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## Debt Securities

NationsBank Corporation ("NationsBank" or the "Corporation") may offer from time to time its unsecured debt securities, which may be either senior (the "Senior Debt Securities") or subordinated (the "Subordinated Debt Securities" and, together with the Senior Debt Securities, the "Debt Securities"). NationsBank may sell up to \$3,000,000,000 in aggregate initial offering price of Debt Securities (or the U.S. dollar equivalent thereof if any of the Debt Securities are denominated in a foreign currency or currency unit), which may be offered, separately or together, in one or more series, in amounts, at prices and on terms to be determined at the time of sale and set forth in an accompanying supplement to this Prospectus (a "Prospectus Supplement"). Pursuant to the terms of the Registration Statement of which this Prospectus constitutes a part, NationsBank may also offer and sell shares of its preferred stock (the "Preferred Stock"), which may be represented by depositary shares (the "Depositary Shares"), and shares of its common stock (the "Common Stock"). Any such Preferred Stock, Depositary Shares or Common Stock will be offered and issued pursuant to the terms of a separate Prospectus contained in such Registration Statement. The aggregate amount of Debt Securities that may be offered and sold pursuant hereto is subject to reduction as the result of the sale of any Preferred Stock, Depositary Shares or Common Stock pursuant to such separate Prospectus.

The Senior Debt Securities will rank equally with all other unsubordinated and unsecured indebtedness of the Corporation. The Subordinated Debt Securities will be subordinate in right of payment to all existing and future Senior Indebtedness (as defined herein) of the Corporation.

The Debt Securities may be denominated in U.S. dollars or in another currency or currency unit (such as the European Currency Unit), and the principal of (and premium, if any, on) or interest on the Debt Securities may be payable in U.S. dollars or such foreign currency or currency unit. The specific terms of each series of Debt Securities offered pursuant to this Prospectus, including the specific designation, aggregate principal amount, currency or currency unit in which the principal and any premium or interest may be payable, authorized denominations, maturity, any premium, any interest rate (which may be fixed or variable), any interest payment dates, any optional or mandatory redemption terms, any sinking fund provisions, any subordination terms, any terms for conversion (in the event that such series is convertible at the option of the holder or NationsBank into Preferred Stock, Depositary Shares, Common Stock or other Debt Securities), the form of such series, any securities exchange on which such Debt Securities may be listed, and any other terms of such series of Debt Securities will be set forth in the Prospectus Supplement relating to such series.

The Debt Securities may be sold (i) through underwriting syndicates represented by managing underwriters, or by underwriters without a syndicate, with such underwriters to be designated at the time of sale; (ii) through agents designated from time to time; or (iii) directly by the Corporation. The names of any underwriters or agents of NationsBank involved in the sale of the Debt Securities, the public offering price or purchase price and any commissions or discounts will be set forth in the applicable Prospectus Supplement or a pricing supplement thereto. The net proceeds to the Corporation from such sale also will be set forth in such Prospectus Supplement.

This Prospectus may not be used to consummate sales of Debt Securities unless accompanied by a Prospectus Supplement.

THESE SECURITIES ARE NOT SAVINGS ACCOUNTS OR BANK DEPOSITS, ARE NOT OBLIGATIONS OF OR GUARANTEED BY ANY BANKING OR NONBANKING AFFILIATE OF NATIONS BANK, AND ARE NOT INSURED BY THE FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION OR ANY OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCY. THESE SECURITIES HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED BY THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION, THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA (THE "COMMISSIONER") OR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION NOR HAS THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION, THE COMMISSIONER OR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION PASSED UPON THE ACCURACY OR ADEQUACY OF THIS PROSPECTUS. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

The date of this Prospectus is July 12, 1996.

## INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE

The following documents, previously filed by the Corporation with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") pursuant to Section 13 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "1934 Act"), are incorporated herein by reference:

(a) The Corporation's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1995;

(b) The Corporation's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 1996;

(c) The Corporation's Current Reports on Form 8-K filed January 12, 1996, February 1, 1996, March 8, 1996, April 17, 1996, May 16, 1996 and July 5, 1996; and

(d) The description of the Corporation's Common Stock contained in its registration statement filed pursuant to Section 12 of the 1934 Act, and any amendment or report filed for the purpose of updating such description, including the Corporation's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on September 21, 1994.

All reports and any definitive proxy or information statements filed by the Corporation with the Commission pursuant to Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the 1934 Act subsequent to the date of this Prospectus and prior to the termination of the offering of the Debt Securities offered hereby shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Prospectus and to be a part hereof from the date of filing of such documents. Any statement contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this Prospectus to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any other subsequently filed document which also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such statement. Any such statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Prospectus.

THE CORPORATION WILL PROVIDE WITHOUT CHARGE TO EACH PERSON TO WHOM THIS PROSPECTUS IS DELIVERED, ON THE WRITTEN OR ORAL REQUEST OF ANY SUCH PERSON, A COPY OF ANY OR ALL OF THE DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE (OTHER THAN EXHIBITS TO SUCH DOCUMENTS WHICH ARE NOT SPECIFICALLY INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE IN SUCH DOCUMENTS). WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR SUCH COPIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO JOHN E. MACK, SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT AND TREASURER, NATIONSBANK CORPORATION, NATIONSBANK CORPORATE CENTER, CORPORATE TREASURY DIVISION, CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA 28255. TELEPHONE REQUESTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO (704) 386-5972.

#### AVAILABLE INFORMATION

NationsBank is subject to the informational requirements of the 1934 Act and, in accordance therewith, files reports, proxy statements and other information with the Commission. Such reports, proxy statements and other information can be inspected and copied at the following public reference facilities maintained by the Commission: 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549; 7 World Trade Center, Suite 1300, New York, New York 10048; and the Citicorp Center, 500 West Madison Street, Suite 1400, Chicago, Illinois 60661-2511. Copies of such material may also be obtained by mail from the Public Reference Section of the Commission at 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Room 1024, Washington, D.C. 20549, upon payment of prescribed rates. In addition, reports, proxy statements and other information concerning NationsBank may be inspected at the offices of the New York Stock Exchange, Inc., 20 Broad Street, New York, New York 10005 and at the offices of The Pacific Stock Exchange Incorporated, 301 Pine Street, San Francisco, California 94104.

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#### NATIONSBANK CORPORATION

##### GENERAL

NationsBank is a bank holding company established as a North Carolina corporation in 1968 and is registered under the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, as amended (the "BHCA"), with its principal assets being the stock of its subsidiaries. Through its banking subsidiaries (the "Banks") and its various non-banking subsidiaries, NationsBank provides banking and banking-related services, primarily throughout the Southeast and Mid-Atlantic states and Texas. The principal executive offices of NationsBank are located at NationsBank Corporate Center in Charlotte, North Carolina 28255. Its telephone number is (704) 386-5000.

##### OPERATIONS

NationsBank provides a diversified range of banking and certain nonbanking financial services and products through its various subsidiaries. NationsBank manages its business activities through three major business units: the General Bank, Global Finance and Financial Services.

The General Bank provides comprehensive services in the commercial and retail banking fields, including trust and private banking operations, the origination and servicing of home mortgage loans, the issuance and servicing of credit cards (through a Delaware subsidiary), indirect lending, dealer finance and certain insurance services. The General Bank also offers full service brokerage services and discount brokerage services and provides investment advisory services to a proprietary mutual fund, as well as investment management, banking and fiduciary services through subsidiaries of NationsBank. As of March 31, 1996, the General Bank operated 2,005 banking offices through the following Banks: NationsBank, N.A. (serving the states of North Carolina, South Carolina, Maryland and Virginia and the District of Columbia); NationsBank, N.A. (South) (serving the states of Florida and Georgia); NationsBank of Kentucky, N.A.; NationsBank of Tennessee, N.A.; and NationsBank of Texas, N.A. The General Bank also provides fully automated, 24-hour cash dispensing and depositing services throughout the states in which it is located, through 2,946 automated teller machines.

Global Finance provides comprehensive corporate banking and investment banking services to domestic and international customers, including treasury management, loan syndication, asset-backed lending, leasing, factoring and arrangement of asset-backed and project financing, as well as underwriting, trading or distributing a wide range of securities (including bank-eligible securities and, to a limited extent, bank-ineligible securities as authorized by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (the "Federal Reserve Board") under Section 20 of the Glass-Steagall Act), and trading and distributing a wide range of derivative products in certain interest rate, foreign exchange, commodity and equity markets. Global Finance provides its

services through various offices located in major United States cities as well as in London, Frankfurt, Singapore, Bogota, Mexico City, Grand Cayman, Nassau, Seoul, Tokyo, Osaka, Taipei and Hong Kong.

Financial Services consists of NationsCredit Consumer Corporation (formerly NationsCredit Corporation), primarily a consumer finance subsidiary, and NationsCredit Commercial Corporation (formerly Greyrock Capital Group Inc.), primarily a commercial finance subsidiary. NationsCredit Consumer Corporation, which has approximately 371 offices located in 34 states, provides personal, mortgage and automobile loans to consumers and retail finance programs to dealers. NationsCredit Commercial Corporation consists of six divisions that specialize in one or more of the following areas: equipment loans and leasing; loans for debt restructuring, mergers and acquisitions and working capital; real estate, golf/recreational and health care financing; and inventory financing to manufacturers, distributors and dealers.

As part of its operations, NationsBank regularly evaluates the potential acquisition of, and holds discussions with, various financial institutions and other businesses of a type eligible for bank holding company investment. In addition, NationsBank regularly analyzes the values of, and submits bids for, the acquisition of customer-based funds and other liabilities and assets of such financial institutions and other businesses. As a general rule, NationsBank publicly announces such material acquisitions when a definitive agreement has been reached.

#### SUPERVISION AND REGULATION

GENERAL. As a registered bank holding company, NationsBank is subject to the supervision of, and to regular inspection by, the Federal Reserve Board. The Banks are organized as national banking associations, which

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are subject to regulation, supervision and examination by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (the "Comptroller"). The Banks are also subject to regulation by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (the "FDIC") and other federal regulatory agencies. In addition to banking laws, regulations and regulatory agencies, NationsBank and its subsidiaries and affiliates 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. The following discussion summarizes certain aspects of those laws and regulations that affect NationsBank.

Under the BHCA, the activities of NationsBank, and those of companies which it controls or in which it holds more than 5% of the voting stock, are limited to banking or managing or controlling banks or furnishing services to or performing services for its subsidiaries, or any other activity which the Federal Reserve Board determines to be so closely related to banking or managing or controlling banks as to be a proper incident thereto. In making such determinations, the Federal Reserve Board is required to consider whether the performance of such activities by a bank holding company or its subsidiaries can reasonably be expected to produce benefits to the public such as greater convenience, increased competition or gains in efficiency that outweigh possible adverse effects, such as undue concentration of resources, decreased or unfair competition, conflicts of interest or unsound banking practices. Generally, bank holding companies, such as NationsBank, are required to obtain prior approval of the Federal Reserve Board to engage in any new activity not previously approved by the Federal Reserve Board or to acquire more than 5% of any class of voting stock of any company.

The BHCA also requires bank holding companies to obtain the prior approval of the Federal Reserve Board before acquiring more than 5% of any class of voting stock of any bank which is not already majority-owned by the bank holding company. Pursuant to the Riegle-Neal Interstate Banking and Branching Efficiency Act of 1994 (the "Interstate Banking and Branching Act"), which became effective September 29, 1995, a bank holding company may acquire banks in states other than its home state 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, prior to or following the proposed acquisition, controls no more than 10% of the total amount of deposits of insured depository institutions in the United States and no more than 30% of such deposits in that state (or such lesser or greater amount set by state law).

