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# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

# FORM 10-K Annual Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

# For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2006 Commission file number 001-31940

### F.N.B. CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Florida 25-1255406

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

One F.N.B. Boulevard, Hermitage, PA

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

16148

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code:

724-981-6000

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

### **Title of Each Class**

Name of Exchange on which Registered

Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share

New York Stock Exchange

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes  $\flat$  No o

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act. Yes o No b

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes b No o

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of the registrant s knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer. See definition of accelerated filer and large accelerated filer in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large Accelerated Filer b Accelerated Filer o Non-accelerated Filer o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes o No þ

The aggregate market value of the registrant soutstanding voting common stock held by non-affiliates on June 30, 2006, determined using a per share closing price on that date of \$15.77, as quoted on the New York Stock Exchange, was \$885,897,665.

As of January 31, 2007, the registrant had outstanding 60,404,759 shares of common stock.

### **DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE**

Portions of the definitive Proxy Statement of F.N.B. Corporation to be filed pursuant to Regulation 14A for the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on May 14, 2007 (Proxy Statement) are incorporated by reference into Part III of this Annual Report on Form 10-K. The Proxy Statement will be filed on or before April 30, 2007.

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### PART I

Forward-Looking Statements: From time to time F.N.B. Corporation (the Corporation) has made and may continue to make written or oral forward-looking statements with respect to the Corporation's outlook or expectations for earnings, revenues, expenses, capital levels, asset quality or other future financial or business performance, strategies or expectations, or the impact of legal, regulatory or supervisory matters on the Corporation's business operations or performance. This Annual Report on Form 10-K (the Report) also includes forward-looking statements. With respect to all such forward-looking statements, see Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Information in Item 7 of this Report.

### ITEM 1. BUSINESS

The Corporation was formed in 1974 as a bank holding company. During 2000, the Corporation elected to become and remains a financial holding company under the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act of 1999. The Corporation has four reportable business segments: Community Banking, Wealth Management, Insurance and Consumer Finance. As of December 31, 2006, the Corporation had 154 Community Banking offices in Pennsylvania and Ohio and 53 Consumer Finance offices in those states and Tennessee. The Corporation, through its Community Banking affiliate, also had four commercial loan production offices in Florida and one mortgage loan production office in Tennessee as of that date.

The Corporation, through its subsidiaries, provides a full range of financial services, principally to consumers and small- to medium-sized businesses in its market areas. The Corporation s business strategy focuses primarily on providing quality, community-based financial services adapted to the needs of each of the markets it serves. The Corporation emphasizes its community orientation by allowing local management certain autonomy in decision-making, enabling it to respond to customer requests more quickly and to concentrate on transactions within its market areas. However, while the Corporation seeks to preserve some decision-making at a local level, it has established centralized legal, loan review and underwriting, accounting, investment, audit, loan operations and data processing functions. The centralization of these processes has enabled the Corporation to maintain consistent quality of these functions and to achieve certain economies of scale.

On January 1, 2004, the Corporation spun off its Florida operations into a separate, publicly traded company known as First National Bankshares of Florida, Inc. (Bankshares). Effective January 1, 2004, the Corporation transferred all of its Florida operations, which included a community bank, wealth management and insurance agency, to Bankshares. At the same time, the Corporation distributed all of the outstanding stock of Bankshares to the Corporation s stockholders of record as of December 26, 2003. Stockholders eligible for the distribution received one share of Bankshares common stock for each outstanding share of the Corporation s common stock held. Immediately following the distribution, the Corporation and its subsidiaries did not own any shares of Bankshares common stock and Bankshares became an independent public company. Concurrent with the spin-off of its Florida operations, the Corporation moved its executive offices from Naples, Florida to Hermitage, Pennsylvania on January 1, 2004.

As a result of the spin-off, for periods prior to January 1, 2004, the Florida operations earnings have been reclassified as discontinued operations and assets and liabilities related to these discontinued operations have been disclosed separately in Item 6, Selected Financial Data.

### **Business Segments**

In addition to the following information relating to the Corporation s business segments, information is contained in the Business Segments footnote in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, which is included in Item 8 of this Report. As of December 31, 2006, the Community Banking segment consisted of a regional community bank. The Wealth Management segment consisted of a trust company, a registered investment advisor and a subsidiary which offers broker-dealer services through a third party networking arrangement with a non-affiliated licensed broker-dealer entity. The Insurance segment consisted of an insurance agency and a reinsurer. The Consumer Finance segment consisted of a multi-state consumer finance company.

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### Community Banking

The Corporation s Community Banking affiliate, First National Bank of Pennsylvania (FNBPA), offers services traditionally offered by full-service commercial banks, including commercial and individual demand, savings and time deposit accounts and commercial, mortgage and individual installment loans.

