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Filed by Chemical Financial Corporation Pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act of 1933 and deemed filed pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 Subject Company: TCF Financial Corporation SEC File No.: 001-10253 Filer's SEC File No.: 001-08185 Date: March 1, 2019 Better Together: Introducing the leadership team of new TCF following close of merger Integration Office formed to bring us together The merger of Chemical and TCF will create the premier Midwest bank because of what both companies bring to the table – complementary assets, deep community connections, and extraordinarily talented teams. We believe that bringing together the best of both banks will create a national powerhouse. With that in mind, we are pleased to announce today the new executive team that will lead us forward as well as an Integration Management Office (IMO) that will help us blend our two banks into one unified organization. The executive leadership team will become effective following the closing of the merger, which we anticipate will occur sometime in the late third or early fourth quarter of this year. These leaders will serve in their current capacity for their respective company until the merger is closed. They also will play important roles in the integration planning process, which starts immediately with the formation of the IMO. Strong leadership. Strong representation from both banks As CEO of the combined company (new TCF), Craig Dahl will be responsible for the executive management and leadership of the combined bank (new TCF Bank). His new leadership team has depth and strength and is drawn from the top ranks of both banks. The following leaders will report directly to Craig: Tom Shafer will be President and Chief Operating Officer of the new TCF Bank. He will have management oversight of the Wholesale and Consumer Banking businesses as well as the IT organization. This includes: equipment and inventory finance, commercial banking, commercial real estate, retail banking, consumer banking, wealth management, and mortgage. Currently, Tom is CEO and President of Chemical Bank.

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Dennis Klaeser will be Chief Financial Officer (CFO) . He will be responsible for all areas of the finance function, including financial reporting, financial planning and analysis, tax, and treasury management. Currently, Dennis is CFO of Chemical Financial Corporation and Chemical Bank. Jim Costa will be Chief Risk and Credit Officer. He will lead our risk management and credit functions. These areas include enterprise risk management, operational risk, credit risk, risk modeling, BSA, compliance and regulatory engagement. Jim also will have a dotted line reporting relationship to the Risk Committee of the Board of Directors. Currently,

Jim is Chief Risk and Credit Officer of TCF. Patty Jones will be Chief Administrative Officer. She will oversee the legal department as well as the corporate affairs, communications and community affairs functions. Currently, Patty is Chief Administrative Officer of TCF. Sandy Kuohn will be Chief Human Capital Officer. She will oversee human capital strategies, including talent acquisition, retention, organizational and talent development, total rewards, and human capital services. Currently, Sandy is Chief Human Resources Officer of Chemical Bank. Andy Jackson will be Chief Audit Executive. He will be responsible for the internal audit and loan review functions. He will also have a dotted line reporting relationship to the Audit Committee of the new TCF Board of Directors.

Currently, Andy is Chief Audit Executive of TCF. The following leaders will report to Tom Shafer: Bill Henak will be Executive Vice President, Wholesale Banking. Bill will manage the national lending businesses focused on equipment and inventory finance, commercial banking (to be divided geographically) and national commercial real estate. Currently, Bill is Executive Vice President, Wholesale Banking of TCF. Mike Jones will be Executive Vice President, Consumer and Business Banking. He will manage all areas of retail banking, consumer lending, small business banking, commercial banking (to be divided geographically), wealth management, mortgages and home lending. Currently, Mike is Executive Vice President, Consumer Banking of TCF. Tom Butterfield will be Chief Information Officer. He will lead the information technology team, focused on providing the solutions necessary to best serve our customers and business clients in a 21 st century banking environment. Currently, Tom is Chief Information Officer of TCF.

