REGIONS FINANCIAL CORP Form 424B5 May 20, 2009 Table of Contents

> Filed Pursuant to Rule 424(b)(5) Registration No. 333-142839

The information in this preliminary prospectus supplement is not complete and may be changed. This preliminary prospectus supplement is not an offer to sell nor does it seek an offer to buy these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted.

Subject to Completion. Dated May 20, 2009.

PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

(To Prospectus Dated May 11, 2007)

Shares

Regions Financial Corporation

Common Stock

We are offering shares of our common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, or Common Stock . The Common Stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange (the NYSE) under the symbol RF. On May 19, 2009, the last reported sale price of our Common Stock on the NYSE was \$5.24 per share.

Our Common Stock is not a savings account, deposit or other obligation of any of our bank or non-bank subsidiaries and is not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other governmental agency.

Investing in our Common Stock involves risks. See <u>Risk Factors</u> beginning on page S-4 of this prospectus supplement to read about factors you should consider before buying our Common Stock.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission, any state securities commission, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System nor any other regulatory body has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this prospectus supplement. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

	Per Share	Total
Public offering price	\$	\$
Underwriting discounts or commissions	\$	\$
Proceeds to Regions Financial Corporation (before expenses)	\$	\$

The underwriters expect to deliver the Common Stock in book-entry form only, through the facilities of The Depository Trust Company, against payment on or about , 2009.

The underwriters also may purchase up to an additional supplement.

shares of Common Stock within 30 days of the date of this prospectus

Joint Book-Running Managers

Goldman, Sachs & Co.

J.P. Morgan

Lead Manager

Morgan Keegan & Company, Inc.

Prospectus Supplement dated May , 2009

TABLE OF CONTENTS

	Page
Prospectus Supplement	
About This Prospectus Supplement	ii
Where You Can Find More Information	ii
Special Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements	iii
Summary	S-1
Summary of the Offering	S-3
Risk Factors	S-4
Unaudited Pro Forma Financial Information	S-9
<u>Use of Proceeds</u>	S-15
Capitalization	S-16
Price Range of Shares of Common Stock and Dividends Declared	S-18
<u>Dividend Policy</u>	S-19
Description of Capital Stock	S-20
Certain United States Federal Income and Estate Tax Consequences to Non-U.S. Holders	S-24
Certain ERISA Considerations	S-27
<u>Underwriting</u>	S-29
Validity of the Shares	S-33
<u>Experts</u>	S-33
Prospectus	
About This Prospectus	1
Where You Can Find More Information	1
Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges	2
Use of Proceeds	3
Validity of the Securities	3
Experts	3

Unless otherwise indicated, you may rely only on the information contained in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference. Neither we nor any underwriter has authorized anyone to provide any other information. When you make a decision about whether to invest in the Common Stock, you should not rely upon any information other than the information in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference. Neither the delivery of this prospectus supplement nor the sale of the Common Stock means that information contained in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus or the documents incorporated by reference 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 shares of the Common Stock in any circumstances under which the offer or solicitation is unlawful.

i

ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

This document consists of two parts. The first part is the prospectus supplement, which describes the specific terms of this offering. The second part is the prospectus, which describes more general information, some of which may not apply to this offering. You should read both this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, together with additional information described below under the heading Where You Can Find More Information .

Unless otherwise mentioned or unless the context requires otherwise, all references in this prospectus supplement to we, us, our or similar references mean Regions Financial Corporation and not to its subsidiaries and references to Regions mean Regions Financial Corporation and its subsidiaries.

If the information set forth in this prospectus supplement differs in any way from the information set forth in the accompanying prospectus, you should rely on the information set forth in this prospectus supplement.

We are not, and the underwriters are not, making an offer to sell these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted. You should not assume that the information appearing in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus or the documents incorporated by reference is accurate as of any date other than the date of the applicable document. Regions business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since that date. Neither this prospectus supplement nor the accompanying prospectus constitutes an offer, or an invitation on our behalf or on behalf of the underwriters, to subscribe for and purchase, any of the securities and 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.

WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC . Our SEC filings are available to the public over the Internet at the SEC web site at http://www.sec.gov. You may also read and copy any document we file with the SEC at its public reference room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the operation of the public reference room. Our SEC filings are also available at the offices of the New York Stock Exchange. For further information on obtaining copies of our public filings at the New York Stock Exchange, you should call 212-656-5060.