The goal of Community Banking is to generate quality, profitable revenue growth through increased business with its current customers, attraction of new customer relationships through FNBPA s current branches and loan production offices and expansion into new and existing markets through de novo branch openings, acquisitions and the establishment of additional loan production offices. Consistent with this strategy, on May 26, 2006, October 7, 2005 and February 18, 2005, the Corporation completed its acquisitions of The Legacy Bank (Legacy), North East Bancorp, Inc. (North East) and NSD Bancorp, Inc. (NSD), respectively. For information pertaining to these acquisitions, see the Mergers and Acquisitions footnote in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, which is included in Item 8 of this Report. In addition, the Corporation considers Community Banking a fundamental source of revenue opportunity through the cross-selling of products and services offered by the Corporation s other business segments.

Community Banking also includes four commercial loan production offices in Florida and a mortgage loan production office in Tennessee which were opened in 2005 and 2006, the underwriting for which is performed centrally. The Corporation has recent prior experience and knowledge of the Florida market due to its former ownership of the Bankshares operations, which were spun off on January 1, 2004.

The lending philosophy of Community Banking is to establish quality customer relationships while minimizing credit losses by following strict credit approval standards (which include independent analysis of realizable collateral value), diversifying its loan portfolio by industry and borrower and conducting ongoing review and management of the loan portfolio. Commercial loans are generally made to established businesses within the geographic market areas served by Community Banking. Consistent with its lending philosophy, Community Banking does not have any highly leveraged transaction loans.

No material portion of the loans or deposits of Community Banking has been obtained from a single or small group of customers, and the loss of any one customer's loans or deposits or a small group of customers loans or deposits by Community Banking would not have a material adverse effect on the Community Banking segment or on the Corporation. The majority of the loans and deposits have been generated within the areas in which Community Banking operates.

### Wealth Management

Wealth Management delivers comprehensive wealth management services to individuals, corporations and retirement funds as well as existing customers of Community Banking. Wealth Management provides services to individuals and corporations located within the Corporation s geographic markets.

The Corporation s trust subsidiary, First National Trust Company (FNTC), provides a broad range of personal and corporate fiduciary services, including the administration of decedent and trust estates. As of December 31, 2006, the market value of trust assets under management totaled approximately \$1.7 billion.

The Corporation s Wealth Management segment also includes two other wholly-owned subsidiaries. First National Investment Services Company, LLC offers a broad array of investment products and services for customers of Wealth Management through a networking relationship with a third-party licensed brokerage firm. F.N.B. Investment Advisors, Inc. (Investment Advisors), an investment advisor registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), offers customers of Wealth Management objective investment programs featuring mutual funds, annuities,

stocks and bonds.

FNTC is required to maintain certain minimum capitalization levels in accordance with regulatory requirements. FNTC periodically measures its capital position to ensure all minimum capitalization levels are met.

No material portion of the business of Wealth Management has been obtained from a single or small group of customers, and the loss of any one customer s business or the business of a small group of customers by

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Wealth Management would not have a material adverse effect on the Wealth Management segment or on the Corporation.

#### Insurance

The Corporation s Insurance segment operates principally through First National Insurance Agency, LLC (FNIA). FNIA is a full-service agency offering numerous lines of commercial and personal insurance through major carriers to businesses and individuals primarily within the Corporation s geographic markets. The goal of FNIA is to grow revenue through cross-selling to existing clients of Community Banking and to gain new clients through its own channels.

The Corporation s Insurance segment also includes a reinsurance subsidiary, Penn-Ohio Life Insurance Company (Penn-Ohio). Penn-Ohio underwrites, as a reinsurer, credit life and accident and health insurance sold by the Corporation s lending subsidiaries. Additionally, FNBPA owns a direct subsidiary, First National Corporation (a Pennsylvania corporation), which offers title insurance products.

No material portion of the business of Insurance has been obtained from a single or small group of customers, and the loss of any one customer s business or the business of a small group of customers by Insurance would not have a material adverse effect on the Insurance segment or on the Corporation.

#### Consumer Finance

The Corporation s Consumer Finance segment operates through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Regency Finance Company (Regency), which is involved principally in making personal installment loans to individuals and purchasing installment sales finance contracts from retail merchants. Such activity is primarily funded through the sale of the Corporation s subordinated notes at Regency s branch offices. The Consumer Finance segment operates in Pennsylvania, Ohio and Tennessee.

No material portion of the business of Consumer Finance has been obtained from a single or small group of customers, and the loss of any one customer s business or the business of a small group of customers by Consumer Finance would not have a material adverse effect on the Consumer Finance segment or on the Corporation.

