each floating rate note, the calculation agent will determine, on no later than the corresponding interest calculation date or on the interest determination date, as described below, the interest rate that takes effect on each interest reset date. In addition, the calculation agent will calculate the amount of interest that has accrued during each interest period i.e., the period from and including the original issue date, or the last date to which interest has been paid or made available for payment, to but excluding the payment date. For each interest period, the calculation agent will calculate the amount of accrued interest by multiplying the face or other specified amount of the floating rate note by an accrued interest factor for the interest period. This factor will equal the sum of the interest factors calculated for each day during the interest period. The interest factor for each day will be expressed as a decimal and will be calculated by dividing the interest rate, also expressed as a decimal, applicable to that day by 360 or by the actual number of days in the year, as specified in the relevant pricing supplement.

Upon the request of the holder of any floating rate note, the calculation agent will provide for that note the interest rate then in effect and, if determined, the interest rate that will become effective on the next interest reset date. The calculation agent's determination of any interest rate, and its calculation of the amount of interest for any interest period, will be final and binding in the absence of manifest error.

All percentages resulting from any calculation relating to a note will be rounded upward or downward, as appropriate, to the next higher or lower one hundred-thousandth of a percentage point, e.g., 9.876541% (or .09876541) being rounded down to 9.87654% (or .0987654) and 9.876545% (or .09876545) being rounded up to 9.87655% (or .0987655). All amounts used in or resulting from any calculation relating to a floating rate note will be rounded upward or downward, as appropriate, to the nearest cent, in the case of U.S. dollars, or to the nearest corresponding hundredth of a unit, in the case of a currency other than U.S. dollars, with one-half cent or one-half of a corresponding hundredth of a unit or more being rounded upward.

In determining the interest rate basis that applies to a floating rate note during a particular interest period, the calculation agent may obtain rate quotes from various banks or dealers active in the relevant market, as discussed below. Those reference banks and dealers may include the calculation agent itself and its affiliates, as well as any agent participating in the distribution of the relevant floating rate notes and its affiliates, and they may include affiliates of Wachovia.

Initial Interest Rate. For any floating rate note, the interest rate in effect from the original issue date to the first interest reset date will be the initial interest rate. We will specify the initial interest rate or the manner in which it is determined in the relevant pricing supplement.

Spread or Spread Multiplier. In some cases, the interest rate basis for a floating rate note may be adjusted:

by adding or subtracting a specified number of basis points, called the spread, with one basis point being 0.01%; or

by multiplying the interest rate basis by a specified percentage, called the spread multiplier.

If you purchase a floating rate note, your pricing supplement will indicate whether a spread or spread multiplier will apply to your note and, if so, the amount of the spread or spread multiplier.

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Maximum and Minimum Rates. The actual interest rate, after being adjusted by the spread or spread multiplier, may also be subject to either or both of the following limits:

a maximum rate i.e., a specified upper limit that the actual interest rate in effect at any time may not exceed; and/or

a minimum rate i.e., a specified lower limit that the actual interest rate in effect at any time may not fall below.

If you purchase a floating rate note, your pricing supplement will indicate whether a maximum rate and/or minimum rate will apply to your note and, if so, what those rates are.

Whether or not a maximum rate applies, the interest rate on a floating rate note will in no event be higher than the maximum rate permitted by New York law, as it may be modified by U.S. law of general application. Under current New York law, the maximum rate of interest, with some exceptions, for any loan in an amount less than \$250,000 is 16% and for any loan in the amount of \$250,000 or more but less than \$2,500,000 is 25% per year on a simple interest basis. These limits do not apply to loans of \$2,500,000 or more.

The rest of this subsection describes how the interest rate and the interest payment dates will be determined, and how interest will be calculated, on a floating rate note.

Interest Reset Dates. The rate of interest on a floating rate note will be reset, by the calculation agent described below, daily, weekly, monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or annually. The date on which the interest rate resets and the reset rate becomes effective is called the interest reset date. Except as otherwise specified in the applicable pricing supplement, the interest reset date will be as follows:

for floating rate notes that reset daily, each *business day*;

for floating rate notes that reset weekly and are not treasury rate notes, the Wednesday of each week;

for treasury rate notes that reset weekly, the Tuesday of each week;

for floating rate notes that reset monthly, the third Wednesday of each month;

for floating rate notes that reset quarterly, the third Wednesday of March, June, September and December of each year;

for floating rate notes that reset semi-annually, the third Wednesday of each of two months of each year as indicated in the relevant pricing supplement; and

for floating rate notes that reset annually, the third Wednesday of one month of each year as indicated in the relevant pricing supplement.