The Interstate Banking and Branching Act also authorizes banks to merge across state lines, therefore creating interstate branches, beginning June 1, 1997. Under such legislation, each state has the opportunity either to "opt out" of this provision, thereby prohibiting interstate branching in such states, or to "opt in" at an earlier time, thereby allowing interstate branching within that state prior to June 1, 1997. Furthermore, pursuant to such act, a bank is now able to open new branches in a state in which it does not already have banking operations if such state enacts a law permitting such DE NOVO branching. Of those states in which the Banks are located, Delaware, Maryland, North Carolina and Virginia have enacted legislation to "opt in," thereby permitting interstate branching prior to June 1, 1997, and Texas has adopted legislation to "opt out" of the interstate branching provisions (which Texas law currently expires on September 2, 1999).

As previously described, NationsBank regularly evaluates merger and acquisition opportunities, and it anticipates that it will continue to evaluate such opportunities in light of the new legislation.

Proposals to change the laws and regulations governing the banking industry are frequently introduced in Congress, in the state legislatures and before the various bank regulatory agencies. In 1995, several bills were introduced in

Congress that would have the effect of broadening the securities underwriting powers of bank holding companies and, possibly, permitting bank holding companies to engage in nonfinancial activities. The likelihood and timing of any such proposals or bills being enacted and the impact they might have on NationsBank and its subsidiaries cannot be determined at this time.

CAPITAL AND OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS. The Federal Reserve Board, the Comptroller and the FDIC have issued substantially similar risk-based and leverage capital guidelines applicable to United States banking organizations. In addition, those 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 Federal Reserve Board risk-based guidelines define a two-tier capital framework. Tier 1 capital consists of common and qualifying preferred shareholders' equity, less certain intangibles and other adjustments.

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Tier 2 capital consists of subordinated and other qualifying debt, and the allowance for credit losses up to 1.25% of risk-weighted assets. The sum of Tier 1 and Tier 2 capital less investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries represents qualifying total capital, at least 50% of which must consist of Tier 1 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 4% and the minimum total capital ratio is 8%. The Corporation's Tier 1 and total risk-based capital ratios under these guidelines at March 31, 1996 were 7.35% and 11.71%, respectively.

The leverage ratio is determined by dividing Tier 1 capital by adjusted average total assets. Although the stated minimum ratio is 3%, most banking organizations are required to maintain ratios of at least 100 to 200 basis points above 3%. The Corporation's leverage ratio at March 31, 1996 was 6.19%. Management believes that NationsBank meets its leverage ratio requirement.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Improvement Act of 1991 ("FDICIA"), among other things, identifies 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 5% 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 capital ratio of at least 6%, a total capital ratio of at least 10% and a leverage ratio of at least 5% and not be subject to a capital directive order. An "adequately capitalized" institution must have a Tier 1 capital ratio of at least 4%, a total capital ratio of at least 8% and a leverage ratio of at least 4%, or 3% in some cases. Under these guidelines, each of the Banks is considered adequately or well capitalized.

Banking agencies have also adopted regulations which mandate that regulators take into consideration concentrations of credit risk and 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 will be made as a part of the institution's regular safety and soundness examination. Banking agencies also have proposed amendments to existing risk-based capital regulations to provide for the consideration of 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) in the determination of a bank's minimum capital requirements. This proposal, while still under consideration, would require banks with interest rate risk in excess of defined thresholds to maintain additional capital beyond that generally required.

DISTRIBUTIONS. The Corporation's funds for cash distributions to its shareholders are derived from a variety of sources, including cash and temporary investments. The primary source of such funds, however, is dividends received from the Banks. The amount of dividends that each Bank may declare in a calendar year without approval of the Comptroller is the Bank's net profits for that year, as defined by statute, combined with its net retained profits, as defined, for the preceding two years. In addition, from time to time NationsBank applies

for, and may receive, permission from the Comptroller for one or more of the Banks to declare special dividends. In 1996, the Banks can initiate dividend payments without prior regulatory approval of up to \$905 million plus an additional amount equal to their net profits for 1996 up to the date of any such dividend declaration.

In addition to the foregoing, the ability of NationsBank and the Banks 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. Furthermore, the Comptroller may prohibit the payment of a dividend by a national bank if it determines that such payment would constitute an unsafe or unsound practice. The right of NationsBank, its shareholders 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 Federal Reserve Board policy, bank holding companies are expected to act as a source of financial strength to each subsidiary bank and to commit resources to support each such subsidiary. This support may be required at times when a bank holding company may not be able to provide such support. In the event of a loss suffered or anticipated by the FDIC -- either as a result of default of a banking or thrift subsidiary of NationsBank or related to FDIC assistance provided to a subsidiary in danger of default -- the other Banks may be assessed for the FDIC's loss, subject to certain exceptions.

USE OF PROCEEDS

The net proceeds from the sale of the Debt Securities will be used for general corporate purposes, including the Corporation's working capital needs, the funding of investments in, or extensions of credit to, its banking and nonbanking subsidiaries, possible acquisitions of other financial institutions or their assets or liabilities, possible acquisitions of or investments in other businesses of a type eligible for bank holding companies and possible reduction of outstanding indebtedness or repurchase of outstanding equity securities of the Corporation. Pending such use, the Corporation may temporarily invest the net proceeds in investment grade securities. The Corporation may, from time to time, engage in additional capital financings of a character and in amounts to be determined by the Corporation in light of its needs at such time or times and in light of prevailing market conditions. If the Corporation elects at the time of issuance of Debt Securities to make different or more specific use of proceeds other than that set forth herein, such use will be described in the applicable Prospectus Supplement.

RATIOS OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES

The following are the Corporation's consolidated ratios of earnings to fixed charges for the three months ended March 31, 1996 and for each of the years in the five-year period ended December 31, 1995:

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		THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 1996		YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1994 1993	
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Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges:					
Excluding interest on deposits.....		1.7	1.7	1.9	2.3 2.4
1.1					
Including interest on deposits.....		1.4	1.4	1.5	1.5 1.4
1.0					

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For purposes of computing the consolidated ratios, earnings represent net income of the Corporation plus applicable income taxes and fixed charges, less capitalized interest and the equity in undistributed earnings of unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies. Fixed charges represent interest expense (exclusive of interest on deposits in one case and inclusive of such interest in the other), capitalized interest, amortization of debt discount and appropriate issuance costs and one-third (the amount deemed to represent an appropriate interest factor) of net rent expense under all lease commitments.

PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

The Corporation may offer and sell the Debt Securities in one or more of the following ways: (i) through underwriters or dealers; (ii) through agents; or (iii) directly by the Corporation to one or more purchasers. Such underwriters, dealers or agents may be affiliates of NationsBank. The Prospectus Supplement with respect to a particular offering of a series of Debt Securities will set forth the terms of the offering of such Debt Securities, including the name or names of any underwriters or agents with whom NationsBank has entered into arrangements with respect to the sale of such Debt Securities, the public offering or purchase price of such Debt Securities and the proceeds to the Corporation from such sales, and any underwriting discounts, agency fees or commissions and other items constituting underwriters' compensation, the initial public offering price,

any discounts or concessions to be allowed or reallocated or paid to dealers and

the securities exchange, if any, on which such Debt Securities may be listed.

If underwriters are used in the offer and sale of Debt Securities, the Debt Securities will be acquired by the underwriters for their own account and may be resold from time to time in one or more transactions, including negotiated transactions, at a fixed public offering price or at varying prices determined at the time of sale. The Debt Securities may be offered to the public either through underwriting syndicates represented by managing underwriters, or by underwriters without a syndicate, all of which underwriters in either case will be designated in the applicable Prospectus Supplement. Unless otherwise set forth in the applicable Prospectus Supplement, under the terms of the underwriting agreement, the obligations of the underwriters to purchase Debt Securities will be subject to certain conditions precedent and the underwriters will be obligated to purchase all the Debt Securities if any are purchased. Any initial public offering price and any discounts or concessions allowed or reallocated or paid to dealers may be changed from time to time.

Debt Securities may be offered and sold directly by the Corporation or through agents designated by the Corporation from time to time. Any agent involved in the offer or sale of the Debt Securities with respect to which this Prospectus is delivered will be named in, and any commissions payable by the Corporation to such agent will be set forth in or calculable from, the applicable Prospectus Supplement or a pricing supplement thereto. Unless otherwise indicated in the Prospectus Supplement, any such agent will be acting on a best-efforts basis for the period of its appointment.

If so indicated in the applicable Prospectus Supplement, the Corporation may authorize underwriters, dealers or agents to solicit offers by certain institutions to purchase Debt Securities from the Corporation at the public offering price set forth in such Prospectus Supplement pursuant to delayed delivery contracts ("Delayed Delivery Contracts") providing for payment and delivery on the date or dates stated in the Prospectus Supplement. Each Delayed Delivery Contract will be for an amount of Debt Securities not less than and, unless the Corporation otherwise agrees, the aggregate amount of Debt Securities sold pursuant to Delayed Delivery Contracts shall be not more than the respective minimum and maximum amounts stated in the Prospectus Supplement. Institutions with which Delayed Delivery Contracts, when authorized, may be made include commercial and savings banks, insurance companies, pension funds, investment companies and educational and charitable institutions, but shall in all cases be subject to the approval of the Corporation in its sole discretion. The obligations of the purchaser under any Delayed Delivery Contract to pay for and take delivery of Debt Securities will not be subject to any conditions except that (i) the purchase of Debt Securities by such institution shall not at the time of delivery be prohibited under the laws of the jurisdiction to which such institution is subject; and (ii) any related sale of Debt Securities to underwriters shall have occurred. A commission set forth in the Prospectus Supplement will be paid to underwriters soliciting purchases of Debt Securities pursuant to Delayed Delivery Contracts accepted by the Corporation. The underwriters will not have any responsibility in respect of the validity or performance of Delayed Delivery Contracts.

Any series of Debt Securities offered and sold pursuant to this Prospectus and the applicable Prospectus Supplement will be new issues of securities with no established trading market. Any underwriters to whom Debt Securities are sold by the Corporation for public offering and sale may make a market in such Debt Securities, but such underwriters will not be obligated to do so and may discontinue any market making at any time without notice. No assurance can be given as to the liquidity of the trading market for any Debt Securities.

Any underwriter, dealer or agent participating in the distribution of any Debt Securities may be deemed to be an underwriter, as that term is defined in the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "1933 Act"), of the Debt Securities so offered and sold, and any discounts or commissions received by them from NationsBank and any profit realized by them on the sale or resale of the Debt Securities may be deemed to be underwriting discounts and commissions under the 1933 Act.

Under agreements entered into with the Corporation, underwriters, dealers and agents may be entitled to indemnification by the Corporation against certain civil liabilities, including liabilities under the 1933 Act, or to contribution with respect to payments which the underwriters or agents may be required to make in respect thereof.

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The participation of an affiliate or subsidiary of NationsBank in the offer and sale of the Debt Securities will comply with the requirements of Section 2720 of the Conduct Rules of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. (the "NASD") regarding the participation in a distribution of securities by an affiliate. No NASD member participating in offers and sales of the Debt Securities will execute a transaction in the Debt Securities in a discretionary account without the prior written specific approval of the member's customer.

This Prospectus and related Prospectus Supplements may also be used by direct or indirect wholly-owned subsidiaries of NationsBank in connection with offers and sales related to secondary market transactions in the Debt Securities. Such subsidiaries may act as principal or agent in such transactions. Any such sales will be made at prices related to prevailing market prices at the time of sale.