### Other

The Corporation also has six other subsidiaries. First National Corporation (a Delaware corporation) holds equity securities and other assets for the holding company. F.N.B. Statutory Trust I and F.N.B. Statutory Trust II hold the junior subordinated debt securities of the Corporation (debentures). Regency Consumer Financial Services, Inc. and FNB Consumer Financial Services, Inc. are the general partner and limited partner, respectively, of FNB Financial Services, LP, a company established to issue, administer and repay subordinated notes. F.N.B. Capital Corporation, LLC (FNB Capital) offers subordinated debt and other types of financing options for small- to medium-sized commercial enterprises that need financial assistance beyond the parameters of typical bank commercial lending products. These subsidiaries, along with the Parent company and intercompany eliminations, are included in the Other category in the Business Segments footnote in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, which is included in Item 8 of this Report.

### **Market Area and Competition**

The Corporation primarily operates in Pennsylvania and northeastern Ohio in an area that has a diversified mix of light manufacturing, service and distribution industries. This area is served by several major interstate highways and is

located at the approximate midpoint between New York City and Chicago. This area includes the Great Lakes shipping port of Erie, the Pennsylvania state capital of Harrisburg and the Greater Pittsburgh International Airport. The Corporation also has four commercial loan production offices in Florida and one mortgage loan production office in Tennessee. In addition to Pennsylvania, the Corporation s Consumer Finance segment also operates in northern and central Tennessee and central and southern Ohio.

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The Corporation s subsidiaries compete for deposits, loans and financial services business with a large number of other financial institutions, such as commercial banks, savings banks, savings and loan associations, credit life insurance companies, mortgage banking companies, consumer finance companies, credit unions and commercial finance and leasing companies, many of which have greater resources than the Corporation. In providing wealth and asset management services, as well as insurance brokerage and merchant banking products and services, the Corporation s subsidiaries compete with many other financial services firms, brokerage firms, mutual fund complexes, investment management firms, merchant and investment banking firms, trust and fiduciary service providers and insurance agencies.

In Regency s market areas of Pennsylvania, Ohio and Tennessee, the active competitors include banks, credit unions and national, regional and local consumer finance companies, some of which have substantially greater resources than that of Regency. The ready availability of consumer credit through charge accounts and credit cards constitutes additional competition. In this market area, competition is based on the rates of interest charged for loans, the rates of interest paid to obtain funds and the availability of customer services.

The ability to access and use technology is an increasingly important competitive factor in the financial services industry. Technology is not only important with respect to delivery of financial services, but also in processing information. The Corporation and each of its subsidiaries must continually make technological investments to remain competitive in the financial services industry.

### **Mergers and Acquisitions**

See the Mergers and Acquisitions footnote in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, which is included in Item 8 of this Report.

### **Employees**

As of January 31, 2007, the Corporation and its subsidiaries had 1,487 full-time and 357 part-time employees. Management of the Corporation considers its relationship with its employees to be satisfactory.

### **Government Supervision and Regulation**

The following discussion describes elements of an extensive regulatory framework applicable to bank holding companies, financial holding companies and banks and specific information about the Corporation and its subsidiaries. Federal regulation of banks, bank holding companies and financial holding companies is intended primarily for the protection of depositors and the Bank Insurance Fund rather than for the protection of stockholders and creditors. Numerous laws and regulations govern the operations of financial services institutions and their holding companies. Accordingly, the following discussion is general in nature and does not purport to be complete or to describe all of the laws and regulations that apply to the Corporation and its subsidiaries.

### General

As a registered bank holding company and financial holding company, the Corporation is subject to the supervision of, and regular inspection by, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (FRB). The Corporation s subsidiary bank (FNBPA) and trust company (FNTC) are organized as national banking associations, which are subject to regulation, supervision and examination by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC). Likewise, FNBPA is subject to certain regulatory requirements of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), the FRB and other federal and state regulatory agencies. In addition to banking laws, regulations and regulatory agencies, the

Corporation and its subsidiaries are subject to various other laws and regulations and supervision and examination by other regulatory agencies, all of which directly or indirectly affect the operations and management of the Corporation and its ability to make distributions to its stockholders.

As a regulated financial holding company, the Corporation s relationships and good standing with its regulators are of fundamental importance to the continuation and growth of the Corporation s businesses. The FRB, OCC, FDIC and SEC have broad enforcement powers, and authority to approve, deny or refuse to act upon applications or notices of the Corporation or its subsidiaries to conduct new activities, acquire or divest businesses

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or assets or reconfigure existing operations. In addition, the Corporation, FNBPA and FNTC are subject to examination by various regulators, which results in examination reports (which are not publicly available) and ratings that can impact the conduct and growth of the Corporation s businesses. These examinations consider not only compliance with applicable laws and regulations, including bank secrecy and anti-money laundering requirements, but also loan quality and administration, capital levels, asset quality and risk, management ability and performance, earnings, liquidity and various other factors, including community reinvestment. An examination downgrade by any of the Corporation s federal bank regulators could potentially result in the imposition of significant limitations on the activities and growth of the Corporation and its subsidiaries.