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For a floating rate note, the interest rate in effect on any particular day will be the interest rate determined with respect to the latest interest reset date that occurs on or before that day. There are several exceptions, however, to the reset provisions described above.

The interest rate in effect from the original issue date to the first interest reset date will be the initial interest rate.

If any interest reset date for a floating rate note would otherwise be a day that is not a business day, the interest reset date will be postponed to the next day that is a business day. For a LIBOR or EURIBOR note, however, if that business day is in the next succeeding calendar month, the interest reset date will be the immediately preceding business day.

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Interest Determination Dates. The interest rate that takes effect on an interest reset date will be determined by the calculation agent by reference to a particular date called an interest determination date. Except as otherwise indicated in the relevant pricing supplement:

for commercial paper rate, federal funds rate and prime rate notes, the interest determination date relating to a particular interest reset date will be the business day preceding the interest reset date;

for CD rate and CMT rate notes, the interest determination date relating to a particular interest reset date will be the second business day preceding the interest reset date;

for LIBOR notes, the interest determination date relating to a particular interest reset date will be the second **London business day** preceding the interest reset date, unless the **index currency** is pounds sterling, in which case the interest determination date will be the interest reset date. We refer to an interest determination date for a LIBOR note as a LIBOR interest determination date;

for EURIBOR notes, the interest determination date relating to a particular interest reset date will be the second **euro business day** preceding the interest reset date. We refer to an interest determination date for a EURIBOR note as a EURIBOR interest determination date; and

for treasury rate notes, the interest determination date relating to a particular interest reset date, which we refer to as a treasury interest determination date, will be the day of the week in which the interest reset date falls on which treasury bills i.e., direct obligations of the U.S. government would normally be auctioned. Treasury bills are usually sold at auction on the Monday of each week, unless that day is a legal holiday, in which case the auction is usually held on the following Tuesday, except that the auction may be held on the preceding Friday. If as the result of a legal holiday an auction is held on the preceding Friday, that Friday will be the treasury interest determination date relating to the interest reset date occurring in the next succeeding week.

The interest determination date pertaining to a floating rate note the interest rate of which is determined with reference to two or more interest rate bases will be the latest business day which is at least two business days before the related interest reset date for the applicable floating rate note on which each interest rate basis is determinable.

Interest Calculation Dates. As described above, the interest rate that takes effect on a particular interest reset date will be determined by reference to the corresponding interest determination date. Except for LIBOR notes and EURIBOR notes, however, the determination of the rate will actually be made on a day no later than the corresponding interest calculation date. The interest calculation date will be the earlier of the following:

the tenth calendar day after the interest determination date or, if that tenth calendar day is not a business day, the next succeeding business day; and

the business day immediately preceding the interest payment date or the maturity, whichever is the day on which the next payment of interest will be due.

The calculation agent need not wait until the relevant interest calculation date to determine the interest rate if the rate information it needs to make the determination is available from the relevant sources sooner.

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Interest Payment Dates. The interest payment dates for a floating rate note will depend on when the interest rate is reset and, unless we specify otherwise in the relevant pricing supplement, will be as follows:

for floating rate notes that reset daily, weekly or monthly, the third Wednesday of each month or the third Wednesday of March, June, September and December of each year, as specified in the relevant pricing supplement;

for floating rate notes that reset quarterly, the third Wednesday of March, June, September and December of each year;

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for floating rate notes that reset semi-annually, the third Wednesday of the two months of each year specified in the relevant pricing supplement; or

for floating rate notes that reset annually, the third Wednesday of the month specified in the relevant pricing supplement.

Regardless of these rules, if a note is originally issued after the regular record date and before the date that would otherwise be the first interest payment date, the first interest payment date will be the date that would otherwise be the second interest payment date.

In addition, the following special provision will apply to a floating rate note with regard to any interest payment date other than one that falls on the maturity. If the interest payment date would otherwise fall on a day that is not a business day, then the interest payment date will be the next day that is a business day. However, if the floating rate note is a LIBOR note or a EURIBOR note and the next business day falls in the next calendar month, then the interest payment date will be advanced to the next preceding day that is a business day. If the maturity date of a floating rate note falls on a day that is not a business day, we will make the required payment of principal, premium, if any, and interest on the next succeeding business day, and no additional interest will accrue in respect of the payment made on that next succeeding business day.

Calculation Agent. We have initially appointed First Union Securities, Inc. as our calculation agent for the notes. See Calculation of Interest above for details regarding the role of the calculation agent.

Commercial Paper Rate Notes

If you purchase a commercial paper rate note, your note will bear interest at an interest rate equal to the commercial paper rate and adjusted by the spread or spread multiplier, if any, indicated in your pricing supplement.

