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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and A Panther Tho	•	rting Person *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SUNTRUST BANKS INC [STI]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction			
303 PEACHTREE STREET			(Month/Day/Year) 02/14/2012	Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) SVP, Controller, CAO		
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
ATLANTA, GA 30303				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acc	quired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi on(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	ispose 4 and (A) or	d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	02/13/2012		F	2,019	D	\$ 22.03	23,626	D (1)	
Common Stock	02/14/2012		A	9,400	A	\$ 21.67	33,026	D (1)	
Common Stock							1,070.4521	I (2)	401(k)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of or Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercis Expiration Dat (Month/Day/Y	e	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount of Number of Shares
Phantom Stock Units (3)	(3)					(3)	(3)	Common Stock	960.158
Option (4)	\$ 54.28					02/11/2006	02/11/2013	Common Stock	2,400
Option (4)	\$ 73.19					02/10/2007	02/10/2014	Common Stock	3,000
Option (4)	\$ 73.14					02/08/2008	02/08/2015	Common Stock	7,000
Option (5)	\$ 23.7					01/04/2013	01/04/2020	Common Stock	6,000
Option (6)	\$ 21.67	02/14/2012		A	23,500	<u>(6)</u>	02/13/2022	Common Stock	14,900

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Kelationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
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Panther Thomas E

303 PEACHTREE STREET ATLANTA, GA 30303

SVP, Controller, CAO

Signatures

David A. Wisniewski, Attorney-in-Fact for Thomas E.
Panther

02/16/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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Includes restricted stock granted under the SunTrust Banks, Inc. 2004 and 2009 Stock Plans which are subject to vesting conditions. The restricted stock agreements contain tax withholding features allowing stock to be withheld to satisfy tax withholding obligations. The plans are exempt under Rule 16(b)-3. Includes 5,810 shares which vest on 2/10/12; 3,690 shares which vet on 8/11/2012, 4,205 shares which vest on 2/9/2013; 4,500 shares which vest on 2/8/14; 1,157 shares of restricted stock which vest on 6/14/2014; and 9,400 shares which vest on 2/14/2015.

- (2) Because the stock fund component of the 401(k) Plan is accounted for in unit accounting, the number of share equivalents varies based on the closing price of SunTrust stock on the applicable measurement date.
- (3) Phantom stock units acquired under the SunTrust Bank, Inc. Deferred Compensation Plan. These phantom stock units convert to common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (4) Granted under the SunTrust Banks, Inc. 2004 Stock Plan.
- (5) Granted under the SunTrust Banks, Inc. 2009 Stock Plan.
- (6) Granted under the SunTrust Banks, Inc. 2009 Stock Plan. One third of the award vests each year for three years.

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