A financial holding company and the companies under its control are permitted to engage in activities considered financial in nature or incidental thereto—as defined by the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act and FRB interpretations, including, without limitation, insurance and securities activities, and therefore may engage in a broader range of activities than permitted for bank holding companies and their subsidiaries. A financial holding company may engage directly or indirectly in activities considered financial in nature, either de novo or by acquisition, provided the financial holding company gives the FRB after-the-fact notice of the new activities. The Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act also permits national banks, such as FNBPA, to engage in activities considered financial in nature through a financial subsidiary, subject to certain conditions and limitations and with the approval of the OCC.

The FRB is the umbrella regulator of a financial holding company. In addition, a financial holding company s operating entities, such as its subsidiary broker-dealers, investment managers, merchant banking operations, investment companies, insurance companies and banks, are also subject to the jurisdiction of various federal and state functional regulators.

#### Interstate Banking

Bank holding companies, including those that are also financial holding companies, are required to obtain the prior approval of the FRB before acquiring more than five percent of any class of voting stock of any non-affiliated bank. Pursuant to the Riegle-Neal Interstate Banking and Branching Efficiency Act of 1994 (Interstate Banking Act), a bank holding company may acquire banks located in states other than its home state without regard to the permissibility of such acquisitions under state law, but subject to any state requirement that the bank has been organized and operating for a minimum period of time, not to exceed five years, and the requirement that the bank holding company, after the proposed acquisition, controls no more than 10 percent of the total amount of deposits of insured depository institutions in the United States and no more than 30 percent or such lesser or greater amount set by state law of such deposits in that state.

Subject to certain restrictions, the Interstate Banking Act also authorizes banks to merge across state lines to create interstate banks. The Interstate Banking Act also permits a bank to open new branches in a state in which it does not already have banking operations if such state enacts a law permitting de novo branching. During 2006, the Corporation had one retail subsidiary national bank, FNBPA owns and operates eleven interstate branch offices within Ohio.

### Recent Statutory Developments

The Financial Services Regulatory Relief Act of 2006 (Relief Act) was enacted into law on October 13, 2006. The Relief Act is generally designed to remove or reduce various regulatory constraints and compliance orders imposed on the banking industry.

Changes in Regulations

Various legislation, including proposals to change substantially the financial institution regulatory system and to expand or contract the powers of banking institutions and bank holding companies, is from time to time introduced in Congress. This legislation may change banking statutes and the operating environment of the Corporation and its subsidiaries in substantial and unpredictable ways. If enacted, such legislation could increase or decrease the cost of doing business, limit or expand permissible activities or affect the competitive balance among banks, savings associations, credit unions and other financial institutions. The Corporation cannot predict whether any of this potential legislation will be enacted, and, if enacted, the effect that it, or any implemented regulations,

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would have on the financial condition or results of operations of the Corporation or any of its subsidiaries. A change in statutes, regulations or regulatory policies applicable to the Corporation or its subsidiaries could have a material adverse effect on the business of the Corporation and its subsidiaries.

# Capital and Operational Requirements

The FRB, the OCC and the FDIC have issued substantially similar risk-based and leverage capital guidelines applicable to United States banking organizations. In addition, these regulatory agencies may from time to time require that a banking organization maintain capital above the minimum levels, whether because of its financial condition or actual or anticipated growth. The FRB s risk-based guidelines define a three-tier capital framework. Tier 1 capital includes common stockholders equity and qualifying preferred stock, less goodwill and other adjustments. Tier 2 capital consists of preferred stock not qualifying as Tier 1 capital, mandatory convertible debt, limited amounts of subordinated debt, other qualifying term debt and the allowance for loan losses up to 1.25 percent of risk-weighted assets. Tier 3 capital includes subordinated debt that is unsecured, fully paid, has an original maturity of at least two years, is not redeemable before maturity without prior approval by the FRB and includes a lock-in clause precluding payment of either interest or principal if the payment would cause the issuing bank s risk-based capital ratio to fall or remain below the required minimum.

The sum of Tier 1 and 2 capital represents the Corporation squalifying total capital. Risk-based capital ratios are calculated by dividing Tier 1 and total capital by risk-weighted assets. Assets and off-balance sheet exposures are assigned to one of four categories of risk-weights, based primarily on relative credit risk. The minimum Tier 1 capital ratio is four percent and the minimum total capital ratio is eight percent. At December 31, 2006, the Corporation s Tier 1 and total capital ratios under these guidelines were 9.9% and 11.4%, respectively. At December 31, 2006, the Corporation had \$146.5 million of capital securities that qualified as Tier 1 capital and \$9.1 million of subordinated debt that qualified as Tier 2 capital.