Underwriters, dealers and agents also may be customers of, engage in transactions with, or perform other services for the Corporation in the ordinary course of business.

THE FOLLOWING DESCRIPTION OF THE TERMS OF THE DEBT SECURITIES SETS FORTH CERTAIN GENERAL TERMS AND PROVISIONS OF THE DEBT SECURITIES TO WHICH ANY PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT MAY RELATE. THE PARTICULAR TERMS OF THE DEBT SECURITIES OFFERED BY ANY PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT AND THE EXTENT, IF ANY, TO WHICH SUCH GENERAL PROVISIONS MAY APPLY TO THE DEBT SECURITIES SO OFFERED WILL BE DESCRIBED IN THE PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT RELATING TO SUCH DEBT SECURITIES.

Any Senior Debt Securities offered hereby are to be issued under an Indenture dated as of January 1, 1995 (such Indenture, as it may be amended from time to time, the "Senior Indenture") between the Corporation and First Trust of New York, National Association, as successor Trustee to BankAmerica National Trust Company (the "Senior Trustee"). Any Subordinated Debt Securities offered hereby are to be issued under an Indenture dated as of January 1, 1995 (such Indenture, as it may be amended from time to time, the "Subordinated Indenture") between the Corporation and The Bank of New York, Trustee (the "Subordinated Trustee" and, together with the Senior Trustee, the "Trustees"). A copy of each of the Senior Indenture and the Subordinated Indenture (each, an "Indenture" and together, the "Indentures") is incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement of which this Prospectus forms a part.

The following summaries of certain provisions of the Indentures do not purport to be complete and are subject to and qualified in their entirety by reference to the provisions of the applicable Indentures. Whenever particular sections or defined terms of the Indentures are referred to, it is intended that such sections or defined items shall be incorporated herein by reference. Unless otherwise indicated, capitalized terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Indentures.

#### GENERAL

The respective Indentures provide that there is no limitation on the amount of debt securities that may be issued thereunder from time to time. The amount of Debt Securities that may be offered and sold pursuant to this Prospectus, however, is limited to the aggregate initial offering price of the securities registered under the Registration Statement of which this Prospectus forms a part, subject to reduction as the result of the sale by the Corporation of other securities under the Registration Statement.

The Debt Securities will be direct, unsecured obligations of the Corporation. The Senior Debt Securities of each series will rank equally with all unsecured senior debt of the Corporation. The Subordinated Debt Securities of each series will be subordinate and junior in right of payment to the prior payment in full of all Senior Indebtedness (as hereinafter defined) of the Corporation. See "DESCRIPTION OF DEBT SECURITIES -- Subordination."

The Debt Securities will be issued in fully registered form without coupons. The Debt Securities may be denominated in U.S. dollars or in another currency or currency unit. Unless otherwise set forth in the applicable Prospectus Supplement, any Debt Securities that are denominated in U.S. dollars will be issued in denominations of \$1,000 or an integral multiple thereof. If any of the Debt Securities are denominated in a foreign currency or currency unit, or if principal of (or premium, if any) or any interest on any of the Debt Securities is payable in any foreign currency or currency unit, the authorized denominations, as well as any restrictions, tax

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consequences, specific terms and other information with respect to such issue of Debt Securities and such foreign currency or currency unit, will be set forth in the Prospectus Supplement relating thereto.

The Debt Securities may be issued in one or more series with the same or various maturities. Certain Debt Securities may be issued which provide for an amount less than the principal amount thereof to be due and payable in the event of an acceleration of the maturity thereof (each an "Original Issue Discount Security"). Original Issue Discount Securities may bear no interest or may bear interest at a rate which at the time of issuance is below market rates and will be sold at a discount (which may be substantial) below their stated principal amount. Certain Debt Securities may be deemed to be issued with original issue discount for United States Federal income tax purposes. The Prospectus Supplement with respect to any series of Debt Securities issued with such original issue discount will contain a discussion of Federal income tax considerations with respect thereto.

The particular terms of each series of Debt Securities to be offered and sold will be described in the Prospectus Supplement relating to such Debt Securities, including: (1) the designation of the particular series; (2) the aggregate principal amount of such series that may be authenticated and delivered under the applicable Indenture; (3) the person to whom any interest on any Debt Security of the series shall be payable, if other than the person in whose name the Debt Security (or one or more predecessor Debt Securities) is registered at the close of business on the regular record date for such interest; (4) the date or dates on which the principal of the Debt Securities of such series is payable; (5) the rate or rates, and if applicable the method used to determine the rate, at which the Debt Securities of such series shall bear interest, if any, the date or dates from which such interest shall accrue, the date or dates on which such interest shall be payable and the record date or dates for the interest payable on any Debt Securities on any interest payment date; (6) the place or places at which, subject to the provisions of the applicable Indenture, the principal of (and premium, if any, on) and any interest on Debt Securities of such series shall be payable, any Debt Securities of the series may be surrendered for registration of transfer, and notices and demands to or upon the Corporation in respect of the Debt Securities of the series and the Indenture may be served; (7) the obligation, if any, of the

Corporation to redeem or purchase Debt Securities of such series, at the option of the Corporation or at the option of a holder thereof, pursuant to any sinking fund or other redemption provisions and the period or periods within which, the price or prices at which and the terms and conditions upon which Debt Securities of the series may be so redeemed or purchased, in whole or in part; (8) if other than denominations of \$1,000 and any integral multiple thereof, the denominations in which any Debt Securities of such series shall be issuable; (9) if other than the principal amount thereof, the portion of the principal amount of Debt Securities of such series which shall be payable upon declaration of acceleration of the maturity thereof; (10) the currency, currencies or currency units in which payment of the principal of (and premium, if any, on) and any interest on any Debt Securities of the series shall be payable if other than the currency of the United States of America and the manner of determining the equivalent thereof in the currency of the United States of America for purposes of the applicable Indenture; (11) if the principal of (and premium, if any, on) or any interest on the Debt Securities of the series is to be payable, at the election of the Corporation or a holder thereof, in one or more currencies or currency units, other than that or those in which the Debt Securities are stated to be payable, the currency or currencies in which payment of the principal of (and premium, if any, on) and any interest on Debt Securities of such series as to which such election is made shall be payable, and the periods within which and the terms and conditions upon which such election is to be made; (12) if the amount of payments of principal of (and premium, if any, on) or any interest on the Debt Securities of the series may be determined with reference to an index, the manner in which such amounts shall be determined; (13) whether the Debt Securities will be issued in book-entry only form; (14) the identification or method of selection of any interest rate calculation agents, exchange rate calculation agents or other agents with respect to Debt Securities of such series; (15) if either or both of Section 14.02 (defeasance) or Section 14.03 (covenant defeasance) of the applicable Indenture do not apply to the Debt Securities of the series; (16) any provisions relating to the extension of maturity of, or the renewal of, Debt Securities of such series; and (17) any other terms of the Debt Securities of such series (which terms shall not be inconsistent with the provisions of the applicable Indenture).

The ability of NationsBank to make payments of principal of and premium, if any, and interest on the Debt Securities may be affected by the ability of the Banks to pay dividends. The ability of the Banks, as well as of the Corporation, to pay dividends in the future currently is, and could be further, influenced by bank regulatory requirements and capital guidelines. See "NATIONSBANK CORPORATION -- Supervision and Regulation."

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Neither the Senior Indenture nor the Subordinated Indenture contains provisions that would provide protection to holders of Debt Securities against a decline in credit quality resulting from takeovers, recapitalizations, the incurrence of additional indebtedness or similar restructurings by the Corporation. If credit quality declines as a result of such an event, or otherwise, the ratings of any Debt Securities then outstanding may be withdrawn or downgraded.

#### CONVERSION

The Debt Securities of any series may be convertible, at the option of the holder or the Corporation, into Preferred Stock, Depositary Shares, Common Stock or other Debt Securities if the Prospectus Supplement relating to such series of Debt Securities so provides. In such case, the Prospectus Supplement relating to such series of Debt Securities will set forth (i) the period(s) during which such conversion may be elected; (ii) the conversion price payable and the number of shares or amount of Preferred Stock, Depositary Shares, Common Stock or other Debt Securities purchaseable upon conversion, and adjustments thereto, if any, in certain events; (iii) the procedures for electing such conversion; and (iv) all other terms for such conversion (which terms shall not be inconsistent with the provisions of the applicable Indenture).

#### EXCHANGE, REGISTRATION AND TRANSFER

At the option of the holder, subject to the terms of the applicable Indenture, Debt Securities of any series (other than Debt Securities issued in book-entry form) will be exchangeable for other Debt Securities of the same series and of an equal aggregate principal amount and tenor of any authorized denominations.

Debt Securities of a series may be presented for exchange as provided above, and may be presented for registration of transfer (with the form of transfer endorsed thereon duly executed), at the office of the Security Registrar or at the office of any transfer agent of the Corporation designated and maintained for such purpose with respect to such Debt Securities pursuant to the terms of the applicable Indenture, as referred to in an applicable Prospectus Supplement. Such transfer or exchange will be effected upon the Security Registrar or transfer agent, as the case may be, being satisfied with the documents of title and identity of the person making the request. No service charge shall be made for any exchange or registration of transfer of Debt Securities, but the Corporation may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in connection therewith.

If a Prospectus Supplement refers to any transfer agents (in addition to the Security Registrar) designated by the Corporation with respect to any series of Debt Securities, the Corporation may at any time rescind the designation of any such transfer agent or approve a change in the location through which any such transfer agent acts, except that the Corporation will be required to



maintain a transfer agent in each place of payment for such series. The Corporation may at any time designate additional transfer agents with respect to any series of Debt Securities.

The Corporation shall not be required to (i) issue, exchange or register the transfer of any Debt Security of any series to be redeemed for a period of 15 days next preceding any selection of such Debt Securities to be redeemed; or (ii) exchange or register the transfer of any Debt Security so selected, called or being called for redemption, except the unredeemed portion of any Debt Security being redeemed in part.

For a discussion of restrictions on the exchange, registration and transfer of Book-Entry Securities, see "DESCRIPTION OF DEBT SECURITIES -- Book-Entry Securities."

#### PAYMENT AND PAYING AGENTS

Unless otherwise indicated in an applicable Prospectus Supplement, principal of (and premium, if any, on) and any interest on Debt Securities will be payable, subject to any applicable laws and regulations, at the offices of such paying agents as the Corporation may designate from time to time pursuant to the applicable Indenture, except that, at the option of the Corporation, payment of any interest may be made by check mailed to the address of the person entitled thereto as such address shall appear in the Security Register. Unless otherwise indicated in an applicable Prospectus Supplement, payment of interest on a Debt Security on any interest payment date generally will be made to the person in whose name such Debt Security is registered at the close of business on the regular record date for such interest payment date.

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The Corporation has designated the principal corporate trust offices of the Senior Trustee and the Subordinated Trustee in the City of New York as the places where the Senior Debt Securities and Subordinated Debt Securities, respectively, may be presented for payment. The Corporation may at any time designate additional paying agents or rescind the designation of any paying agent or approve a change in the office through which any paying agent acts. Any other paying agents designated by the Corporation for the Debt Securities of each series will be named in an applicable Prospectus Supplement.

#### BOOK-ENTRY SECURITIES

If so specified in an applicable Prospectus Supplement, all or any portion of the Debt Securities of a series may be issued in book-entry form represented by one or more global Debt Securities in registered form (each a "Book-Entry Security"). Each such Book-Entry Security will be deposited with, or on behalf of, a depository (a "Depository") as identified in the Prospectus Supplement relating to such series of Debt Securities, for credit to the respective accounts of the beneficial owners of such Debt Securities (or to such other accounts as they may direct). The specific terms of the depository arrangement with respect to any such series of Debt Securities will be described in the Prospectus Supplement relating to such series. Unless otherwise specified in the applicable Prospectus Supplement, the Corporation anticipates that the following provisions will apply to all depository arrangements with a Depository.