The commercial paper rate will be the **money market yield** of the rate, for the relevant interest determination date, for commercial paper having the **index maturity** indicated in your pricing supplement, as published in **H.15(519)** under the heading Commercial Paper Nonfinancial . If the commercial paper rate cannot be determined as described above, the following procedures will apply.

If the rate described above does not appear in H.15(519) at 3:00 P.M., New York City time, on the relevant interest calculation date, unless the calculation is made earlier and the rate is available from that source at that time, then the commercial paper rate will be the rate, for the relevant interest determination date, for commercial paper having the index maturity specified in your pricing supplement, as published in **H.15 daily update** or any other recognized electronic source used for displaying that rate, under the heading Commercial Paper Nonfinancial .

If the rate described above does not appear in H.15(519), H.15 daily update or another recognized electronic source at 3:00 P.M., New York City time, on the relevant interest calculation date, unless the calculation is made earlier and the rate is available from one of those sources at that time, the commercial paper rate will be the money market yield of the arithmetic mean of the following offered rates for U.S. dollar commercial paper that has the relevant index maturity and is placed for an industrial issuer whose bond rating is AA , or the equivalent, from a nationally recognized rating agency: the rates offered as of 11:00 A.M., New York City time, on the relevant interest determination date, by three leading U.S. dollar commercial paper dealers in New York City selected by the calculation agent.

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If fewer than three dealers selected by the calculation agent are quoting as described above, the commercial paper rate for the new interest period will be the commercial paper rate in effect for the prior interest period. If the initial interest rate has been in effect for the prior interest period, however, it will remain in effect for the new interest period.

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Prime Rate Notes

If you purchase a prime rate note, your note will bear interest at an interest rate equal to the prime rate and adjusted by the spread or spread multiplier, if any, indicated in your pricing supplement.

The prime rate will be the rate, for the relevant interest determination date, published in H.15(519) under the heading **Bank Prime Loan**. If the prime rate cannot be determined as described above, the following procedures will apply.

If the rate described above does not appear in H.15(519) at 3:00 P.M., New York City time, on the relevant interest calculation date, unless the calculation is made earlier and the rate is available from that source at that time, then the prime rate will be the rate, for the relevant interest determination date, as published in H.15 daily update or another recognized electronic source used for the purpose of displaying that rate, under the heading **Bank Prime Loan**.

If the rate described above does not appear in H.15(519), H.15 daily update or another recognized electronic source at 3:00 P.M., New York City time, on the relevant interest calculation date, unless the calculation is made earlier and the rate is available from one of those sources at that time, then the prime rate will be the arithmetic mean of the following rates as they appear on the **Reuters screen US PRIME 1 page**: the rate of interest publicly announced by each bank appearing on that page as that bank's prime rate or base lending rate, as of 11:00 A.M., New York City time, on the relevant interest determination date.

If fewer than four of these rates appear on the Reuters screen US PRIME 1 page, the prime rate will be the arithmetic mean of the prime rates or base lending rates, as of the close of business on the relevant interest determination date, of three major banks in New York City selected by the calculation agent. For this purpose, the calculation agent will use rates quoted on the basis of the actual number of days in the year divided by a 360-day year.

If fewer than three banks selected by the calculation agent are quoting as described above, the prime rate for the new interest period will be the prime rate in effect for the prior interest period. If the initial interest rate has been in effect for the prior interest period, however, it will remain in effect for the new interest period.

LIBOR Notes

If you purchase a LIBOR note, your note will bear interest at an interest rate equal to LIBOR, which will be the London interbank offered rate for deposits in U.S. dollars or any other index currency, as noted in your pricing supplement. In addition, when LIBOR is the interest rate basis the applicable LIBOR rate will be adjusted by the spread or spread multiplier, if any, indicated in your pricing supplement. LIBOR will be determined in the following manner:

LIBOR will be either:

the offered rate appearing on the **Telerate LIBOR page**; or

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the arithmetic mean of the offered rates appearing on the *Reuters screen LIBOR page* unless that page by its terms cites only one rate, in which case that rate;

in either case, as of 11:00 A.M., London time, on the relevant LIBOR interest determination date, for deposits of the relevant index currency having the relevant index maturity beginning on the relevant interest reset date. Your pricing supplement will indicate the index currency, the index maturity and the reference page that apply to your LIBOR note. If no reference page is mentioned in your pricing supplement, Telerate LIBOR page will apply to your LIBOR note.

If Telerate LIBOR page applies and the rate described above does not appear on that page, or if Reuters screen LIBOR page applies and fewer than two of the rates described above appears on that page or