The leverage ratio is determined by dividing Tier 1 capital by adjusted average total assets. Although the stated minimum ratio is 100 to 200 basis points above three percent, banking organizations are required to maintain a ratio of at least five percent to be classified as well-capitalized. The Corporation s leverage ratio at December 31, 2006 was 7.3% and as such, the Corporation meets its leverage ratio requirements.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Improvement Act of 1991 (FDICIA), among other things, identified five capital categories for insured depository institutions (well-capitalized, adequately capitalized, undercapitalized, significantly undercapitalized and critically undercapitalized) and requires the respective federal regulatory agencies to implement systems for prompt corrective action for insured depository institutions that do not meet minimum capital requirements within such categories. FDICIA imposes progressively more restrictive constraints on operations, management and capital distributions, depending on the category in which an institution is classified. Failure to meet the capital guidelines could also subject a banking institution to capital-raising requirements. An undercapitalized bank must develop a capital restoration plan and its parent holding company must guarantee that bank s compliance with the plan. The liability of the parent holding company under any such guarantee is limited to the lesser of five percent of the bank s assets at the time it became undercapitalized or the amount needed to comply with the plan. Furthermore, in the event of the bankruptcy of the parent holding company, such guarantee would take priority over the parent s general unsecured creditors. In addition, FDICIA requires the various regulatory agencies to prescribe certain non-capital standards for safety and soundness relating generally to operations and management, asset quality and executive compensation and permits regulatory action against a financial institution that does not meet such standards.

The various regulatory agencies have adopted substantially similar regulations that define the five capital categories identified by FDICIA, using the total risk-based capital, Tier 1 risk-based capital and leverage capital ratios as the

relevant capital measures. Such regulations establish various degrees of corrective action to be taken when an institution is considered undercapitalized. Under the regulations, a well-capitalized institution must have a Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio of at least six percent, a total risk-based capital ratio of at least ten percent and a leverage ratio of at least five percent and not be subject to a capital directive order. Under these guidelines, FNBPA was considered well-capitalized as of December 31, 2006.

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Federal regulators must also take into consideration (a) concentrations of credit risk; (b) interest rate risk (when the interest rate sensitivity of an institution s assets does not match the sensitivity of its liabilities or its off-balance sheet position) and (c) risks from non-traditional activities, as well as an institution s ability to manage those risks when determining the adequacy of an institution s capital. This evaluation is made as a part of the institution s regular safety and soundness examination. In addition, the Corporation, and any bank with significant trading activity, must incorporate a measure for market risk in their regulatory capital calculations.

#### Dividend Restrictions

The Corporation s primary source of funds for cash distributions to its stockholders, and funds used to pay principal and interest on its indebtedness, are dividends received from FNBPA. FNBPA is subject to federal laws and regulations governing its ability to pay dividends to the Corporation. In addition to dividends from FNBPA, other sources of parent company liquidity for the Corporation include cash and short-term investments, as well as dividends and loan repayments from other subsidiaries. FNBPA is subject to various regulatory policies and requirements relating to the payment of dividends, including requirements to maintain capital above regulatory minimums. The appropriate federal regulatory agency is authorized to determine under certain circumstances relating to the financial condition of a bank or bank holding company that the payment of dividends would be an unsafe or unsound practice and to prohibit payment thereof.

In addition, the ability of the Corporation and FNBPA to pay dividends may be affected by the various minimum capital requirements and the capital and non-capital standards established under FDICIA, as described above. The right of the Corporation, its stockholders and its creditors to participate in any distribution of the assets or earnings of its subsidiaries is further subject to the prior claims of creditors of the respective subsidiaries.

# Source of Strength

According to FRB policy, a financial or bank holding company is expected to act as a source of financial strength to each of its subsidiary banks and to commit resources to support each such subsidiary. Consistent with the source of strength policy for subsidiary banks, the FRB has stated that, as a matter of prudent banking, a bank holding company generally should not maintain a rate of cash dividends unless its net income available to common stockholders has been sufficient to fully fund the dividends and the prospective rate of earnings retention appears to be consistent with the Corporation s capital needs, asset quality and overall financial condition. This support may be required at times when a bank holding company may not be able to provide such support. Similarly, under the cross-guarantee provisions of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, in the event of a loss suffered or anticipated by the FDIC either as a result of default of a banking subsidiary or related to FDIC assistance provided to a subsidiary in danger of default, the other banks that are members of the FDIC may be assessed for the FDIC s loss, subject to certain exceptions.

In addition, if FNBPA was no longer well-capitalized and well-managed within the meaning of the Bank Holding Company Act and FRB rules (which take into consideration capital ratios, examination ratings and other factors), the expedited processing of certain types of FRB applications would not be available to the Corporation. Moreover, examination ratings of 3 or lower, unsatisfactory ratings, lower capital ratios below well-capitalized levels, regulatory concerns regarding management, controls, assets, operations or other factors can all potentially result in practical limitations on the ability of a bank or bank holding company to engage in new activities, grow, acquire new businesses, repurchase its stock or pay dividends or continue to conduct existing activities.