Upon the issuance and deposit of a Book-Entry Security, the Depository will credit, on its book-entry registration and transfer system, the respective principal amounts of the Debt Securities of the series represented by such Book-Entry Security to the accounts of institutions that have accounts with such Depository or its nominee ("participants"). The accounts to be credited shall be designated by the underwriters or agents of such Debt Securities (or by the Corporation if such Debt Securities are offered and sold directly by the Corporation). Ownership of beneficial interests in the Debt Securities of a series represented by a Book-Entry Security will be limited to participants or persons that may hold interests through participants. Ownership of a beneficial interest in the Debt Securities of a series represented by such a Book-Entry Security will be shown on, and the transfer of that ownership will be effected only through, records maintained by the Depository or its nominee (with respect to participants' interests) for such Book-Entry Security or by participants or persons that hold through participants. The laws of some jurisdictions require that certain purchasers of securities take physical delivery of such securities in definitive form. Such limits and such laws may impair the ability to acquire or transfer beneficial interests in the Debt Securities of a series represented by a Book-Entry Security.

So long as the Depository for a Book-Entry Security, or its nominee, is the registered owner of such Book-Entry Security, such Depository or nominee, as the case may be, will be considered the sole owner or holder of the Debt Securities of the series represented by such Book-Entry Security for all purposes under the Indenture governing such Debt Securities. Except as set forth below, owners of beneficial interests in the Debt Securities of a series represented by a Book-Entry Security will not be entitled to have such Debt Securities registered in their names, will not receive or be entitled to receive physical delivery of such Debt Securities in definitive form and will not be considered the owners or holders thereof under the Indenture. Accordingly, in order to exercise any rights of a holder of the Debt Securities under the applicable Indenture, each person owning a beneficial interest in the Debt Securities of a series represented by a Book-Entry Security must rely on the procedures of the Depository or, if such person is not a participant, on the procedures of the participant and, if applicable, the indirect participant, through which such person owns its interest.

Payment of principal of (and premium, if any) and any interest on Debt Securities of a series represented by a Book-Entry Security registered in the name of or held by a Depository or its nominee will be made to the Depository or

its nominee, as the case may be, as the registered owner or the holder of the Book-Entry Security representing such Debt Securities. None of the Corporation, the Trustee, any paying agent, any authenticating agent or the Security Registrar for such Debt Securities will have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of the records relating to or payments made on account of beneficial ownership interests in the Debt Securities of a series represented by a Book-Entry Security or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to such beneficial ownership interests.

The Corporation expects that the Depository for Debt Securities of a series represented by a Book-Entry Security will, upon receipt of any payment of principal of (and premium, if any) and any interest on such Debt

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Securities, credit immediately participants' accounts with payments in amounts proportionate to their respective holdings in principal amount of beneficial interests in the Debt Securities of the series represented by such Book-Entry Security as shown on the records of such Depository. The Corporation also expects that payments by participants to owners of beneficial interests in the Debt Securities of the series represented by such Book-Entry Security held through such participants will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is now the case with securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in "street name." Such payments will be the responsibility of such participants.

Unless and until a Book-Entry Security is exchanged in whole for Debt Securities in definitive form, it may not be transferred except as a whole by the Depository for such Book-Entry Security to a nominee of such Depository or to another depository or a nominee for such other depository. If a Depository for a Book-Entry Security is at any time unwilling or unable to continue as Depository and a successor depository is not appointed by the Corporation within 90 days, the Corporation will issue Debt Securities in definitive form in exchange for the Book-Entry Security or Book-Entry Securities representing all such Debt Securities. In addition, the Corporation may at any time and in its sole discretion determine not to have any Debt Securities represented by a Book-Entry Security and, in such event, will issue such Debt Securities in definitive form in exchange for the Book-Entry Security or Book-Entry Securities representing all such Debt Securities. In any such instance, an owner of a beneficial interest in Debt Securities of a series represented by a Book-Entry Security will be entitled to physical delivery in definitive form of Debt Securities of the series represented by such Book-Entry Security equal in principal amount to such beneficial interest and to have such Debt Securities registered in the name of the owner of such beneficial interest.

#### SUBORDINATION

The Subordinated Debt Securities are subordinate and subject, to the extent and in the manner set forth in the Subordinated Indenture, in right of payment to the prior payment in full of all Senior Indebtedness of the Corporation. "Senior Indebtedness" is defined by the Subordinated Indenture as any indebtedness for money borrowed (including all indebtedness of the Corporation for borrowed and purchased money of the Corporation, all obligations of the Corporation arising from off-balance sheet guarantees by the Corporation and direct credit substitutes, and obligations of the Corporation associated with derivative products such as interest and foreign exchange rate contracts and commodity contracts) that is outstanding on the date of execution of the Subordinated Indenture, or is thereafter created, incurred or assumed, for the payment of which the Corporation is at the time of determination responsible or liable as obligor, guarantor or otherwise, and all deferrals, renewals, extensions and refundings of any such indebtedness or obligations, other than the Subordinated Debt Securities or any other indebtedness as to which, in the instrument creating or evidencing the same or pursuant to which the same is outstanding, it is provided that such indebtedness is subordinate in right of payment to any other indebtedness of the Corporation. The Prospectus Supplement relating to each series of Subordinated Debt Securities will set forth the aggregate amount of then outstanding Senior Indebtedness of the Corporation and any limitation on the issuance of additional Senior Indebtedness.

No payment on account of principal of (and premium, if any, on) or interest, if any, on the Subordinated Debt Securities shall be made, and no Subordinated Debt Securities shall be purchased, either directly or indirectly, by the Corporation or any of its subsidiaries, if any default or event of default with respect to any Senior Indebtedness shall have occurred and be continuing and the Corporation and the Subordinated Trustee shall have received written notice thereof from the holders of at least 10% in principal amount of any kind or category of any Senior Indebtedness (or the representative or representatives of such holders) or the Subordinated Trustee shall have received written notice thereof from the Corporation.

In the event that any Subordinated Debt Security is declared due and payable before the date specified therein as the fixed date on which the principal thereof is due and payable pursuant to the Subordinated Indenture, or upon any payment or distribution of assets of the Corporation of any kind or character to creditors upon any dissolution or winding up or total or partial liquidation or reorganization of the Corporation, all principal of (and premium, if any, on) and interest due or to become due upon all Senior Indebtedness shall first be paid in full before the holders of the Subordinated Debt Securities (the "Subordinated Debt Holders"), or the Subordinated Trustee, shall be entitled to retain any assets (other than shares of stock of the Corporation as reorganized or readjusted or securities of the Corporation or any other corporation provided for by a plan of reorganization or readjustment, the

the Subordinated Debt Securities, to the payment of all Senior Indebtedness which may at the time be outstanding, provided that the rights of the holders of the Senior Indebtedness are not altered by such reorganization or readjustment, so paid or distributed in respect of the Subordinated Debt Securities (for principal or interest, if any). Upon such dissolution or winding up or liquidation or reorganization, any payment or distribution of assets of the Corporation of any kind or character, whether in cash, property or securities (other than shares of stock of the Corporation as reorganized or readjusted or securities of the Corporation or any other corporation provided for by a plan of reorganization or readjustment, the payment of which is subordinated, at least to the same extent as the Subordinated Debt Securities, to the payment of all Senior Indebtedness which may at the time be outstanding, provided that the rights of the holders of the Senior Indebtedness are not altered by such reorganization or readjustment), to which the Subordinated Debt Holders or the Subordinated Trustee would be entitled, except for the subordination provisions of the Subordinated Indenture, shall be paid by the Corporation or by any receiver, trustee in bankruptcy, liquidating trustee, agent or other person making such payment or distribution, or by the Subordinated Debt Holders or the Subordinated Trustee if received by them or it, directly to the holders of the Senior Indebtedness (pro rata to each such holder on the basis of the respective amounts of Senior Indebtedness held by such holder) or their representatives, to the extent necessary to pay all Senior Indebtedness in full, after giving effect to any concurrent payment or distribution to or for the holders of Senior Indebtedness, before any payment or distribution is made to the Subordinated Debt Holders or to the Subordinated Trustee.

Subject to the payment in full of all Senior Indebtedness, the Subordinated Debt Holders shall be subrogated (equally and ratably with the holders of all indebtedness of the Corporation which, by its express terms, ranks on a parity with the Subordinated Debt Securities and is entitled to like rights of subrogation) to the rights of the holders of Senior Indebtedness to receive payments or distributions of assets of the Corporation applicable to the Senior Indebtedness until the Subordinated Debt Securities shall be paid in full.

#### SALE OR ISSUANCE OF CAPITAL STOCK OF BANKS

The Senior Indenture prohibits the issuance, sale or other disposition of capital stock, or securities convertible into or options, warrants or rights to acquire capital stock, of any Principal Subsidiary Bank (as defined below) or of any subsidiary which owns shares of capital stock, or securities convertible into or options, warrants or rights to acquire capital stock, of any Principal Subsidiary Bank, with the following exceptions: (a) sales of directors' qualifying shares; (b) sales or other dispositions for fair market value, if, after giving effect to such disposition and to conversion of any shares or securities convertible into capital stock of a Principal Subsidiary Bank, the Corporation would own directly or indirectly not less than 80% of each class of the capital stock of such Principal Subsidiary Bank (or any successor corporation thereto); (c) sales or other dispositions made in compliance with an order of a court or regulatory authority of competent jurisdiction; (d) any sale by a Principal Subsidiary Bank (or any successor corporation thereto) of additional shares of its capital stock to its shareholders at any price, so long as (i) prior to such sale the Corporation owns, directly or indirectly, shares of the same class and (ii) immediately after such sale, the Corporation owns, directly or indirectly, at least as great a percentage of each class of capital stock of such Principal Subsidiary Bank as it owned prior to such sale of additional shares; (e) any sale by a Principal Subsidiary Bank (or any successor corporation thereto) of additional securities convertible into shares of its capital stock to its shareholders at any price, so long as (i) prior to such sale the Corporation owns, directly or indirectly, securities of the same class and (ii) immediately after such sale the Corporation owns, directly or indirectly, at least as great a percentage of each class of such securities convertible into shares of capital stock of such Principal Subsidiary Bank as it owned prior to such sale of additional securities; (f) any sale by a Principal Subsidiary Bank (or any successor corporation thereto) of additional options, warrants or rights to subscribe for or purchase shares of its capital stock to its shareholders at any price, so long as (i) prior to such sale the Corporation owns, directly or indirectly, options, warrants or rights, as the case may be, of the same class and (ii) immediately after such sale, the Corporation owns, directly or indirectly, at least as great a percentage of each class of such options, warrants or rights, as the case may be, to subscribe for or purchase shares of capital stock of such Principal Subsidiary Bank as it owned prior to such sale of additional options, warrants or rights; or (g) any issuance of shares of capital stock, or securities convertible into or options, warrants or rights to subscribe for or purchase shares of capital stock, of a Principal Subsidiary Bank or any subsidiary which owns shares of capital stock, or securities convertible into or options, warrants or rights to acquire capital stock, of any Principal Subsidiary Bank, to the Corporation or a wholly owned subsidiary of the Corporation.

A Principal Subsidiary Bank is defined in the Senior Indenture as any Bank (other than NationsBank of Delaware, National Association) with total assets equal to more than 10% of the Corporation's total consolidated assets.

