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**Creating America's Premier**

**Financial Services Company**

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**Creating America's Premier**

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**Unique Opportunity**

Unrivaled presence in America's growth and wealth markets

Increased earnings diversity and stability

Enhanced leverage of technology and process capabilities

Expanded distribution

Increased number of wealth advisors

Most talented and experienced management team in industry

Fortress franchise

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**Diversified Business Mix**

**Bank of America YTD Revenue Mix**

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**FleetBoston YTD Revenue Mix**

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**New Bank of America**

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**Unmatched Franchise**

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**Highly Compatible Philosophies**

Passion to keep raising the customer experience  
Valuing employees as our most critical resource  
Ensuring risks and rewards are in sync  
Setting high standards of accountability  
Relentless focus on shareholder value creation

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**The Long-Term Winners Possess. . . . .**

Dominant market shares  
Superior products and services  
Powerful brand  
Energized employees  
Culture of service and innovation  
Operating leverage  
Disciplined management  
Excess capital generation

**This Company has what it takes to win**

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**Superior Financial Strength**

(\$ in billions)

	<b>Bank of America</b>	<b>FleetBoston</b>	<b>Combined</b>	
<b>Market Cap (10/24/03)</b>	<b>\$121.9</b>	<b>\$33.5</b>	<b>\$155.4</b>	<b>è #3 financial services worldwide</b>
<b>Earnings (2003 YTD)</b>	<b>\$8.1</b>	<b>\$1.9</b>	<b>\$10.0</b>	<b>è 4th most profitable company in world</b>
<b>Common Equity</b>	<b>\$50.4</b>	<b>\$17.6</b>	<b>\$68.0</b>	<b>è #3 financial services worldwide</b>

**The financial strength and cash flow generation of the combined entity will mitigate risk while providing significant resources to support future growth**

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**The Businesses of Bank of America**

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Based on 9 mo. YTD annualized revenue data

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**Consumer & Small Business Highlights**

(\$ in billions)	<u>Bank of America</u>	<u>FleetBoston</u>	<u>Combined</u>
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 22.8</b>	<b>\$ 5.1</b>	<b>\$ 27.9</b>
<b>Income</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>7.4</b>
<b>Loans</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>179</b>
<b>Deposits</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>356</b>

Revenue and income represent 9 mo. YTD annualized data

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**Consumer & Small Business Highlights**

<b>#1 Retail customers</b>	<b>33 million</b>
<b>#1 Deposit market share in US</b>	<b>9.8%</b>
<b>#1 Banking center locations</b>	<b>5,669</b>
<b>#1 ATM network</b>	<b>16,551</b>
<b>#1 Active online banking customers</b>	<b>8 million</b>
<b>#1 Small business lender</b>	<b>11,594 loans</b>
<b>#1 Debit card transactor</b>	<b>15% + market share</b>
<b>#5 Credit card managed receivables</b>	<b>\$47 billion</b>
<b>#3 Retail mortgage originator</b>	<b>\$80 billion YTD 03</b>

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**Unrivaled Market Presence**

**State ranking and deposit share**

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Source: SNL Branch Data Source; Deposits as of June 2002, adjusted for pending transactions

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**Increased Share of Domestic Deposit Base**

(\$ in billions)

Rank		Total Deposits 6/30/02	National Deposit Share (%)
1	New Bank of America	\$ 437	9.8
1	Bank of America	326	7.3
2	Wells Fargo	189	4.2
3	Wachovia	173	3.9
4	J.P. Morgan Chase	170	3.8
5	Citigroup	166	3.7
6	Bank One	146	3.3
7	Washington Mutual	121	2.7
8	FleetBoston	110	2.5
9	U.S. Bancorp	107	2.4
10	SunTrust	69	1.5
	U.S. Deposits	\$ 4,478	

Source: Federal Reserve and SNL Financial Branch Data Source

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**Presence Where Growth Matters**

Deposit market share of Top 50 MSAs with largest expected population growth

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Current deposit market share percentage of Top 50 MSAs with largest expected population growth from 2002 - 2007 taken from SNL securities data and Lehman Brothers research reports.

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**Presence Where Wealth Matters**

Deposit market share of Top 50 MSAs with largest income concentration

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Current deposit market share percentage of Top 50 MSAs with largest # of households with annual income of at least \$50,000 taken from SNL Securities data and Lehman Brothers research reports.