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference into this prospectus supplement the information we file with it, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents. The information incorporated by reference is an important part of this prospectus supplement and information that we subsequently file with the SEC will automatically update and supersede information in this prospectus supplement and in our other filings with the SEC. We incorporate by reference the documents listed below, which we have already filed with the SEC, and any future filings we make with the SEC under Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or Exchange Act, until we sell all the securities offered by this prospectus supplement (in each case, other than information that is deemed, under SEC rules, not to have been filed):

Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008, filed February 24, 2009;

Our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2009, filed May 11, 2009 and Amendment No. 1 on Form 10-Q/A, filed May 13, 2009;

Our Current Reports on Form 8-K, filed February 27, 2009, March 2, 2009, April 16, 2009 (containing disclosure under Item 8.01), April 22, 2009, May 7, 2009 and May 20, 2009; and

ii

The description of our Common Stock contained in our registration statement on Form 8-K filed on July 1, 2004 with the SEC pursuant to which our Common Stock was registered under Section 12 of the Exchange Act, including any amendment or report filed for the purpose of updating such description.

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 or calling us at the following address:

Regions Financial Corporation

Investor Relations

1900 Fifth Avenue North

Birmingham, Alabama 35203

Telephone: (205) 581-7890

SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

The information included or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus may include forward-looking statements which reflect Regions current views with respect to future events and financial performance. The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (the Act) provides a safe harbor for forward-looking statements which are identified as such and are accompanied by the identification of important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking statements. For these statements, we, together with our subsidiaries, unless the context implies otherwise, claim the protection afforded by the safe harbor in the Act. Forward-looking statements are not based on historical information, but rather are related to future operations, strategies, financial results or other developments. Forward-looking statements are based on management s expectations as well as certain assumptions and estimates made by, and information available to, management at the time the statements are made. Those statements are based on general assumptions and are subject to various risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause actual results to differ materially from the views, beliefs and projections expressed in such statements. These risks, uncertainties and other factors include, but are not limited to, those described below:

In October 2008 Congress enacted and the President signed into law the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008, and on February 17, 2009 the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 was signed into law. Additionally, the Department of the U.S. Treasury (the U.S. Treasury) and federal banking regulators are implementing a number of programs to address capital and liquidity issues in the banking system and may announce additional programs that will apply to Regions in the future, all of which may have significant effects on Regions and the financial services industry, the exact nature and extent of which cannot be determined at this time.

Regions ability to raise sufficient capital to satisfy the Supervisory Capital Assessment Program (SCAP) requirements without additional Government investment.

Until Regions is able to repay the outstanding preferred stock issued under the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP), the impact of compensation and other restrictions on recipients of TARP preferred stock.

The impact of possible additional loan losses and reserve build-up on earnings and capital.

Possible changes in interest rates may affect funding costs and reduce earning asset yields, thus reducing margins.

Possible changes in general economic and business conditions in the United States in general and in the communities Regions serves in particular.

Possible changes in the creditworthiness of customers and the possible impairment of the collectability of loans.

iii

Table of Contents

Possible other changes in trade, monetary and fiscal policies, laws and regulations, and other activities of governments, agencies, and similar organizations, including changes in accounting standards, may have an adverse effect on our business.

The current stresses in the financial and real estate markets, including possible continued deterioration in property values.

Regions ability to manage fluctuations in the value of assets and liabilities and off-balance sheet exposure so as to maintain sufficient capital and liquidity to support Regions business.

Regions ability to achieve the earnings expectations related to businesses that have been acquired or that may be acquired in the future.

Regions ability to expand into new markets and to maintain profit margins in the face of competitive pressures.

Regions ability to develop competitive new products and services in a timely manner and the acceptance of such products and services by Regions customers and potential customers.

Regions ability to keep pace with technological changes.

Regions ability to effectively manage credit risk, interest rate risk, market risk, operational risk, legal risk, liquidity risk, and regulatory and compliance risk.

The cost and other effects of material contingencies, including litigation contingencies.

The effects of increased competition from both banks and non-banks.

The effects of geopolitical instability and risks such as terrorist attacks.

Possible changes in consumer and business spending and saving habits could affect Regions ability to increase assets and to attract deposits.

The effects of weather and natural disasters such as droughts and hurricanes.

The words goal, target, objective, believe, expect, anticipate, project, and similar expressions often signify forward-looking statements should not place undue reliance on any forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date made. We assume no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements that are made from time to time.

iv

SUMMARY

This summary highlights selected information contained elsewhere or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and may not contain all the information that you need to consider in making your investment decision. You should carefully read this entire prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, as well as the information to which we refer you and the information incorporated by reference herein, before deciding whether to invest in the Common Stock. You should pay special attention to the Risk Factors section of this prospectus supplement and contained in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008 and our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q/A for the quarter ended March 31, 2009 to determine whether an investment in the Common Stock is appropriate for you.