#### WAIVER OF COVENANTS

Under the terms of either Indenture, compliance with certain covenants or

conditions of such Indenture may be waived by the holders of a majority in principal amount of the Debt Securities of all series to be affected thereby and at the time outstanding under that Indenture (including, in the case of holders of Senior Debt Securities, the covenant described above).

#### MODIFICATION OF THE INDENTURES

Each Indenture contains provisions permitting the Corporation and the applicable Trustee to modify such Indenture or the rights of the holders of Debt Securities or coupons, if any, thereunder, with the consent of the holders of not less than 66 2/3% in aggregate principal amount of the Debt Securities of all series at the time outstanding under that Indenture and to be affected thereby (voting as one class), except that no such modification shall (a) extend the fixed maturity of, reduce the principal amount or redemption premium, if any, of, or reduce the rate of or extend the time of payment of interest on, any Debt Security without the consent of the holder of each security so affected, or (b) reduce the aforesaid percentage of Debt Securities, the consent of holders of which is required for any such modification, without the consent of the holders of all Debt Securities then outstanding under that Indenture. Each Indenture also provides that the Corporation and the respective Trustee may, from time to time, execute supplemental indentures in certain limited circumstances without the consent of any holders of outstanding Debt Securities.

Each Indenture provides that in determining whether the holders of the requisite principal amount of the Debt Securities outstanding have given any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent or waiver thereunder, (i) the principal amount of an Original Issue Discount Security that shall be deemed to be outstanding shall be the amount of the principal thereof that would be due and payable upon an event of default, and (ii) the principal amount of a Debt Security denominated in a foreign currency or currency unit shall be the U.S. dollar equivalent, determined on the date of original issuance of such Debt Security.

#### MEETINGS AND ACTION BY SECURITYHOLDERS

Each Indenture contains provisions for convening meetings of the holders of Debt Securities for certain purposes. A meeting may be called at any time by the Trustee in its discretion and shall be called by the Trustee upon request by the Corporation or the holders of at least 10% in aggregate principal amount of the Debt Securities outstanding of such series, in any case upon notice given in accordance with "Notices" below. Any resolution passed or decision taken at any meeting of holders of Debt Securities of any series duly held in accordance with the applicable Indenture, or such other action taken in accordance with the terms of the applicable Indenture, will be binding on all holders of Debt Securities of that series and the related coupons.

#### DEFAULTS AND RIGHTS OF ACCELERATION

An Event of Default is defined in the Subordinated Indenture generally as bankruptcy of the Corporation under Federal bankruptcy laws. An Event of Default is defined in the Senior Indenture generally as (i) the Corporation's failure to pay principal (or premium, if any) when due on any securities of a series; (ii) the Corporation's failure to pay interest on any securities of a series, within 30 days after the same becomes due; (iii) the Corporation's breach of any of its other covenants contained in the Senior Debt Securities or the Senior Indenture, which breach is not cured within 90 days after written notice by the Senior Trustee or by the holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the Senior Debt Securities then outstanding under the Senior Indenture and affected thereby; and (iv) certain events involving the bankruptcy, insolvency or liquidation of the Corporation.

Each Indenture provides that if an Event of Default under the respective Indenture occurs and is continuing, either the respective Trustee or the holders of 25% in principal amount (or, if any such Debt Securities are Original Issue Discount Debt Securities, such lesser amounts as may be described in an applicable Prospectus Supplement) of the Debt Securities then outstanding under that Indenture (or, with respect to an Event of Default under the Senior Indenture due to a default in the payment of principal (or premium, if any) or interest

or performance of any other covenant, the outstanding Debt Securities of all series affected by such default) may declare the principal amount of all of such Debt Securities to be due and payable immediately. Payment of principal of the Subordinated Debt Securities may not be accelerated in the case of a default in the payment of principal (or premium, if any) or interest or the performance of any other covenant of the Corporation. Upon certain conditions a declaration of an Event of Default may be annulled and past defaults may be waived by the holders of a majority in principal amount of the Debt Securities then outstanding (or of such series affected, as the case may be).

#### COLLECTION OF INDEBTEDNESS, ETC.

Each Indenture also provides that in the event of a failure by the Corporation to make payment of principal of or interest on the Debt Securities (and, in the case of payment of interest, such failure to pay shall have continued for 30 days) and upon the demand of the respective Trustee, the Corporation will pay to such Trustee, for the benefit of the holders of the Debt Securities, the amount then due and payable on the Debt Securities for principal and interest, with interest on the overdue principal and, to the extent payment of interest shall be legally enforceable, upon overdue installments of interest at the rate borne by the Debt Securities. Each Indenture further provides that if the Corporation fails to pay such amount forthwith upon such demand, the respective Trustee may, among other things, institute a judicial proceeding for the collection thereof. However, each Indenture provides that notwithstanding

any other provision of the Indenture, the holder of any Debt Security shall have the right to institute suit for the enforcement of any payment of principal of and interest on such Debt Security on the respective stated maturities expressed in such Debt Security and that such right shall not be impaired without the consent of such holder.

The holders of a majority in principal amount of the Debt Securities then outstanding under an Indenture shall have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Trustee under that Indenture, provided that the holders shall have offered to the Trustee reasonable indemnity against expenses and liabilities. Each Indenture requires the annual filing by the Corporation with the respective Trustee of a certificate as to the absence of default and as to compliance with the terms of that Indenture.

#### NOTICES

Except as otherwise provided in the applicable Indenture, notices to holders of Debt Securities will be given by first-class mail to the addresses of such holders as they appear in the Security Register.

#### CONCERNING THE TRUSTEES

The Corporation and the Banks have from time to time maintained deposit accounts and conducted other banking transactions with The Bank of New York and First Trust of New York, National Association, and their affiliated entities in the ordinary course of business. Each of the Trustees also serves as trustee for certain series of the Corporation's outstanding indebtedness under other indentures.

#### LEGAL OPINIONS

The legality of the Debt Securities will be passed upon for the Corporation by Smith Helms Mulliss & Moore, L.L.P., Charlotte, North Carolina, and for the underwriters or agents by Stroock & Stroock & Lavan, New York, New York. As of the date of this Prospectus, certain members of Smith Helms Mulliss & Moore, L.L.P. beneficially own approximately 50,000 shares of the Corporation's Common Stock.

#### EXPERTS

The consolidated financial statements of the Corporation incorporated in this Prospectus by reference to the Corporation's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1995, have been so incorporated in reliance on the report of Price Waterhouse LLP, independent accountants, given on the authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting.

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NO DEALER, SALESPERSON OR OTHER INDIVIDUAL HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED TO GIVE ANY INFORMATION OR TO MAKE ANY REPRESENTATIONS OTHER THAN THOSE CONTAINED IN THIS PROSPECTUS IN CONNECTION WITH THE OFFERING MADE HEREBY AND, IF GIVEN OR MADE, SUCH INFORMATION OR REPRESENTATIONS MUST NOT BE RELIED UPON AS HAVING BEEN AUTHORIZED BY THE CORPORATION. NEITHER THE DELIVERY OF THIS PROSPECTUS NOR ANY SALE MADE HEREUNDER SHALL, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, CREATE AN IMPLICATION THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN THE AFFAIRS OF THE CORPORATION SINCE THE DATE HEREOF. THIS PROSPECTUS DOES NOT CONSTITUTE AN OFFER OR SOLICITATION BY ANYONE IN ANY STATE IN WHICH SUCH OFFER OR SOLICITATION IS NOT AUTHORIZED OR IN WHICH THE PERSON MAKING SUCH OFFER OR SOLICITATION IS NOT QUALIFIED TO DO SO OR TO ANYONE TO WHOM IT IS UNLAWFUL TO MAKE SUCH OFFER OR SOLICITATION.

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#### DEBT SECURITIES PROSPECTUS

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#### PROSPECTUS

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#### Debt Securities

NationsBank Corporation ("NationsBank" or the "Corporation") may offer from time to time its unsecured debt securities, which may be either senior (the "Senior Debt Securities") or subordinated (the "Subordinated Debt Securities" and, together with the Senior Debt Securities, the "Debt Securities"). NationsBank may sell up to \$3,000,000,000 in aggregate initial offering price of

Debt Securities (or the U.S. dollar equivalent thereof if any of the Debt Securities are denominated in a foreign currency or currency unit), which may be offered, separately or together, in one or more series, in amounts, at prices and on terms to be determined at the time of sale and set forth in an accompanying supplement to this Prospectus (a "Prospectus Supplement"). Pursuant to the terms of the Registration Statement of which this Prospectus constitutes a part, NationsBank may also offer and sell shares of its preferred stock (the "Preferred Stock"), which may be represented by depositary shares (the "Depositary Shares"), and shares of its common stock (the "Common Stock"). Any such Preferred Stock, Depositary Shares or Common Stock will be offered and issued pursuant to the terms of a separate Prospectus contained in such Registration Statement. The aggregate amount of Debt Securities that may be offered and sold pursuant hereto is subject to reduction as the result of the sale of any Preferred Stock, Depositary Shares or Common Stock pursuant to such separate Prospectus.

The Senior Debt Securities will rank equally with all other unsubordinated and unsecured indebtedness of the Corporation. The Subordinated Debt Securities will be subordinate in right of payment to all existing and future Senior Indebtedness (as defined herein) of the Corporation.

The Debt Securities may be denominated in U.S. dollars or in another currency or currency unit (such as the European Currency Unit), and the principal of (and premium, if any, on) or interest on the Debt Securities may be payable in U.S. dollars or such foreign currency or currency unit. The specific terms of each series of Debt Securities offered pursuant to this Prospectus, including the specific designation, aggregate principal amount, currency or currency unit in which the principal and any premium or interest may be payable, authorized denominations, maturity, any premium, any interest rate (which may be fixed or variable), any interest payment dates, any optional or mandatory redemption terms, any sinking fund provisions, any subordination terms, any terms for conversion (in the event that such series is convertible at the option of the holder or NationsBank into Preferred Stock, Depositary Shares, Common Stock or other Debt Securities), the form of such series, any securities exchange on which such Debt Securities may be listed, and any other terms of such series of Debt Securities will be set forth in the Prospectus Supplement relating to such series.

The Debt Securities may be sold (i) through underwriting syndicates represented by managing underwriters, or by underwriters without a syndicate, with such underwriters to be designated at the time of sale; (ii) through agents designated from time to time; or (iii) directly by the Corporation. The names of any underwriters or agents of NationsBank involved in the sale of the Debt Securities, the public offering price or purchase price and any commissions or discounts will be set forth in the applicable Prospectus Supplement or a pricing supplement thereto. The net proceeds to the Corporation from such sale also will be set forth in such Prospectus Supplement.

This Prospectus may not be used to consummate sales of Debt Securities unless accompanied by a Prospectus Supplement.

THESE SECURITIES ARE NOT SAVINGS ACCOUNTS OR BANK DEPOSITS, ARE NOT OBLIGATIONS OF OR GUARANTEED BY ANY BANKING OR NONBANKING AFFILIATE OF NATIONSBANK, AND ARE NOT INSURED BY THE FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

OR ANY OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCY.

THESE SECURITIES HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED BY THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION, THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA (THE "COMMISSIONER") OR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION NOR HAS THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION, THE COMMISSIONER OR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION PASSED UPON THE ACCURACY OR ADEQUACY OF THIS PROSPECTUS. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

THIS PROSPECTUS AND RELATED PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENTS ARE TO BE USED BY NATIONSBANC CAPITAL MARKETS, INC. ("NCMI"), A BROKER-DEALER AND A DIRECT WHOLLY-OWNED SUBSIDIARY OF NATIONSBANK, IN CONNECTION WITH OFFERS AND SALES RELATED TO SECONDARY MARKET TRANSACTIONS IN THE DEBT SECURITIES. NCMI OR ITS AFFILIATES MAY ACT AS PRINCIPAL OR AGENT IN SUCH TRANSACTIONS.

