

FIFTH THIRD BANCORP

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Registration No. 333-\_\_\_\_\_

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549  
FORM S-4  
REGISTRATION STATEMENT  
UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933  
FIFTH THIRD BANCORP  
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)**

**Ohio**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**6711**  
(Primary Standard Industrial  
Classification Code Number)

**31-0854434**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**Fifth Third Center, Cincinnati, Ohio 45263  
(513) 579-5300**  
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of Registrant's principal executive offices)

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**Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale of the securities to the public:** As soon as practicable after the effective date of this registration statement and upon completion of the merger described in the proxy statement/prospectus.

If the securities being registered on this Form are being offered in connection with the formation of a holding company and there is compliance with General Instruction G, check the following box.

If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.  333-147192

If this Form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(d) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer  Non-accelerated filer  Smaller reporting company   
 (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

**CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE**

<b>Title of each class of securities to be registered</b>	<b>Amount to be registered(1)</b>	<b>Proposed maximum offering price per unit</b>	<b>Proposed maximum aggregate offering price</b>	<b>Amount of registration fee</b>
Common Stock, no par value	13,000,000 Shares	N/A(2)	\$752,449,586.00(2)	\$23,100.21 (3)

(1) The number of shares to be registered hereunder is intended to represent the maximum number of additional shares of common stock, no par value ( Common Stock ) of Fifth Third Bancorp ( Fifth Third ) that may be issued to shareholders of First Charter Corporation ( First Charter ) pursuant to the proposed merger of First Charter with and into Fifth Third Financial Corporation, a

wholly-owned subsidiary of Fifth Third. Fifth Third has previously registered 35,000,000 shares of its Common Stock pursuant to the Registration Statement on Amendment No. 1 to Form S-4 filed on November 29, 2007, (Registration No. 333-147192) and paid all registration fees associated therewith.

- (2) Estimated in connection with the initial filing of the Registration Statement on Form S-4 (Registration Statement No. 333-147192) on November 7, 2007 solely for the purpose of computing the registration fee, and calculated pursuant to Rule 457(f) of the General Rules and Regulations under the Securities Act of 1933 (the Securities Act ). Pursuant to Rule 457(c), (f)(1) and (f)(3) under the Securities Act,

based on the aggregate market value on November 5, 2007 of the 35,920,000 shares of First Charter expected to be exchanged in connection with the merger, the proposed maximum aggregate offering price is \$752,449,586.00, which was determined by taking (i) the product of the average of the high and low prices of First Charter common stock expected to be exchanged in connection with the merger, including shares issuable upon exercise of outstanding options or other securities to acquire First Charter common stock, less (ii) the amount of cash expected to be paid by Fifth Third in exchange for shares of First Charter common stock.

- (3) Previously paid upon the initial filing of the Registration Statement on Form S-4

(Registration  
Statement  
No. 333-147192)  
on November 7,  
2007.

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This Registration Statement is being filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to General Instruction K of Form S-4 and Rule 462(b) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, for the sole purpose of registering an additional 13,000,000 shares of the Registrant's common stock, no par value per share (the Common Stock), for issuance in connection with the merger of First Charter Corporation (First Charter) with and into Fifth Third Financial Corporation (Fifth Third Financial), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Registrant. The Registrant previously registered 35,000,000 shares of Common Stock by means of a currently effective Registration Statement on Amendment No. 1 to Form S-4 (Registration No. 333-147192). The number of shares originally registered represented the maximum number of shares of the Registrant's Common Stock estimated to be issuable upon the completion of the merger, based on the number of shares of First Charter common stock outstanding, or reserved for issuance under various plans, immediately prior to the merger and the exchange of shares of First Charter for the Registrant's Common Stock pursuant to the formula set forth in the Amended and Restated Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated September 14, 2007, by and among First Charter, the Registrant and Fifth Third Financial. The number of shares of the Registrant's Common Stock issuable upon the time of the merger is now estimated to be higher than originally anticipated due to the fact that the conversion ratio for the number of the Registrant's shares to be exchanged for First Charter shares has increased substantially since the initial filing of the Registration Statement on Form S-4. The aggregate value of the Registrant's shares to be exchanged in the merger has not changed. Thus, the Registrant is registering an additional 13,000,000 shares.

**INCORPORATION OF DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE**

This Registration Statement incorporates by reference the contents of our Registration Statement on Form S-4, Registration No. 333-147192, including all amendments, supplements and exhibits thereto and all information incorporated by reference therein. Additional opinions and consents required to be filed with this Registration Statement are listed on the Index to Exhibits attached to and filed with this Registration Statement.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio, on June 5, 2008.

**FIFTH THIRD BANCORP**

By: /s/ KEVIN T. KABAT  
Kevin T. Kabat  
President and Chief Executive Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Principal Executive Officer:

/s/ KEVIN T. KABAT Date: June 5, 2008

Kevin T. Kabat  
President and Chief Executive Officer

Principal Financial Officer:

/s/ DANIEL T. POSTON Date: June 5, 2008

Daniel T. Poston  
Chief Financial Officer and Executive Vice  
President

Principal Accounting Officer:

/s/ MARK D. HAZEL Date: June 5, 2008

Mark D. Hazel  
Controller and Vice President

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Directors of the Company:

/s/ DARRYL F. ALLEN\* Date: June 5, 2008

Darryl F. Allen

/s/ JOHN F. BARRETT\* Date: June 5, 2008

John F. Barrett

/s/ ULYSSES L. BRIDGEMAN, JR.\* Date: June 5, 2008

Ulysses L. Bridgeman, Jr.

/s/ JAMES P. HACKETT\* Date: June 5, 2008

James P. Hackett

/s/ GARY R. HEMINGER\* Date: June 5, 2008

Gary R. Heminger

/s/ ALLEN M. HILL\* Date: June 5, 2008

Allen M. Hill

/s/ KEVIN T. KABAT Date: June 5, 2008

Kevin T. Kabat

/s/ ROBERT L. KOCH, II\* Date: June 5, 2008

Robert L. Koch, II

/s/ MITCHEL D. LIVINGSTON, Ph.D.\* Date: June 5, 2008

Mitchel D. Livingston, Ph.D.

/s/ HENDRIK G. MEIJER\* Date: June 5, 2008

Hendrik G. Meijer

/s/ JAMES E. ROGERS\* Date: June 5, 2008

James E. Rogers

/s/ GEORGE A. SCHAEFER, JR.\* Date: June 5, 2008

George A. Schaefer, Jr.

/s/ JOHN J. SCHIFF, JR.\*

Date: June 5, 2008

John J. Schiff, Jr.

/s/ DUDLEY S. TAFT\*

Date: June 5, 2008

Dudley S. Taft

/s/ THOMAS W. TRAYLOR\*

Date: June 5, 2008

Thomas W. Traylor

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/s/ KEVIN T. KABAT

\* Kevin T. Kabat  
as  
attorney-in-fact  
pursuant to a  
power of  
attorney already  
filed.

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Consent of Alston & Bird LLP	23.5	
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A power of attorney where various individuals authorize the signing of their names to any and all amendments to this Registration Statement and other documents submitted in connection herewith	24.1	Previously filed