Regions Financial Corporation

Regions Financial Corporation is a Delaware corporation and financial holding company headquartered in Birmingham, Alabama, which operates throughout the South, Midwest and Texas. Regions provides traditional commercial, retail and mortgage banking services, as well as other financial services in the fields of investment banking, asset management, trust, mutual funds, securities brokerage, insurance and other specialty financing. At March 31, 2009, Regions had total consolidated assets of approximately \$142.0 billion, total consolidated deposits of approximately \$93.5 billion and total consolidated stockholders equity of approximately \$16.8 billion.

Its principal executive offices are located at 1900 Fifth Avenue North, Birmingham, Alabama 35203 and its telephone number is (205) 944-1300.

Recent Developments

In February 2009, the U.S. Treasury and the federal bank regulators announced that the 19 largest U.S. bank holding companies would be required to undergo a forward-looking capital assessment, or stress test, referred to as the SCAP. On April 24, 2009, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (FRB) published a white paper addressing process and methodologies being employed by the federal banking supervisory agencies in the SCAP, and on May 6, 2009, the heads of the FRB, U.S. Treasury, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation issued a joint statement on the program. On May 7, 2009, the FRB publicly announced the results of the stress test for each of these 19 institutions, including Regions. Under a hypothetical more adverse scenario for a period through the end of 2010 for each of these institutions, the FRB projected losses and loss rates across select categories of loans; resources available to absorb those losses; and the resulting necessary additions to capital buffers. In addition to the requirement to be well-capitalized of maintaining a Tier 1 risk-based ratio of at least 6%, the SCAP resulted in the establishment of a target to establish an additional capital buffer sufficient to have a Tier 1 common risk-based ratio of at least 4% at the end of 2010, under a more adverse macroeconomic scenario than is currently anticipated. As of March 31, 2009, we had a Tier 1 risk-based ratio of 10.41% and a Tier 1 common risk-based ratio of 6.49%.

In connection with the completion of the SCAP, we have agreed with our regulators to establish an additional capital buffer by increasing our Tier 1 common by \$2.5 billion, of which at least \$400 million must be new Tier 1 equity, by November 9, 2009. We are refining the details of a comprehensive capital plan that we expect to submit to our regulators prior to the June 8, 2009 deadline established with respect to the SCAP. In addition to the Common Stock offered by this document, on May 20, 2009, as part of our SCAP responsive capital plan: (i) we launched an offer to exchange up to 138 million shares of our Common Stock for outstanding

6.625% Trust Preferred Securities issued by Regions Financing Trust II (the Trust Preferred Securities), upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in its prospectus dated May 20, 2009 and the related letter of transmittal, which we refer to as the Exchange Offer; and (ii) we launched an underwritten public offering of \$250 million of our % Mandatory Convertible Preferred Stock, Series B, initial liquidation preference of \$1,000.00 per share (our Mandatory Convertible Preferred Stock and referred to as the Mandatory Convertible Preferred Stock Offering), for which we filed a prospectus supplement to our prospectus dated May 11, 2007 on file with the SEC. Under the terms of the Exchange Offer, for each \$1,000 principal amount of Trust Preferred Securities accepted for exchange, Regions will issue a number of shares of Common Stock having a value (based on the Relevant Price) equal to \$700. The Relevant Price is the greater of (i) the average volume weighted average price of Regions common shares during the last five trading days of the currently scheduled Exchange Offer period, determined as described later in this document, and (ii) the Minimum Share Price of \$2.65 per share. The Exchange Offer will expire at 11:59 p.m., New York City time, on June 17, 2009, unless extended or earlier terminated. The Mandatory Convertible Preferred Stock will convert into a variable number of shares of our Common Stock on December 15, 2010 unless earlier converted at our option or the option of the holder. The conversion rate will be variable and depends on the market price of our Common Stock over a period preceding the conversion date and will be subject to customary anti-dilution adjustments.

The remaining capital required by SCAP is expected to be achieved through a combination of actions including (i) additional liability management actions including possible exchanges of equity for our and Regions Bank s \$4.25 billion of outstanding subordinated debt and \$345 million of additional trust preferred securities, (ii) sales of non-core assets and businesses, (iii) pre-provision earnings in excess of the amounts assumed under the SCAP analysis, (iv) a potential reduction in disallowed deferred tax assets as a result of increased Tier 1 capital levels and (v) if necessary, the issuance of common equity and other Tier 1 common qualifying instruments.