ANY SUCH SALES WILL BE MADE AT NEGOTIATED PRICES RELATING TO PREVAILING MARKET PRICES AT THE TIME OF SALE OR OTHERWISE.

NATIONSBANC CAPITAL MARKETS, INC.

The date of this Prospectus is July 12, 1996.

#### INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE

The following documents, previously filed by the Corporation with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") pursuant to Section 13 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "1934 Act"), are incorporated herein by reference:

(a) The Corporation's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1995;

(b) The Corporation's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 1996;

(c) The Corporation's Current Reports on Form 8-K filed January 12, 1996, February 1, 1996, March 8, 1996, April 17, 1996, May 16, 1996 and July 5, 1996; and

(d) The description of the Corporation's Common Stock contained in its

registration statement filed pursuant to Section 12 of the 1934 Act, and any amendment or report filed for the purpose of updating such description, including the Corporation's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on September 21, 1994.

All reports and any definitive proxy or information statements filed by the Corporation with the Commission pursuant to Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the 1934 Act subsequent to the date of this Prospectus and prior to the termination of the offering of the Debt Securities offered hereby shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Prospectus and to be a part hereof from the date of filing of such documents. Any statement contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this Prospectus to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any other subsequently filed document which also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such statement. Any such statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Prospectus.

THE CORPORATION WILL PROVIDE WITHOUT CHARGE TO EACH PERSON TO WHOM THIS PROSPECTUS IS DELIVERED, ON THE WRITTEN OR ORAL REQUEST OF ANY SUCH PERSON, A COPY OF ANY OR ALL OF THE DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE (OTHER THAN EXHIBITS TO SUCH DOCUMENTS WHICH ARE NOT SPECIFICALLY INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE IN SUCH DOCUMENTS). WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR SUCH COPIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO JOHN E. MACK, SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT AND TREASURER, NATIONSBANK CORPORATION, NATIONSBANK CORPORATE CENTER, CORPORATE TREASURY DIVISION, CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA 28255. TELEPHONE REQUESTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO (704) 386-5972.

#### AVAILABLE INFORMATION

NationsBank is subject to the informational requirements of the 1934 Act and, in accordance therewith, files reports, proxy statements and other information with the Commission. Such reports, proxy statements and other information can be inspected and copied at the following public reference facilities maintained by the Commission: 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549; 7 World Trade Center, Suite 1300, New York, New York 10048; and the Citicorp Center, 500 West Madison Street, Suite 1400, Chicago, Illinois 60661-2511. Copies of such material may also be obtained by mail from the Public Reference Section of the Commission at 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Room 1024, Washington, D.C. 20549, upon payment of prescribed rates. In addition, reports, proxy statements and other information concerning NationsBank may be inspected at the offices of the New York Stock Exchange, Inc., 20 Broad Street, New York, New York 10005 and at the offices of The Pacific Stock Exchange Incorporated, 301 Pine Street, San Francisco, California 94104.

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#### NATIONSBANK CORPORATION

##### GENERAL

NationsBank is a bank holding company established as a North Carolina corporation in 1968 and is registered under the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, as amended (the "BHCA"), with its principal assets being the stock of its subsidiaries. Through its banking subsidiaries (the "Banks") and its various non-banking subsidiaries, NationsBank provides banking and banking-related services, primarily throughout the Southeast and Mid-Atlantic states and Texas. The principal executive offices of NationsBank are located at NationsBank Corporate Center in Charlotte, North Carolina 28255. Its telephone number is (704) 386-5000.

##### OPERATIONS

NationsBank provides a diversified range of banking and certain nonbanking financial services and products through its various subsidiaries. NationsBank manages its business activities through three major business units: the General Bank, Global Finance and Financial Services.

The General Bank provides comprehensive services in the commercial and retail banking fields, including trust and private banking operations, the origination and servicing of home mortgage loans, the issuance and servicing of credit cards (through a Delaware subsidiary), indirect lending, dealer finance and certain insurance services. The General Bank also offers full service brokerage services and discount brokerage services and provides investment advisory services to a proprietary mutual fund, as well as investment management, banking and fiduciary services through subsidiaries of NationsBank. As of March 31, 1996, the General Bank operated 2,005 banking offices through the following Banks: NationsBank, N.A. (serving the states of North Carolina, South Carolina, Maryland and Virginia and the District of Columbia); NationsBank, N.A. (South) (serving the states of Florida and Georgia); NationsBank of Kentucky, N.A.; NationsBank of Tennessee, N.A.; and NationsBank of Texas, N.A. The General Bank also provides fully automated, 24-hour cash dispensing and depositing services throughout the states in which it is located, through 2,946 automated teller machines.

Global Finance provides comprehensive corporate banking and investment banking services to domestic and international customers, including treasury management, loan syndication, asset-backed lending, leasing, factoring and arrangement of asset-backed and project financing, as well as underwriting, trading or distributing a wide range of securities (including bank-eligible securities and, to a limited extent, bank-ineligible securities as authorized by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (the "Federal Reserve Board") under Section 20 of the Glass-Steagall Act), and trading and distributing a wide range of derivative products in certain interest rate, foreign exchange, commodity and equity markets. Global Finance provides its services through various offices located in major United States cities as well

as in London, Frankfurt, Singapore, Bogota, Mexico City, Grand Cayman, Nassau, Seoul, Tokyo, Osaka, Taipei and Hong Kong.

Financial Services consists of NationsCredit Consumer Corporation (formerly NationsCredit Corporation), primarily a consumer finance subsidiary, and NationsCredit Commercial Corporation (formerly Greyrock Capital Group Inc.), primarily a commercial finance subsidiary. NationsCredit Consumer Corporation, which has approximately 371 offices located in 34 states, provides personal, mortgage and automobile loans to consumers and retail finance programs to dealers. NationsCredit Commercial Corporation consists of six divisions that specialize in one or more of the following areas: equipment loans and leasing; loans for debt restructuring, mergers and acquisitions and working capital; real estate, golf/recreational and health care financing; and inventory financing to manufacturers, distributors and dealers.

As part of its operations, NationsBank regularly evaluates the potential acquisition of, and holds discussions with, various financial institutions and other businesses of a type eligible for bank holding company investment. In addition, NationsBank regularly analyzes the values of, and submits bids for, the acquisition of customer-based funds and other liabilities and assets of such financial institutions and other businesses. As a general rule, NationsBank publicly announces such material acquisitions when a definitive agreement has been reached.

#### SUPERVISION AND REGULATION

GENERAL. As a registered bank holding company, NationsBank is subject to the supervision of, and to regular inspection by, the Federal Reserve Board. The Banks are organized as national banking associations, which

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are subject to regulation, supervision and examination by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (the "Comptroller"). The Banks are also subject to regulation by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (the "FDIC") and other federal regulatory agencies. In addition to banking laws, regulations and regulatory agencies, NationsBank and its subsidiaries and affiliates 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. The following discussion summarizes certain aspects of those laws and regulations that affect NationsBank.

Under the BHCA, the activities of NationsBank, and those of companies which it controls or in which it holds more than 5% of the voting stock, are limited to banking or managing or controlling banks or furnishing services to or performing services for its subsidiaries, or any other activity which the Federal Reserve Board determines to be so closely related to banking or managing or controlling banks as to be a proper incident thereto. In making such determinations, the Federal Reserve Board is required to consider whether the performance of such activities by a bank holding company or its subsidiaries can reasonably be expected to produce benefits to the public such as greater convenience, increased competition or gains in efficiency that outweigh possible adverse effects, such as undue concentration of resources, decreased or unfair competition, conflicts of interest or unsound banking practices. Generally, bank holding companies, such as NationsBank, are required to obtain prior approval of the Federal Reserve Board to engage in any new activity not previously approved by the Federal Reserve Board or to acquire more than 5% of any class of voting stock of any company.

The BHCA also requires bank holding companies to obtain the prior approval of the Federal Reserve Board before acquiring more than 5% of any class of voting stock of any bank which is not already majority-owned by the bank holding company. Pursuant to the Riegle-Neal Interstate Banking and Branching Efficiency Act of 1994 (the "Interstate Banking and Branching Act"), which became effective September 29, 1995, a bank holding company may acquire banks in states other than its home state 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, prior to or following the proposed acquisition, controls no more than 10% of the total amount of deposits of insured depository institutions in the United States and no more than 30% of such deposits in that state (or such lesser or greater amount set by state law).

The Interstate Banking and Branching Act also authorizes banks to merge across state lines, therefore creating interstate branches, beginning June 1, 1997. Under such legislation, each state has the opportunity either to "opt out" of this provision, thereby prohibiting interstate branching in such states, or to "opt in" at an earlier time, thereby allowing interstate branching within that state prior to June 1, 1997. Furthermore, pursuant to such act, a bank is now able to open new branches in a state in which it does not already have banking operations if such state enacts a law permitting such DE NOVO branching. Of those states in which the Banks are located, Delaware, Maryland, North Carolina and Virginia have enacted legislation to "opt in," thereby permitting interstate branching prior to June 1, 1997, and Texas has adopted legislation to "opt out" of the interstate branching provisions (which Texas law currently expires on September 2, 1999).

As previously described, NationsBank regularly evaluates merger and acquisition opportunities, and it anticipates that it will continue to evaluate such opportunities in light of the new legislation.

Proposals to change the laws and regulations governing the banking industry are frequently introduced in Congress, in the state legislatures and before the various bank regulatory agencies. In 1995, several bills were introduced in Congress that would have the effect of broadening the securities underwriting



powers of bank holding companies and, possibly, permitting bank holding companies to engage in nonfinancial activities. The likelihood and timing of any such proposals or bills being enacted and the impact they might have on NationsBank and its subsidiaries cannot be determined at this time.

**CAPITAL AND OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS.** The Federal Reserve Board, the Comptroller and the FDIC have issued substantially similar risk-based and leverage capital guidelines applicable to United States banking organizations. In addition, those 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 Federal Reserve Board risk-based guidelines define a two-tier capital framework. Tier 1 capital consists of common and qualifying preferred shareholders' equity, less certain intangibles and other adjustments.

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Tier 2 capital consists of subordinated and other qualifying debt, and the allowance for credit losses up to 1.25% of risk-weighted assets. The sum of Tier 1 and Tier 2 capital less investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries represents qualifying total capital, at least 50% of which must consist of Tier 1 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 4% and the minimum total capital ratio is 8%. The Corporation's Tier 1 and total risk-based capital ratios under these guidelines at March 31, 1996 were 7.35% and 11.71%, respectively.

The leverage ratio is determined by dividing Tier 1 capital by adjusted average total assets. Although the stated minimum ratio is 3%, most banking organizations are required to maintain ratios of at least 100 to 200 basis points above 3%. The Corporation's leverage ratio at March 31, 1996 was 6.19%. Management believes that NationsBank meets its leverage ratio requirement.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Improvement Act of 1991 ("FDICIA"), among other things, identifies 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 5% 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 capital ratio of at least 6%, a total capital ratio of at least 10% and a leverage ratio of at least 5% and not be subject to a capital directive order. An "adequately capitalized" institution must have a Tier 1 capital ratio of at least 4%, a total capital ratio of at least 8% and a leverage ratio of at least 4%, or 3% in some cases. Under these guidelines, each of the Banks is considered adequately or well capitalized.