Securities and Exchange Commission

The Corporation is also subject to regulation by the SEC by virtue of the Corporation s status as a public company and due to the nature of certain of its businesses.

The Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 contains important requirements for public companies in the area of financial disclosure and corporate governance. In accordance with section 302(a) of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, written certifications by the Corporation s Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer are required with respect to each of the Corporation s quarterly and annual reports filed with the SEC. These certifications attest that

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the applicable report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact. The Corporation also maintains a program designed to comply with Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, which includes the identification of significant processes and accounts, documentation of the design of control effectiveness over process and entity level controls and testing of the operating effectiveness of key controls. See Item 9A, Controls and Procedures, of this Report for the Corporation s evaluation of its disclosure controls and procedures.

Investment Advisors is registered with the SEC as an investment advisor and, therefore, is subject to the requirements of the Investment Advisors Act of 1940 and the SEC s regulations thereunder. The principal purpose of the regulations applicable to investment advisors is the protection of clients and the securities markets, rather than the protection of creditors and stockholders of investment advisors. The regulations applicable to investment advisors cover all aspects of the investment advisory business, including limitations on the ability of investment advisors to charge performance-based or non-refundable fees to clients, record-keeping, operating, marketing and reporting requirements, disclosure requirements, limitations on principal transactions between an advisor or its affiliates and advisory clients, as well as other anti-fraud prohibitions. The Corporation s investment advisory subsidiary also may be subject to certain state securities laws and regulations.

Additional legislation, changes in or new rules promulgated by the SEC and other federal and state regulatory authorities and self-regulatory organizations or changes in the interpretation or enforcement of existing laws and rules, may directly affect the method of operation and profitability of Investment Advisors. The profitability of Investment Advisors could also be affected by rules and regulations that impact the business and financial communities in general, including changes to the laws governing taxation, antitrust regulation, homeland security and electronic commerce.

Under various provisions of the federal and state securities laws, including in particular those applicable to broker-dealers, investment advisors and registered investment companies and their service providers, a determination by a court or regulatory agency that certain violations have occurred at a company or its affiliates can result in a limitation of permitted activities and disqualification to continue to conduct certain activities.

Investment Advisors is also subject to rules and regulations promulgated by the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. (NASD), among others. The principal purpose of these regulations is the protection of clients and the securities markets, rather than the protection of stockholders and creditors.

### Consumer Finance Subsidiary

Regency is subject to regulation under Pennsylvania, Tennessee and Ohio state laws that require, among other things, that it maintain licenses in effect for consumer finance operations for each of its offices. Representatives of the Pennsylvania Department of Banking, the Tennessee Department of Financial Institutions and the Ohio Division of Consumer Finance periodically visit Regency s offices and conduct extensive examinations in order to determine compliance with such laws and regulations. Additionally, the FRB, as umbrella regulator of the Corporation pursuant to the Gramm-Leach Bliley Act, may conduct an examination of Regency s offices or operations. Such examinations include a review of loans and the collateral therefor, as well as a check of the procedures employed for making and collecting loans. Additionally, Regency is subject to certain federal laws that require that certain information relating to credit terms be disclosed to customers and, in certain instances, afford customers the right to rescind transactions.

### Insurance Agencies

FNIA is subject to licensing requirements and extensive regulation under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the various states in which FNIA conducts business. These laws and regulations are primarily for the benefit of clients. In all jurisdictions, the applicable laws and regulations are subject to amendment or

interpretation by regulatory authorities. Generally, such authorities are vested with relatively broad discretion to grant, renew and revoke licenses and approvals and to implement regulations. Licenses may be denied or revoked for various reasons, including the violation of such regulations or the conviction of crimes. Possible sanctions that may be imposed for violation of regulations include the suspension of individual employees, limitations on engaging in a particular business for a specified period of time, revocation of licenses, censures and fines.

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Penn-Ohio is subject to examination on a triennial basis by the Arizona Department of Insurance. Representatives of the Arizona Department of Insurance periodically determine whether Penn-Ohio has maintained required reserves, established adequate deposits under a reinsurance agreement and complied with reporting requirements under the applicable Arizona statutes.

Merchant Banking

FNB Capital is subject to regulation and examination by the FRB and is subject to rules and regulations issued by the NASD.

#### **Governmental Policies**

The operations of the Corporation and its subsidiaries are affected not only by general economic conditions, but also by the policies of various regulatory authorities. In particular, the FRB regulates money and credit and interest rates in order to influence general economic conditions. These policies have a significant influence on overall growth and distribution of loans, investments and deposits and affect interest rates charged on loans or paid for time and savings deposits. FRB monetary policies have had a significant effect on the operating results of all financial institutions in the past and may continue to do so in the future.