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## Enhancing Card Services

*Fifth largest bank credit card issuer in the U.S.*

*\$47 Bn in managed outstandings and 35 MM accounts*

*#1 debit card transactor in U.S. with more than 15% market share*

### Top Bank Credit Card Issuers in the U.S.<sup>(1)</sup>

(\$ in Billions)

	<u>Issuer</u>	<u>Outst.</u>	<u>Charge Volume</u>	<u>Accounts (MM) Total</u>	<u>Cards Outst. (MM)</u>
1.	Citigroup/Sears <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 105.5	\$ 104.0	71.8	102.4
2.	MBNA	80.8	68.8	39.4	52.2
3.	BankOne	74.3	78.8	42.7	50.4
4.	J.P. Morgan Chase	50.8	45.0	29.1	40.8
5.	New Bank of America	47.0	42.6	35.2	41.5
5.	Capital One	43.4	32.3	36.6	44.7
6.	Bank of America	32.4	31.8	25.7	30.1
7.	Providian	17.8	8.4	12.0	13.8
8.	Household	16.6	17.8	20.1	24.0
9.	Fleet Boston	14.6	10.7	9.5	11.4
10.	Wells Fargo	11.9	11.3	6.9	8.3

<sup>(1)</sup> Source: The Nilson Report outstandings and charge volumes as of 6/30/03; accounts, cards and association as of 12/31/02

<sup>(2)</sup> Merger pending completion

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**Leveraging Consumer Real Estate**

**First Mortgage Portfolio**

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**Home Equity Portfolio**

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*Third largest direct to consumer first mortgage originator  
Fifth largest mortgage servicing portfolio (\$246 billion)  
Largest home equity lender (\$52 billion)*

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**Small Business is Big Business**

**#1 small business lender in U.S. with 2.5 million clients**  
**Full suite of products and services**  
**Strong links to both retail delivery platform and the asset management franchise**

**Small business importance to the economy<sup>1</sup>**

**Provides approximately 75 percent of the net new jobs added to the economy.**  
**Represents 99.7 percent of all employers.**  
**Accounts for 39 percent of jobs in high technology sectors.**  
**Represents 97 percent of all U.S. exporters.**

<sup>1</sup> Statistics provided by Small Business Lending Administration

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**Middle Market & Corporate Banking**

***#1 in U.S. large corporate banking relationships***  
***Leader in domestic and global cash management***

*#1 in middle market in Northeast*  
*#1 in middle market in U.S.*  
*#1 in global cash management, serving more than 16,000 clients worldwide*

***#1 syndicated lender U.S. leveraged loans by volume***  
***Top tier fixed income solution provider***  
***Leader in Equity and Equity Convertibles***

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**Wealth Management**

*9th largest wealth manager in U.S. over \$470 billion in AUM  
Large customer base with access to over 1.6 million affluent households<sup>1</sup> in U.S.  
Complementary strengths and strategies*

*Wealth management*

*Active and passive investment management  
Diverse fund management styles growth, value, balanced  
International diversity*

*3rd largest bank-owned brokerage company  
Large high net worth client base*

*growing share of wallet*

**4,500 Investment advisors and 1,900 brokers**

<sup>1</sup> Investable assets in excess of \$100,000.

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**Top U.S. Wealth Managers by AUM and Asset Class**

(\$ s in billions)

Company	Total AUM	
	Rank	\$ AUM
Fidelity Investments	1	794
State Street Global Advisors	2	763
Barclays Global Investors	3	746
Capital Group Cos.	4	552
Citigroup	5	535
Mellon Financial Corporation	6	522
J.P. Morgan Fleming Asset Mgmt	7	516
Merrill Lynch Investment Managers	8	462
New Bank of America	9	456
Bank of America	17	310
FleetBoston s Columbia Mgmt Group	37	146

Source: Institutional Investor, July 2003; data as of 12/31/02. Rankings only include top 40 asset mangers ranked by total assets under management.