Banking agencies have also adopted regulations which mandate that regulators take into consideration concentrations of credit risk and 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 will be made as a part of the institution's regular safety and soundness examination. Banking agencies also have proposed amendments to existing risk-based capital regulations to provide for the consideration of 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) in the determination of a bank's minimum capital requirements. This proposal, while still under consideration, would require banks with interest rate risk in excess of defined thresholds to maintain additional capital beyond that generally required.

**DISTRIBUTIONS.** The Corporation's funds for cash distributions to its shareholders are derived from a variety of sources, including cash and temporary investments. The primary source of such funds, however, is dividends received from the Banks. The amount of dividends that each Bank may declare in a calendar year without approval of the Comptroller is the Bank's net profits for that year, as defined by statute, combined with its net retained profits, as defined, for the preceding two years. In addition, from time to time NationsBank applies for, and may receive, permission from the Comptroller for one or more of the

Banks to declare special dividends. In 1996, the Banks can initiate dividend payments without prior regulatory approval of up to \$905 million plus an additional amount equal to their net profits for 1996 up to the date of any such dividend declaration.

In addition to the foregoing, the ability of NationsBank and the Banks 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. Furthermore, the Comptroller may prohibit the payment of a dividend by a national bank if it determines that such payment would constitute an unsafe or unsound practice. The right of NationsBank, its shareholders 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 Federal Reserve Board policy, bank holding companies are expected to act as a source of financial strength to each subsidiary bank and to commit resources to support each such subsidiary. This support may be required at times when a bank holding company may not be able to provide such support. In the event of a loss suffered or anticipated by the FDIC -- either as a result of default of a banking or thrift subsidiary of NationsBank or related to FDIC assistance provided to a subsidiary in danger of default -- the other Banks may be assessed for the FDIC's loss, subject to certain exceptions.

**USE OF PROCEEDS**

The net proceeds from the sale of the Debt Securities will be used for general corporate purposes, including the Corporation's working capital needs, the funding of investments in, or extensions of credit to, its banking and nonbanking subsidiaries, possible acquisitions of other financial institutions or their assets or liabilities, possible acquisitions of or investments in other businesses of a type eligible for bank holding companies and possible reduction of outstanding indebtedness or repurchase of outstanding equity securities of the Corporation. Pending such use, the Corporation may temporarily invest the net proceeds in investment grade securities. The Corporation may, from time to time, engage in additional capital financings of a character and in amounts to be determined by the Corporation in light of its needs at such time or times and in light of prevailing market conditions. If the Corporation elects at the time of issuance of Debt Securities to make different or more specific use of proceeds other than that set forth herein, such use will be described in the applicable Prospectus Supplement.

**RATIOS OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES**

The following are the Corporation's consolidated ratios of earnings to fixed charges for the three months ended March 31, 1996 and for each of the years in the five-year period ended December 31, 1995:

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		THREE MONTHS ENDED		YEAR ENDED	
		MARCH 31,		DECEMBER 31,	
		1996	1995	1994	1993
1992	1991				
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Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges:					
Excluding interest on deposits.....		1.7	1.7	1.9	2.3 2.4
1.1					
Including interest on deposits.....		1.4	1.4	1.5	1.5 1.4
1.0					

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For purposes of computing the consolidated ratios, earnings represent net income of the Corporation plus applicable income taxes and fixed charges, less capitalized interest and the equity in undistributed earnings of unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies. Fixed charges represent interest expense (exclusive of interest on deposits in one case and inclusive of such interest in the other), capitalized interest, amortization of debt discount and appropriate issuance costs and one-third (the amount deemed to represent an appropriate interest factor) of net rent expense under all lease commitments.

**PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION**

This Prospectus and related Prospectus Supplements are to be used by NationsBanc Capital Markets, Inc. ("NCMI"), a broker-dealer and a direct wholly-owned subsidiary of NationsBank, in connection with offers and sales of the Debt Securities in secondary market transactions at negotiated prices relating to prevailing prices at the time of sale or otherwise. NCMI may act as principal or agent in such transactions. The participation of NCMI in the offer and sale of the Debt Securities complies with the requirements of Section 2720 of the Conduct Rules of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. (the "NASD") regarding underwriting of securities of an affiliate. NCMI will not execute a transaction in the Debt Securities in a discretionary account without the prior written specific approval of NCMI's customer. NCMI has no obligation to make a market in

the Debt Securities and may discontinue its market-making activities at any time without notice, at its sole discretion. Furthermore, NCMI may be required to

discontinue its market-making activities during periods when the Corporation is involved in a distribution of certain of its securities or when NCMI, by virtue of its ownership by the Corporation, is aware of material non-public information relating to the Corporation. NCMI would not be able to recommence its market-making activities until such distribution has been completed or such information has become publicly available. It is not possible to determine the impact, if any, that any such discontinuance may have on the market for the Debt Securities. While other broker-dealers may make a market in the Debt Securities from time to time, there can be no assurance that any other broker-dealer will do so at any time when NCMI discontinues its market-making activities.

#### DESCRIPTION OF DEBT SECURITIES

THE FOLLOWING DESCRIPTION OF THE TERMS OF THE DEBT SECURITIES SETS FORTH CERTAIN GENERAL TERMS AND PROVISIONS OF THE DEBT SECURITIES TO WHICH ANY PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT MAY RELATE. THE PARTICULAR TERMS OF THE DEBT SECURITIES OFFERED BY ANY PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT AND THE EXTENT, IF ANY, TO WHICH SUCH GENERAL PROVISIONS MAY APPLY TO THE DEBT SECURITIES SO OFFERED WILL BE DESCRIBED IN THE PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT RELATING TO SUCH DEBT SECURITIES.

Any Senior Debt Securities offered hereby are to be issued under an Indenture dated as of January 1, 1995 (such Indenture, as it may be amended from time to time, the "Senior Indenture") between the Corporation and First Trust of New York, National Association, as successor Trustee to BankAmerica National Trust Company (the "Senior Trustee"). Any Subordinated Debt Securities offered hereby are to be issued under an Indenture dated as of January 1, 1995 (such Indenture, as it may be amended from time to time, the "Subordinated Indenture") between the Corporation and The Bank of New York, Trustee (the "Subordinated Trustee" and, together with the Senior Trustee, the "Trustees"). A copy of each of the Senior Indenture and the Subordinated Indenture (each, an "Indenture" and together, the "Indentures") is incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement of which this Prospectus forms a part.

The following summaries of certain provisions of the Indentures do not purport to be complete and are subject to and qualified in their entirety by reference to the provisions of the applicable Indentures. Whenever particular sections or defined terms of the Indentures are referred to, it is intended that such sections or defined items shall be incorporated herein by reference. Unless otherwise indicated, capitalized terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Indentures.

#### GENERAL

The respective Indentures provide that there is no limitation on the amount of debt securities that may be issued thereunder from time to time. The amount of Debt Securities that may be offered and sold pursuant to this Prospectus, however, is limited to the aggregate initial offering price of the securities registered under the Registration Statement of which this Prospectus forms a part, subject to reduction as the result of the sale by the Corporation of other securities under the Registration Statement.

The Debt Securities will be direct, unsecured obligations of the Corporation. The Senior Debt Securities of each series will rank equally with all unsecured senior debt of the Corporation. The Subordinated Debt Securities of each series will be subordinate and junior in right of payment to the prior payment in full of all Senior Indebtedness (as hereinafter defined) of the Corporation. See "DESCRIPTION OF DEBT SECURITIES -- Subordination."

The Debt Securities will be issued in fully registered form without coupons. The Debt Securities may be denominated in U.S. dollars or in another currency or currency unit. Unless otherwise set forth in the applicable Prospectus Supplement, any Debt Securities that are denominated in U.S. dollars will be issued in denominations of \$1,000 or an integral multiple thereof. If any of the Debt Securities are denominated in a foreign currency or currency unit, or if principal of (or premium, if any) or any interest on any of the Debt Securities is payable in any foreign currency or currency unit, the authorized denominations, as well as any restrictions, tax consequences, specific terms and other information with respect to such issue of Debt Securities and such foreign currency or currency unit, will be set forth in the Prospectus Supplement relating thereto.

The Debt Securities may be issued in one or more series with the same or various maturities. Certain Debt Securities may be issued which provide for an amount less than the principal amount thereof to be due and

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payable in the event of an acceleration of the maturity thereof (each an "Original Issue Discount Security"). Original Issue Discount Securities may bear no interest or may bear interest at a rate which at the time of issuance is below market rates and will be sold at a discount (which may be substantial) below their stated principal amount. Certain Debt Securities may be deemed to be issued with original issue discount for United States Federal income tax purposes. The Prospectus Supplement with respect to any series of Debt Securities issued with such original issue discount will contain a discussion of Federal income tax considerations with respect thereto.

The particular terms of each series of Debt Securities to be offered and sold will be described in the Prospectus Supplement relating to such Debt Securities, including: (1) the designation of the particular series; (2) the aggregate principal amount of such series that may be authenticated and delivered under the applicable Indenture; (3) the person to whom any interest on any Debt Security of the series shall be payable, if other than the person in whose name the Debt Security (or one or more predecessor Debt Securities) is registered at the close of business on the regular record date for such interest; (4) the date or dates on which the principal of the Debt Securities of

such series is payable; (5) the rate or rates, and if applicable the method used to determine the rate, at which the Debt Securities of such series shall bear interest, if any, the date or dates from which such interest shall accrue, the date or dates on which such interest shall be payable and the record date or dates for the interest payable on any Debt Securities on any interest payment date; (6) the place or places at which, subject to the provisions of the applicable Indenture, the principal of (and premium, if any, on) and any interest on Debt Securities of such series shall be payable, any Debt Securities of the series may be surrendered for registration of transfer, and notices and demands to or upon the Corporation in respect of the Debt Securities of the series and the Indenture may be served; (7) the obligation, if any, of the Corporation to redeem or purchase Debt Securities of such series, at the option of the Corporation or at the option of a holder thereof, pursuant to any sinking fund or other redemption provisions and the period or periods within which, the price or prices at which and the terms and conditions upon which Debt Securities of the series may be so redeemed or purchased, in whole or in part; (8) if other than denominations of \$1,000 and any integral multiple thereof, the denominations in which any Debt Securities of such series shall be issuable; (9) if other than the principal amount thereof, the portion of the principal amount of Debt Securities of such series which shall be payable upon declaration of acceleration of the maturity thereof; (10) the currency, currencies or currency units in which payment of the principal of (and premium, if any, on) and any interest on any Debt Securities of the series shall be payable if other than the currency of the United States of America and the manner of determining the equivalent thereof in the currency of the United States of America for purposes of the applicable Indenture; (11) if the principal of (and premium, if any, on) or any interest on the Debt Securities of the series is to be payable, at the election of the Corporation or a holder thereof, in one or more currencies or currency units, other than that or those in which the Debt Securities are stated to be payable, the currency or currencies in which payment of the principal of (and premium, if any, on) and any interest on Debt Securities of such series as to which such election is made shall be payable, and the periods within which and the terms and conditions upon which such election is to be made; (12) if the amount of payments of principal of (and premium, if any, on) or any interest on the Debt Securities of the series may be determined with reference to an index, the manner in which such amounts shall be determined; (13) whether the Debt Securities will be issued in book-entry only form; (14) the identification or method of selection of any interest rate calculation agents, exchange rate calculation agents or other agents with respect to Debt Securities of such series; (15) if either or both of Section 14.02 (defeasance) or Section 14.03 (covenant defeasance) of the applicable Indenture do not apply to the Debt Securities of the series; (16) any provisions relating to the extension of maturity of, or the renewal of, Debt Securities of such series; and (17) any other terms of the Debt Securities of such series (which terms shall not be inconsistent with the provisions of the applicable Indenture).