#### **Available Information**

The Corporation maintains a website at www.fnbcorporation.com. The Corporation makes available on its website, free of charge, its Annual Report on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and Current Reports on Form 8-K (and amendments to any of the foregoing) as soon as practicable after such reports are filed with or furnished to the SEC. These reports are available on the Corporation s website at www.fnbcorporation.com and are also available to stockholders, free of charge, upon written request to F.N.B. Corporation, Attn: David B. Mogle, Corporate Secretary, One F.N.B. Boulevard, Hermitage, PA 16148. A fee to cover the Corporation s reproduction costs will be charged for any requested exhibits to these documents. The Corporation s common stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) under the symbol FNB . The Corporation filed the certifications of its Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Chief Financial Officer (CFO) required pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes Oxley Act of 2002 with respect to its Annual Report on Form 10-K for 2005 with the SEC as exhibits to that Report and have filed certifications required by Section 302 of that Act with respect to this Annual Report on Form 10-K as exhibits to this Report. The Corporation s CEO submitted the required annual CEO Certification regarding the NYSE s corporate governance listing standards to the NYSE within 30 days of the 2006 annual shareholders meeting. The Corporation s Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, the Charters of its Audit, Compensation, Corporate Governance and Nominating Committees and the Corporation s Corporate Governance Guidelines are available on the Corporation s website and in printed form upon request.

### ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

The Corporation is subject to a number of risks that may potentially impact its business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows. As a financial services organization, certain elements of risk are inherent in every one of its transactions and are presented by every business decision it makes. Thus, the Corporation encounters risk as part of the normal course of its business, and designs its risk management processes to help manage these risks.

In many cases, there are risks that are known to exist at the outset of a transaction but which cannot reasonably be eliminated. For example, every loan transaction presents credit risk (the risk that the borrower may not perform in accordance with contractual terms) and interest rate risk (a potential loss in earnings or economic value due to adverse

movement in market interest rates or credit spreads), with the nature and extent of these risks principally depending on the identity of the borrower and overall economic conditions. These risks are inherent in every loan transaction; if the Corporation wishes to make loans, it must manage these risks through the terms and structure of the loans and through the management of deposits and other funding sources. The success of the Corporation s business is dependent on its ability to identify, understand and manage the risks presented by its

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business activities so that it can appropriately balance revenue generation and profitability with these inherent risks. The Corporation discusses its principal risk management processes and, in appropriate places, related historical performance in the Market Risk section included in Item 7 of this Report.

The following are the most significant risk factors that affect the Corporation. These risk factors are also discussed further in other parts of this Report.

The Corporation s status as a holding company makes it dependent on dividends from its subsidiaries to meet its obligations.

The Corporation is a holding company and conducts almost all of its operations through its subsidiaries. The Corporation does not have any significant assets other than the stock of its subsidiaries. Accordingly, the Corporation depends on dividends from its subsidiaries to meet its obligations and obtain revenue. The Corporation s right to participate in any distribution of earnings or assets of its subsidiaries is subject to the prior claims of creditors of such subsidiaries. Under federal and state law, FNBPA is limited in the amount of dividends it may pay to the Corporation without prior regulatory approval. Also, bank regulators have the authority to prohibit FNBPA from paying dividends if the bank regulators determine the payment would be an unsafe and unsound banking practice.

*Interest rate volatility could significantly harm the Corporation s business.* 

The Corporation s results of operations are affected by the monetary and fiscal policies of the federal government and the regulatory policies of governmental authorities. A significant component of the Corporation s earnings is its net interest income, which is the difference between the income from interest earning assets, such as loans, and the expense of interest bearing liabilities, such as deposits. A change in market interest rates could adversely affect the Corporation s earnings if market interest rates change such that the interest the Corporation pays on deposits and borrowings increases faster or decreases more slowly than the interest it collects on loans and investments. Consequently, the business of the Corporation, along with that of other financial institutions, generally is sensitive to interest rate fluctuations.

*The Corporation s results of operations are significantly affected by the ability of its borrowers to repay their loans.* 

Lending money is an essential part of the banking business. However, borrowers do not always repay their loans. The risk of non-payment is affected by:

credit risks of a particular borrower;

changes in economic and industry conditions;

the duration of the loan; and

in the case of a collateralized loan, uncertainties as to the future value of the collateral.

Generally, commercial/industrial, construction and commercial real estate loans present a greater risk of non-payment by a borrower than other types of loans. In addition, consumer loans typically have shorter terms and lower balances with higher yields compared to real estate mortgage loans, but generally carry higher risks of default. Consumer loan collections are dependent on the borrower s continuing financial stability, and thus are more likely to be affected by adverse personal circumstances. Furthermore, the application of various federal and state laws, including bankruptcy and insolvency laws, may limit the amount that can be recovered on these loans.