Ratings Downgrade

On May 18, 2009, Regions senior notes, subordinated notes and junior subordinated notes were downgraded to Baa3, Ba1 and Ba2 from A3, Baa1 and Baa1, respectively, by Moody s Investors Service. Regions Bank s financial strength, long-term deposits and short-term deposits were downgraded to D+, Baa1 and P-2 from C+, A2 and P-1, respectively. Regions off-balance sheet arrangements include facilities supporting Variable Rate Demand Notes (VRDNs), including certain standby letters of credit and standby bond purchase agreements (also referred to as liquidity facilities). As of May 15, 2009, Regions VRDN portfolio included unfunded letters of credit of approximately \$4.4 billion (net of participations) and unfunded liquidity facilities of approximately \$0.3 billion. The downgrades of the short-term deposits increase the risk that the VRDNs will be subject to a failed remarketing, which would result in Regions funding up to \$4.7 billion of which \$4.4 billion would be classified as loans and \$0.3 billion as available for sale securities. Also, as of May 15, 2009, Regions had excess balances in interest-bearing deposits in other banks of approximately \$14 billion, which would be more than sufficient to absorb such fundings. It is possible that the other ratings agencies rating our debt securities and the debt securities of Regions Bank will also downgrade such obligations.

S-2

SUMMARY OF THE OFFERING

The following summary contains basic information about the Common Stock and this offering and is not intended to be complete. It does not contain all the information that is important to you. For a complete understanding of the Common Stock, you should read the section of this prospectus supplement entitled Description of Capital Stock.

Issuer Regions Financial Corporation, a Delaware corporation and a financial holding company.

Common Stock we are offering shares

Common Stock outstanding after this offering shares⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾

Option to purchase additional shares shares

Maximum amount of shares issuable in the Exchange Offer

138,000,000 shares

Use of proceeds after expensesWe expect to receive net proceeds from this offering of approximately \$ (or

approximately \$\frac{1}{2}\$ if the underwriters exercise their option to purchase additional shares in full), after deduction of underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated expenses payable by us. We expect to use the net proceeds from the sale of our Common

Stock for general corporate purposes.

Risk Factors See Risk Factors and other information included or incorporated by reference in this

prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus for a discussion of factors you should consider carefully before deciding to invest in shares of our Common Stock.

Listing The New York Stock Exchange, or NYSE, Symbol: RF.

Registrar and Transfer AgentComputershare Investor Services LLC.

- (1) The number of shares of Common Stock outstanding immediately after the closing of this offering is based on 738,598,030 shares of Common Stock outstanding as of April 30, 2009.
- (2) Unless otherwise indicated, the number of shares of Common Stock presented in this prospectus supplement excludes shares issuable pursuant to the exercise of the underwriters—option to purchase additional shares, and 69,700,468 shares of Common Stock issuable under our stock compensation plans, as of December 31, 2008, and warrants for 48,253,677 shares of Common Stock held by the U.S. Treasury.

RISK FACTORS

An investment in our Common Stock involves certain risks. You should carefully consider the risks described below and the risk factors included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008 and our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q/A for the quarter ended March 31, 2009, as well as the other information included or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, before making an investment decision. Our business, financial condition or results of operations could be materially adversely affected by any of these risks. The trading price of our Common Stock could decline due to any of these risks, and you may lose all or part of your investment. This prospectus supplement also contains forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. Our actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements as a result of certain factors, including the risks faced by us described below and elsewhere in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus.

The trading price of our Common Stock may be subject to continued significant fluctuations and volatility.

The market price of our Common Stock could be subject to significant fluctuations due to a change in sentiment in the market regarding our operations or business prospects. Such risks may be affected by:

Operating results that vary from the expectations of management, securities analysts and investors;

Developments in our businesses or in the financial sector generally;

Regulatory changes affecting our industry generally or our businesses and operations;

The operating and securities price performance of companies that investors consider to be comparable to us;

Announcements of strategic developments, acquisitions and other material events by us or our competitors;

Changes in the credit, mortgage and real estate markets, including the markets for mortgage-related securities; and

Changes in global financial markets and global economies and general market conditions, such as interest or foreign exchange rates, stock, commodity, credit or asset valuations or volatility.