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**The NEW Bank of America**

(\$ in billions as of 9/30/03)

	<u>Bank of America</u>	<u>FleetBoston</u>	<u>Combined</u>
Assets	\$ 737	\$ 196	\$ 933
Loans & leases	373	126	499
Deposits	409	133	542
Shareholder's equity	50	18	68
YTD Revenue	28	9	37
YTD Earnings	8	2	10
Employees	132,749	47,969	180,718
Banking centers	4,211	1,458	5,669
ATMs	13,120	3,431	16,551

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**Credit Quality**

(as of 9/30/03)

	<u>Bank of America</u>	<u>FleetBoston</u>	<u>Combined</u>
<b>% of Total Loans:</b>			
Allowance for Loan Losses	1.80%	2.48%	1.97%
YTD Net Charge-Offs	0.91%	1.56%	1.08%
Non-Performing Assets	0.98%	1.85%	1.20%
Allowance for Loan Losses as a % of Non-performing Loans	196%	165%	185%

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**Transaction Summary**

Price Per Share:	\$45.00 per FBF share <sup>1</sup>
Fixed Exchange Ratio:	.5553 BAC shares for each FBF share
Accounting Treatment:	Purchase / tax-free exchange
Board Composition:	(19) 12 from Bank of America 7 from FleetBoston
Expected Closing:	Second Quarter 2004
Approvals:	Normal regulatory and shareholder approvals of both companies

<sup>1</sup> Based on closing BAC stock price as of 10/22/03.

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**Financial Overview**

(\$ in millions)

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>
<sup>1</sup> Bank of America projected net income	\$ 10,961	\$ 11,947
<sup>1</sup> FleetBoston projected net income	1,487 <sup>2</sup>	3,148
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 12,448</b>	<b>\$ 15,095</b>
<b>Adjustments</b>		
Expense efficiencies	250	1,100
Higher intangible amortization	(165)	(330)
Synergies	110	195
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Projected net income for new Bank of America	\$ 12,643	\$ 16,060
Average projected diluted shares outstanding	1,781	2,016
Projected earnings per diluted share	\$ 7.10	\$ 7.97
<sup>1</sup> Consensus First Call estimate for Bank of America	\$ 7.27	\$ 7.92
Projection vs. Consensus	-2%	1%

Excludes after-tax restructuring charge of \$800 million

<sup>1</sup> 2004 First Call consensus with 9% increase in 2005<sup>2</sup> 2004 reflects only 6 months earnings as a result of purchase accounting

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## Financial Assumptions

*Transaction closes in second quarter 2004*

*Overall expense efficiencies of \$1.1 billion after-tax, or 6% of combined expense base*

*Higher intangible amortization of \$330 million per year*

*Synergies of approximately \$195 million after-tax per year*

*Restructuring charge of \$800 million after-tax*

*Net share repurchases of approximately 67 million in 2004 and 23 million in 2005*

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## Investment in BAC Today

*Stock with a 11x P/E valuation versus 12+ for peers and 13+ for industry*

*Higher EPS expectations in out years versus current expectations*

*Intense associate focus on customer satisfaction that shows in current revenue streams*

*Much improved risk profile versus years ago when both stocks were at their highs*

*Attractive dividend yield (4%) and history of double digit increases spanning a quarter century*

*Strong cash flow to pay dividend and repurchase shares*

*Franchise more diversified and unequalled in market share presence*

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**Management Team**

Ken Lewis		Chad Gifford			
Chief Executive Officer		Chairman			
		Jim Hance	Gene McQuade		
		Vice Chairman and Chief Financial Officer	President		
Ed Brown	Barbara Desoer	Liam McGee	Brian Moynihan	Gene Taylor	Brad Warner
President Global Corporate and Investment Banking	President Consumer Products	President Consumer Banking	President Wealth Management	President Commercial Banking	President Small Business and Premier Banking
Amy Brinkley	Jay Sarles	Steele Alphin	Cathy Bessant	Milton Jones	
Chief Risk Officer	Vice Chairman Special Advisor to CEO	Principal Personnel Executive	Chief Marketing and Communications Officer	Quality and Productivity Executive	

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### **Additional Information About this Transaction**

Bank of America Corporation ( Bank of America ) and FleetBoston Financial Corporation ( FleetBoston ) will file a Joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus and other documents regarding this transaction with the Securities and Exchange Commission ( SEC ). Bank of America and FleetBoston will mail the Joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus to their respective stockholders. These documents will contain important information about the transaction, and Bank of America and FleetBoston urge you to read these documents when they become available.

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### **Participants in this Transaction**

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