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Other leadership appointments include: Brian Maass will be Executive Vice President, Deputy CFO and Treasurer, reporting to Dennis Klaeser. Currently, Brian is CFO of TCF. Joe Green will be Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary to the Board of Directors, reporting to Patty Jones. Currently,

Joe is General Counsel of TCF. These appointments define the executive management team of the new TCF as well as provide the structure for how our customer-facing businesses will be led. There are many other leadership roles for new TCF that will be determined as the integration progresses. Management of the Integration Overall integration activity will be co-led by Jim Costa and Brennan Ryan, currently Chemical's Chief Operating Officer. They will oversee the formation of the Integration Management Office (IMO) that will combine the best practices of both companies to create the premier Midwest bank, the 27th largest in the nation. Over the next several months, we will create and follow a thorough process to organize work streams that ensure new TCF is prepared to best serve our customers, our shareholders, and our team members. The IMO will be a central decision-making resource to resolve questions and issues related to how the company will be organized and managed following the close. This team will need your help bringing us together. Integration Steering Committee A Steering Committee will be created to oversee development and execution of integration strategies, timelines and key decisions related to integration. Members of the Integration Steering Committee include: Craig Dahl, Tom Shafer, Mike Jones, Tom Butterfield, Sandy Kuohn, Brian Maass, Chris McComish (Chemical Bank Chief Consumer Banking Officer) and Greg Bixby (Chemical Bank Chief Technology & Operations Officer). Jim Costa and Brennan Ryan will co-chair the Steering Committee. In the coming weeks, additional leaders from both companies will be named to integration roles that support the IMO and key work streams. What You Can Expect Next We look forward to personally introducing the new leadership team to Chemical and TCF team members in the coming weeks. Please look for additional communications, videos, and invitations to company meetings where you can get to know more about these leaders. We will make sure you have plenty of opportunities to ask questions. There is still much work to be done to further define the new organizational structures that will support these leadership positions. Thank you for your patience as we make and communicate these decisions.

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We appreciate the enthusiasm, interest and focus our team members have shown since announcing the merger. The months ahead will present exciting new opportunities, and we must remain equally focused on operating our two companies independently, delivering on our business goals and serving our customers and clients. These two great banks will be even better together! Craig Dahl Tom Shafer Chairman, CEO and President CEO and President TCF Chemical Bank

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Important Additional Information and Where to Find It This communication is being made in respect of the proposed merger transaction between Chemical and TCF. In connection with the proposed merger, Chemical will file with the SEC a Registration Statement on Form S-4 that will include the Joint Proxy Statement of Chemical and TCF and a Prospectus of Chemical, as well as other relevant documents regarding the proposed transaction. A definitive Joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus will also be sent to Chemical and TCF shareholders. **INVESTORS ARE URGED TO READ THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT AND THE JOINT PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS REGARDING THE MERGER WHEN IT BECOMES AVAILABLE AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS FILED WITH THE SEC, AS WELL AS ANY AMENDMENTS OR SUPPLEMENTS TO THOSE DOCUMENTS, BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION.** This communication does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities or a solicitation of any vote or approval, nor shall there be any sale of securities in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of such jurisdiction. A free copy of the Joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus, once available, as well as other filings containing information about Chemical and TCF, may be obtained at the SEC's Internet site (<http://www.sec.gov>). You will also be able to obtain these documents, free of charge, from Chemical by accessing Chemical's website at <http://www.chemicalbank.com> (which website is not incorporated herein by reference) or from TCF by accessing TCF's website at <http://www.tcfbank.com> (which website is not incorporated herein by reference). Copies of the Joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus once available can also be obtained, free of charge, by directing a request to Chemical Investor Relations at Investor Relations, Chemical Financial Corporation, 333 W. Fort Street, Suite 1800, Detroit, MI 48226, by calling (800) 867-9757 or by sending an e-mail to investorinformation@ChemicalBank.com, or to TCF Investor Relations at Investor Relations, TCF Financial Corporation, 200 Lake Street East, EXO-02C, Wayzata, MN 55391 by calling (952) 745- 2760 or by sending an e-mail to investor@tcfbank.com . Participants in Solicitation Chemical and TCF and certain of their respective directors and executive officers may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from Chemical and TCF shareholders in respect of the transaction described in the Joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus. Information regarding Chemical's directors and executive officers is contained in Chemical's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2018, its Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A, dated March 16, 2018, and certain of its Current Reports on Form 8-K, which are filed with the SEC. Information regarding TCF's directors and executive officers is contained in TCF's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2018, its Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A, dated March 14, 2018, and certain of its Current Reports on Form 8-K, which are filed with the SEC. Additional information regarding the interests of those participants and other persons who may be deemed participants in the transaction may be obtained by reading the Joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus regarding the proposed merger when it becomes available. Free copies of this document may be obtained as described in the preceding paragraph.