Stock markets in general and our Common Stock in particular have experienced over the past eighteen months, and continue to be experiencing, significant price and volume volatility. As a result, the market price of our Common Stock may continue to be subject to similar market fluctuations that may be unrelated to our operating performance or business prospects. Increased volatility could result in a decline in the market price of our Common Stock.

We expect to issue a significant amount of Common Stock over the next six months. The issuance of a significant amount of Common Stock will be dilutive to holders of our Common Stock.

In connection with the completion of the SCAP, we have agreed with our regulators to establish an additional capital buffer by increasing our Tier 1 common equity by \$2.5 billion, of which at least \$400 million must be new Tier 1 equity, by November 9, 2009. We are refining the details of a comprehensive capital plan that we expect to submit to our regulators prior to the June 8, 2009 deadline established with respect to the SCAP. In addition to this offering of our Common Stock (the Common Stock Offering), as part of our plan to raise common equity, on May 20, 2009: (i) we launched an Exchange Offer to exchange up to 138 million shares of our Common Stock for outstanding 6.625% Trust Preferred Securities issued by Regions Financing Trust II, upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in its prospectus dated May 20, 2009 and the related letter of transmittal, and (ii) we launched an underwritten public offering of \$250 million of our Mandatory Convertible Preferred Stock, for which we filed a prospectus supplement to our prospectus dated May 11, 2007

on file with the SEC. Under the terms of the Exchange Offer, for each \$1,000 principal amount of Trust Preferred Securities accepted for exchange, Regions will issue a number of shares of Common Stock having a value (based on the Relevant Price) equal to \$700. The Exchange Offer will expire at 11:59 p.m., New York City time, on June 17, 2009, unless extended or earlier terminated. The Mandatory Convertible Preferred Stock will convert into a variable number of shares of our Common Stock on December 15, 2010 unless early converted at our option or the option of the holder. The conversion rate will be variable and depends on the market price of our Common Stock over a period preceding the conversion date and will be subject to customary anti-dilution adjustments. Those offerings and other future issuances of Common Stock or securities convertible into Common Stock will be dilutive to holders of our Common Stock, including participants in this Common Stock Offering.

Although not currently contemplated, we could also obtain any portion of the required increase in our Tier 1 common equity by exchanging (with the approval of the U.S. Treasury) a number of shares of the Regions Fixed Rate Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series A (the Series A Preferred Stock) we issued to the U.S. Treasury under the Capital Purchase Program (the CPP) for (i) shares of mandatory convertible preferred stock issued under the U.S. Treasury s Capital Assistance Program (CAP), or (ii) Common Stock or another common equivalent security that the U.S. Treasury otherwise agrees to purchase, directly or indirectly. Such an exchange could also involve the issuance of warrants to the U.S. Treasury to purchase additional shares of our Common Stock as contemplated by the published terms of the CAP.

We may need to increase our authorized capital in order to complete our comprehensive capital plan or to operate in the normal course after we complete our capital plan.

In connection with purchasing the Series A Preferred Stock, pursuant to a Letter Agreement dated November 14, 2008 and the Securities Purchase Agreement Standard Terms attached thereto, the U.S. Treasury received a warrant to purchase 48,253,677 shares of our Common Stock at an initial per share exercise price of \$10.88, subject to adjustment, which expires ten years from the issuance date, and we have agreed to provide the U.S. Treasury with registration rights covering the warrant and the underlying shares of Common Stock. Even if we were to redeem the Series A Preferred Stock this warrant may not be fully retired, and therefore it may still be exercisable, prior to its expiration date. The issuance of additional shares of Common Stock or common equivalent securities in future equity offerings, to the U.S. Treasury under the CAP or otherwise, or as a result of the exercise of the warrant the U.S. Treasury holds will dilute the ownership interest of the existing holders of our Common Stock. We may, in the future, determine that it is advisable, or we may encounter circumstances where we determine it is necessary, to issue additional shares of Common Stock, securities convertible or exchangeable for shares of our Common Stock or common-equivalent securities to fund strategic initiatives or other business needs or to build additional capital. The market price of our Common Stock could decline as a result of this offering or other offerings, as well as other sales of a large block of shares of our Common Stock or similar securities in the market thereafter, or the perception that such sales could occur.