The Corporation s financial condition and results of operations would be adversely affected if its allowance for loan losses is not sufficient to absorb actual losses.

There is no precise method of predicting loan losses. The Corporation can give no assurance that its allowance for loan losses is or will be sufficient to absorb actual loan losses. Excess loan losses could have a material adverse effect on the Corporation s financial condition and results of operations. The Corporation attempts to maintain an appropriate allowance for loan losses to provide for estimated losses in its loan portfolio. The

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Corporation periodically determines the amount of its allowance for loan losses based upon consideration of several factors, including:

a regular review of the quality, mix and size of the overall loan portfolio;

historical loan loss experience;

evaluation of non-performing loans;

assessment of economic conditions and their effects on the Corporation s existing portfolio; and

the amount and quality of collateral, including guarantees, securing loans.

The Corporation s financial condition may be adversely affected if it is unable to attract sufficient deposits to fund its anticipated loan growth.

The Corporation funds its loan growth primarily through deposits. To the extent that the Corporation is unable to attract and maintain sufficient levels of deposits to fund its loan growth, the Corporation would be required to raise additional funds through public or private financings. The Corporation can give no assurance that it would be able to obtain these funds on terms that are favorable to it.

The Corporation could experience significant difficulties and complications in connection with its growth and acquisition strategy.

The Corporation has grown significantly through acquisitions over the last few years and may seek to continue to grow by acquiring financial institutions and branches as well as non-depository entities engaged in permissible activities for its financial institution subsidiaries. However, the market for acquisitions is highly competitive. The Corporation may not be as successful in the future as it has been in the past in identifying financial institution and branch acquisition candidates, integrating acquired institutions or preventing deposit erosion at acquired institutions or branches.

As part of its acquisition strategy, the Corporation may acquire additional banks and non-bank entities that it believes provide a strategic fit with its business. To the extent that the Corporation is successful with this strategy, there can be no assurance that the Corporation will be able to manage this growth adequately and profitably. For example, acquiring any bank or non-bank entity will involve risks commonly associated with acquisitions, including:

potential exposure to unknown or contingent liabilities of banks and non-bank entities the Corporation acquires;

exposure to potential asset quality issues of acquired banks and non-bank entities;

potential disruption to the Corporation s business;

potential diversion of the time and attention of the Corporation s management; and

the possible loss of key employees and customers of the banks and other businesses the Corporation acquires.

In addition to acquisitions, FNBPA may expand into additional communities or attempt to strengthen its position in its current markets by undertaking additional de novo branch openings or establishing additional loan production offices. Based on its experience, the Corporation believes that it generally takes up to three years for new banking facilities to achieve operational profitability due to the impact of organizational and overhead expenses and the start-up phase of generating loans and deposits. To the extent that FNBPA undertakes additional de novo branch openings, FNBPA is likely to continue to experience the effects of higher operating expenses relative to operating income from the new banking facilities, which may have an adverse effect on the Corporation s net income, earnings per share, return on average equity and return on average assets.

The Corporation may encounter unforeseen expenses, as well as difficulties and complications in integrating expanded operations and new employees without disruption to its overall operations. Following each acquisition, the Corporation must expend substantial resources to integrate the entities. The integration of non-

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banking entities often involves combining different industry cultures and business methodologies. The failure to integrate successfully the entities the Corporation acquires into its existing operations may adversely affect its results of operations and financial condition.

The Corporation could be adversely affected by changes in the law, especially changes in the regulation of the banking industry.

The Corporation and its subsidiaries operate in a highly regulated industry and are subject to supervision and regulation by several governmental agencies, including, among others, the FRB, the OCC and the FDIC. Regulations are generally intended to provide protection for depositors and customers rather than for investors. The Corporation is subject to changes in federal and state law, regulations, governmental policies, income tax laws and accounting principles. Changes in regulation could adversely affect the banking and financial services industry as a whole and could limit the Corporation s growth and the return to investors by restricting such activities as:

the payment of dividends;

mergers with or acquisitions of other institutions;

investments;

loans and interest rates:

the provision of securities, insurance or trust services; and

the types of non-deposit activities in which the Corporation s financial institution subsidiaries may engage.

In addition, legislation may change present capital requirements, which could restrict the Corporation s activities and require the Corporation to maintain additional capital.

The Corporation s results of operations could be adversely affected due to significant competition.

The Corporation may not be able to compete effectively in its markets, which could adversely affect the Corporation s results of operations. The banking and financial services industry in each of the Corporation s market areas is highly competitive. The competitive environment is a result of:

changes in regulation;

changes in technology and product delivery systems; and

the accelerated pace of consolidation among financial services providers.

The Corporation competes for loans, deposits and customers with various bank and non-bank financial service providers, many of which are larger in terms of total assets and capitalization, have greater access to the capital markets and offer a broader array of financial services than the Corporation does