In addition, the terms of the warrant we issued to the U.S. Treasury under the CPP provide that, if we issue shares of Common Stock or securities convertible or exercisable into, or exchangeable for, shares of Common Stock at a price that is less than 90% of the market price of such shares on the last trading day preceding the date of the agreement to sell such shares, the number and the per share price of Common Stock to be purchased pursuant to the warrant will be adjusted pursuant to its terms. Such anti-dilution adjustments may have a further dilutive effect on other holders of our Common Stock. We may also issue additional securities convertible into or exercisable for shares of our Common Stock and such securities may themselves contain anti-dilution provisions.

You may not receive dividends on the Common Stock.

Holders of our Common Stock are only entitled to receive such dividends as our board of directors may declare out of funds legally available for such payments. Furthermore, holders of our Common Stock are subject to the prior dividend rights of any holders of our preferred stock or depositary shares representing such preferred stock then outstanding. As of March 31, 2009, there were 3,500,000 shares of our Series A Preferred Stock with

S-5

Table of Contents

a liquidation amount of \$1,000 per share, issued and outstanding. Under the terms of the Series A Preferred Stock, our ability to declare and pay dividends on or repurchase our Common Stock will be subject to restrictions in the event we fail to declare and pay (or set aside for payment) full dividends on the Series A Preferred Stock.

We recently announced our intention to reduce our quarterly Common Stock dividend to \$0.01 per share, do not expect to increase our quarterly dividend above \$0.01 for the foreseeable future and could determine to eliminate our Common Stock dividend altogether. Furthermore, as long as the Series A Preferred Stock is outstanding, dividend payments and repurchases or redemptions relating to certain equity securities, including our Common Stock, are prohibited until all accrued and unpaid dividends are paid on such preferred stock, subject to certain limited exceptions. In addition, prior to November 14, 2011, unless we have redeemed all of the Series A Preferred Stock or the U.S. Treasury has transferred all of the Series A Preferred Stock to third parties, the consent of the U.S. Treasury will be required for us to, among other things, increase our Common Stock dividend above \$0.10 except in limited circumstances. Under the terms of our Series A Preferred Stock, our ability to declare or pay dividends on or repurchase our Common Stock or other equity or capital securities will be subject to restrictions in the event that we fail to declare and pay (or set aside for payment) full dividends on the Series A Preferred Stock. This could adversely affect the market price of our Common Stock. Also, we are a bank holding company and our ability to declare and pay dividends is dependent on certain federal regulatory considerations, including the guidelines of the FRB regarding capital adequacy and dividends.

In addition, the terms of our outstanding junior subordinated debt securities prohibit us from declaring or paying any dividends or distributions on our capital stock, including our Common Stock, or purchasing, acquiring, or making a liquidation payment on such stock, if we have given notice of our election to defer interest payments but the related deferral period has not yet commenced or a deferral period is continuing.

Shares of our Common Stock are equity interests and therefore subordinate to our indebtedness and preferred stock.

Shares of our Common Stock are equity interests in Regions and do not constitute indebtedness. As such, shares of our Common Stock rank junior to all indebtedness and other non-equity claims on Regions with respect to assets available to satisfy claims on Regions, including in a liquidation of Regions. Additionally, holders of our Common Stock are subject to the prior dividend and liquidation rights of any holders of our Series A Preferred Stock and any other preferred stock we may issue in the future.

We are a holding company and depend on our subsidiaries for dividends, distributions and other payments.

We are a legal entity separate and distinct from our banking and other subsidiaries. Our principal source of cash flow, including cash flow to pay dividends to our stockholders and principal and interest on our outstanding debt, is dividends from our banking subsidiary, Regions Bank. There are statutory and regulatory limitations on the payment of dividends by Regions Bank to us, as well as by us to our stockholders. Regulations of both the FRB and the State of Alabama affect the ability of Regions Bank to pay dividends and other distributions to us and to make loans to us. Given the loss recorded at Regions Bank during the fourth quarter of 2008, under the FRB s rules, Regions Bank does not expect to be able to pay dividends to us in the near term without first obtaining regulatory approval. If Regions Bank is unable to make dividend payments to us and sufficient capital is not otherwise available, we may not be able to make dividend payments to holders of our Common Stock or holders of our senior equity securities or principal and interest payments on our outstanding debt.

In addition, our right to participate in any distribution of assets of any of our subsidiaries upon the subsidiary s liquidation or otherwise, and thus your ability as a holder of the Common Stock to benefit indirectly from such distribution, will be subject to the prior claims of creditors of that subsidiary, except to the extent that any of our claims as a creditor of such subsidiary may be recognized. As a result, shares of our Common Stock are effectively subordinated to all existing and future liabilities and obligations of our subsidiaries. At March 31, 2009, our subsidiaries total deposits and borrowings were approximately \$117.2 billion.

Offerings of debt, which would be senior to our Common Stock upon liquidation, and/or preferred equity securities which may be senior to our Common Stock for purposes of dividend distributions or upon liquidation, may adversely affect the market price of our Common Stock.

We may attempt to increase our capital resources or, if our or the capital ratio of our banking subsidiary falls below the required minimums, we or our banking subsidiary could be forced to raise additional capital by making additional offerings of debt or preferred equity securities, including medium-term notes, trust preferred securities, senior or subordinated notes and preferred stock. Upon liquidation, holders of our debt securities and shares of preferred stock and lenders with respect to other borrowings will receive distributions of our available assets prior to the holders of our Common Stock. Additional equity offerings may dilute the holdings of our existing stockholders or reduce the market price of our Common Stock, or both. Holders of our Common Stock are not entitled to preemptive rights or other protections against dilution.

Our board of directors is authorized to issue one or more classes or series of preferred stock from time to time without any action on the part of the stockholders. Our board of directors also has the power, without stockholder approval, to set the terms of any such classes or series of preferred stock that may be issued, including voting rights, dividend rights, and preferences over our Common Stock with respect to dividends or upon our dissolution, winding up and liquidation and other terms. If we issue preferred shares in the future that have a preference over our Common Stock with respect to the payment of dividends or upon our liquidation, dissolution, or winding up, or if we issue preferred shares with voting rights that dilute the voting power of our Common Stock, the rights of holders of our Common Stock or the market price of our Common Stock could be adversely affected.

Anti-takeover laws and certain agreements and charter provisions may adversely affect share value.

Certain provisions of state and federal law and our restated certificate of incorporation may make it more difficult for someone to acquire control of us without our board of directors—approval. Under federal law, subject to certain exemptions, a person, entity or group must notify the federal banking agencies before acquiring control of a bank holding company. Acquisition of 10% or more of any class of voting stock of a bank holding company or state member bank, including shares of our Common Stock, creates a rebuttable presumption that the acquiror—controls—the bank holding company or state member bank. Also, a bank holding company must obtain the prior approval of the FRB before, among other things, acquiring direct or indirect ownership or control of more than 5% of the voting shares of any bank, including Regions Bank. There also are provisions in our restated certificate of incorporation that may be used to delay or block a takeover attempt. As a result, these statutory provisions and provisions in our restated certificate of incorporation could result in Regions being less attractive to a potential acquiror.

Failure to complete the Exchange Offer successfully could negatively affect the price of our Common Stock.

Several conditions must be satisfied or waived in order to complete the Exchange Offer, including among others that there has been no change or development that in our reasonable judgment may materially reduce the anticipated benefits to us of the Exchange Offer or that has had, or could reasonably be expected to have, a material adverse effect on us, our businesses, condition (financial or otherwise) or prospects. The conditions to the Exchange Offer may not be satisfied, and if not satisfied or waived, the Exchange Offer may not occur or may be delayed.

If the Exchange Offer is not completed or is delayed, we may be subject to the following material risks:

the market price of our Common Stock may decline to the extent that the current market price of our Common Stock reflects a market assumption that the Exchange Offer has been or will be completed; and

we may not be able to increase our Tier 1 common equity by the amount required under SCAP.

S-7

Ratings agencies recently downgraded our securities and the deposit ratings of Regions Bank; these downgrades and any subsequent downgrades could adversely impact the price and liquidity of our securities and could have an adverse impact on our businesses and results of operations.

On May 18, 2009, Regions senior notes, subordinated notes and junior subordinated notes were downgraded to Baa3, Ba1 and Ba2 from A3, Baa1 and Baa1, respectively, by Moody s Investors Service. Regions Bank s financial strength, long-term deposits and short-term deposits were downgraded to D+, Baa1 and P-2 from C+, A2 and P-1, respectively. Regions off-balance sheet arrangements include facilities supporting VRDNs, including certain standby letters of credit and standby bond purchase agreements. As of May 15, 2009, Regions VRDN portfolio included unfunded letters of credit of approximately \$4.4 billion (net of participations) and unfunded liquidity facilities of approximately \$0.3 billion. The downgrades of the short-term deposits increase the risk that the VRDNs will be subject to a failed remarketing, which would result in Regions funding up to \$4.7 billion of which \$4.4 billion would be classified as loans and \$0.3 billion as available for sale securities. It is possible that the other ratings agencies rating our debt securities and the debt securities of Regions Bank will also downgrade such obligations. In addition, the Exchange Offer may cause the ratings agencies to lower the ratings assigned to our Trust Preferred Securities and other of our securities. Any such action may lead to a downgrade of any rating assigned to our Mandatory Convertible Preferred Stock or in the assignment of a rating for such securities that is lower than might otherwise be the case.

Where Regions Bank is providing forms of credit support such as letters of credit, standby lending arrangements or other forms of credit support, a decline in short-term credit ratings may require that customers of Regions Bank seek replacement credit support from a higher rated institution. We cannot predict whether customer relationships or opportunities for future relationships could be adversely affected by customers who choose to do business with a higher rated institution.

S-8

UNAUDITED PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The following selected unaudited pro forma financial information has been presented to give effect to and show the pro forma impact of the Mandatory Convertible Preferred Stock Offering, the Exchange Offer and the Common Stock Offering on our balance sheet as of March 31, 2009, as well as the impact of the Mandatory Convertible Preferred Stock Offering, the Exchange Offer and the Common Stock Offering on our earnings for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008 and the three-month period ended March 31, 2009. Completion of the Mandatory Convertible Preferred Stock Offering and the Exchange Offer are not conditions to the Common Stock Offering, and no assurance can be given that such transactions will be completed on the terms assumed for the purposes of this presentation of pro forma financial information or at all.

The unaudited pro forma financial information is presented for illustrative purposes only and does not necessarily indicate the financial position or results that would have been realized had the Mandatory Convertible Preferred Stock Offering, the Exchange Offer and the Common Stock Offering been completed as of the dates indicated or that will be realized in the future when and if the Mandatory Convertible Preferred Stock Offering, the Exchange Offer and the Common Stock Offering are consummated. The selected unaudited pro forma financial information has been derived from, and should be read in conjunction with our historical consolidated financial statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008 and our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q/A for the quarter ended March 31, 2009 filed with the SEC, which are incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement.

Unaudited Pro Forma Balance Sheets

Our unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated balance sheets as of March 31, 2009 have been presented as if the Mandatory Convertible Preferred Stock Offering, the Exchange Offer and the Common Stock Offering had been completed on March 31, 2009. We have shown the pro forma impact of a High Participation Scenario and a Low Participation Scenario with respect to the Exchange Offer prepared using the assumptions set forth below. In both scenarios, we have also reflected the impact of the Mandatory Convertible Preferred Stock Offering and the Common Stock Offering. The High Participation Scenario assumes the exchange of all of the Trust Preferred Securities (\$700 million aggregate liquidation amount) into Common Stock and the Low Participation Scenario assumes the exchange of 50% of the Trust Preferred Securities (\$350 million aggregate liquidation amount) into Common Stock. For the purposes of this presentation we have assumed in calculating the dilutive impact of the Mandatory Convertible Preferred Stock Offering that the Average VWAP per share of our Common Stock is \$8.86 for the 20 day trading period ended December 26, 2008 and \$3.92 for the 20 day trading period ended March 27, 2009.

For purposes of these pro formas, we have assumed that approximately 184 million shares of our Common Stock are issued at a price of \$5.43 per share in the Common Stock Offering and that 250,000 shares of Mandatory Convertible Preferred Stock, which accrued dividends at a rate of 10.5%, are issued at a price of \$1,000 per share in the Mandatory Convertible Preferred Stock Offering.

S-9

REGIONS FINANCIAL CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

HIGH PARTICIPATION SCENARIO

	As Reported March 31, 2009	Exchange Offer Adjustments (8)	Common Stock Offering Adjustments (8) (In millions)	Mandatory Convertible Preferred Stock Offering Adjustments (8)	Pro Forma March 31, 2009
Assets					
Cash and due from banks	\$ 2,429	\$	\$	\$	\$ 2,429
Interest-bearing deposits in other banks	2,288		969(6)	242(7)	3,499
Federal funds sold and securities purchased					
under agreements to resell	418				418
Trading account assets	1,348				1,348
Securities available for sale	20,970				20,970
Securities held to maturity	45				45
Loans held for sale	1,956				1,956
Loans, net of unearned income	95,686				95,686
Allowance for loan losses	(1,861)				(1,861)
Net loans	93,825				93,825
Other interest-earnings assets	849				849
Premises and equipment, net	2,808				2,808
Interest receivable	426				426
Goodwill	5,551				5,551
Mortgage servicing rights	161				161
Other identifiable intangible assets	603				603