The ability of NationsBank to make payments of principal of and premium, if any, and interest on the Debt Securities may be affected by the ability of the Banks to pay dividends. The ability of the Banks, as well as of the Corporation, to pay dividends in the future currently is, and could be further, influenced by bank regulatory requirements and capital guidelines. See "NATIONS BANK CORPORATION -- Supervision and Regulation."

Neither the Senior Indenture nor the Subordinated Indenture contains provisions that would provide protection to holders of Debt Securities against a decline in credit quality resulting from takeovers, recapitalizations, the incurrence of additional indebtedness or similar restructurings by the Corporation. If credit quality

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declines as a result of such an event, or otherwise, the ratings of any Debt Securities then outstanding may be withdrawn or downgraded.

#### CONVERSION

The Debt Securities of any series may be convertible, at the option of the holder or the Corporation, into Preferred Stock, Depositary Shares, Common Stock or other Debt Securities if the Prospectus Supplement relating to such series of Debt Securities so provides. In such case, the Prospectus Supplement relating to such series of Debt Securities will set forth (i) the period(s) during which such conversion may be elected; (ii) the conversion price payable and the number of shares or amount of Preferred Stock, Depositary Shares, Common Stock or other Debt Securities purchaseable upon conversion, and adjustments thereto, if any, in certain events; (iii) the procedures for electing such conversion; and (iv) all other terms for such conversion (which terms shall not be inconsistent with the provisions of the applicable Indenture).

#### EXCHANGE, REGISTRATION AND TRANSFER

At the option of the holder, subject to the terms of the applicable Indenture, Debt Securities of any series (other than Debt Securities issued in book-entry form) will be exchangeable for other Debt Securities of the same series and of an equal aggregate principal amount and tenor of any authorized denominations.

Debt Securities of a series may be presented for exchange as provided above, and may be presented for registration of transfer (with the form of transfer endorsed thereon duly executed), at the office of the Security Registrar or at the office of any transfer agent of the Corporation designated and maintained for such purpose with respect to such Debt Securities pursuant to the terms of the applicable Indenture, as referred to in an applicable Prospectus Supplement. Such transfer or exchange will be effected upon the Security Registrar or

transfer agent, as the case may be, being satisfied with the documents of title and identity of the person making the request. No service charge shall be made for any exchange or registration of transfer of Debt Securities, but the Corporation may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in connection therewith.

If a Prospectus Supplement refers to any transfer agents (in addition to the Security Registrar) designated by the Corporation with respect to any series of Debt Securities, the Corporation may at any time rescind the designation of any such transfer agent or approve a change in the location through which any such transfer agent acts, except that the Corporation will be required to maintain a transfer agent in each place of payment for such series. The Corporation may at any time designate additional transfer agents with respect to any series of Debt Securities.

The Corporation shall not be required to (i) issue, exchange or register the transfer of any Debt Security of any series to be redeemed for a period of 15 days next preceding any selection of such Debt Securities to be redeemed; or (ii) exchange or register the transfer of any Debt Security so selected, called or being called for redemption, except the unredeemed portion of any Debt Security being redeemed in part.

For a discussion of restrictions on the exchange, registration and transfer of Book-Entry Securities, see "DESCRIPTION OF DEBT SECURITIES -- Book-Entry Securities."

#### PAYMENT AND PAYING AGENTS

Unless otherwise indicated in an applicable Prospectus Supplement, principal of (and premium, if any, on) and any interest on Debt Securities will be payable, subject to any applicable laws and regulations, at the offices of such paying agents as the Corporation may designate from time to time pursuant to the applicable Indenture, except that, at the option of the Corporation, payment of any interest may be made by check mailed to the address of the person entitled thereto as such address shall appear in the Security Register. Unless otherwise indicated in an applicable Prospectus Supplement, payment of interest on a Debt Security on any interest payment date generally will be made to the person in whose name such Debt Security is registered at the close of business on the regular record date for such interest payment date.

The Corporation has designated the principal corporate trust offices of the Senior Trustee and the Subordinated Trustee in the City of New York as the places where the Senior Debt Securities and Subordinated Debt Securities, respectively, may be presented for payment. The Corporation may at any time designate additional

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paying agents or rescind the designation of any paying agent or approve a change in the office through which any paying agent acts. Any other paying agents designated by the Corporation for the Debt Securities of each series will be named in an applicable Prospectus Supplement.

#### BOOK-ENTRY SECURITIES

If so specified in an applicable Prospectus Supplement, all or any portion of the Debt Securities of a series may be issued in book-entry form represented by one or more global Debt Securities in registered form (each a "Book-Entry Security"). Each such Book-Entry Security will be deposited with, or on behalf of, a depository (a "Depository") as identified in the Prospectus Supplement relating to such series of Debt Securities, for credit to the respective accounts of the beneficial owners of such Debt Securities (or to such other accounts as they may direct). The specific terms of the depository arrangement with respect to any such series of Debt Securities will be described in the Prospectus Supplement relating to such series. Unless otherwise specified in the applicable Prospectus Supplement, the Corporation anticipates that the following provisions will apply to all depository arrangements with a Depository.

Upon the issuance and deposit of a Book-Entry Security, the Depository will credit, on its book-entry registration and transfer system, the respective principal amounts of the Debt Securities of the series represented by such Book-Entry Security to the accounts of institutions that have accounts with such Depository or its nominee ("participants"). The accounts to be credited shall be designated by the underwriters or agents of such Debt Securities (or by the Corporation if such Debt Securities are offered and sold directly by the Corporation). Ownership of beneficial interests in the Debt Securities of a series represented by a Book-Entry Security will be limited to participants or persons that may hold interests through participants. Ownership of a beneficial interest in the Debt Securities of a series represented by such a Book-Entry Security will be shown on, and the transfer of that ownership will be effected only through, records maintained by the Depository or its nominee (with respect to participants' interests) for such Book-Entry Security or by participants or persons that hold through participants. The laws of some jurisdictions require that certain purchasers of securities take physical delivery of such securities in definitive form. Such limits and such laws may impair the ability to acquire or transfer beneficial interests in the Debt Securities of a series represented by a Book-Entry Security.

So long as the Depository for a Book-Entry Security, or its nominee, is the registered owner of such Book-Entry Security, such Depository or nominee, as the case may be, will be considered the sole owner or holder of the Debt Securities of the series represented by such Book-Entry Security for all purposes under the Indenture governing such Debt Securities. Except as set forth below, owners of beneficial interests in the Debt Securities of a series represented by a Book-Entry Security will not be entitled to have such Debt Securities registered in their names, will not receive or be entitled to receive physical delivery of

such Debt Securities in definitive form and will not be considered the owners or holders thereof under the Indenture. Accordingly, in order to exercise any rights of a holder of the Debt Securities under the applicable Indenture, each person owning a beneficial interest in the Debt Securities of a series represented by a Book-Entry Security must rely on the procedures of the Depository or, if such person is not a participant, on the procedures of the participant and, if applicable, the indirect participant, through which such person owns its interest.

Payment of principal of (and premium, if any) and any interest on Debt Securities of a series represented by a Book-Entry Security registered in the name of or held by a Depository or its nominee will be made to the Depository or its nominee, as the case may be, as the registered owner or the holder of the Book-Entry Security representing such Debt Securities. None of the Corporation, the Trustee, any paying agent, any authenticating agent or the Security Registrar for such Debt Securities will have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of the records relating to or payments made on account of beneficial ownership interests in the Debt Securities of a series represented by a Book-Entry Security or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to such beneficial ownership interests.

The Corporation expects that the Depository for Debt Securities of a series represented by a Book-Entry Security will, upon receipt of any payment of principal of (and premium, if any) and any interest on such Debt Securities, credit immediately participants' accounts with payments in amounts proportionate to their respective holdings in principal amount of beneficial interests in the Debt Securities of the series represented by such Book-Entry Security as shown on the records of such Depository. The Corporation also expects that payments by participants to owners of beneficial interests in the Debt Securities of the series represented by such Book-

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Entry Security held through such participants will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is now the case with securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in "street name." Such payments will be the responsibility of such participants.

Unless and until a Book-Entry Security is exchanged in whole for Debt Securities in definitive form, it may not be transferred except as a whole by the Depository for such Book-Entry Security to a nominee of such Depository or to another depository or a nominee for such other depository. If a Depository for a Book-Entry Security is at any time unwilling or unable to continue as Depository and a successor depository is not appointed by the Corporation within 90 days, the Corporation will issue Debt Securities in definitive form in exchange for the Book-Entry Security or Book-Entry Securities representing all such Debt Securities. In addition, the Corporation may at any time and in its sole discretion determine not to have any Debt Securities represented by a Book-Entry Security and, in such event, will issue such Debt Securities in definitive form in exchange for the Book-Entry Security or Book-Entry Securities representing all such Debt Securities. In any such instance, an owner of a beneficial interest in Debt Securities of a series represented by a Book-Entry Security will be entitled to physical delivery in definitive form of Debt Securities of the series represented by such Book-Entry Security equal in principal amount to such beneficial interest and to have such Debt Securities registered in the name of the owner of such beneficial interest.

#### SUBORDINATION

The Subordinated Debt Securities are subordinate and subject, to the extent and in the manner set forth in the Subordinated Indenture, in right of payment to the prior payment in full of all Senior Indebtedness of the Corporation. "Senior Indebtedness" is defined by the Subordinated Indenture as any indebtedness for money borrowed (including all indebtedness of the Corporation for borrowed and purchased money of the Corporation, all obligations of the Corporation arising from off-balance sheet guarantees by the Corporation and direct credit substitutes, and obligations of the Corporation associated with derivative products such as interest and foreign exchange rate contracts and commodity contracts) that is outstanding on the date of execution of the Subordinated Indenture, or is thereafter created, incurred or assumed, for the payment of which the Corporation is at the time of determination responsible or liable as obligor, guarantor or otherwise, and all deferrals, renewals, extensions and refundings of any such indebtedness or obligations, other than the Subordinated Debt Securities or any other indebtedness as to which, in the instrument creating or evidencing the same or pursuant to which the same is outstanding, it is provided that such indebtedness is subordinate in right of payment to any other indebtedness of the Corporation. The Prospectus Supplement relating to each series of Subordinated Debt Securities will set forth the aggregate amount of then outstanding Senior Indebtedness of the Corporation and any limitation on the issuance of additional Senior Indebtedness.

No payment on account of principal of (and premium, if any, on) or interest, if any, on the Subordinated Debt Securities shall be made, and no Subordinated Debt Securities shall be purchased, either directly or indirectly, by the Corporation or any of its subsidiaries, if any default or event of default with respect to any Senior Indebtedness shall have occurred and be continuing and the Corporation and the Subordinated Trustee shall have received written notice thereof from the holders of at least 10% in principal amount of any kind or category of any Senior Indebtedness (or the representative or representatives of such holders) or the Subordinated Trustee shall have received written notice thereof from the Corporation.

In the event that any Subordinated Debt Security is declared due and payable

before the date specified therein as the fixed date on which the principal thereof is due and payable pursuant to the Subordinated Indenture, or upon any payment or distribution of assets of the Corporation of any kind or character to creditors upon any dissolution or winding up or total or partial liquidation or reorganization of the Corporation, all principal of (and premium, if any, on) and interest due or to become due upon all Senior Indebtedness shall first be paid in full before the holders of the Subordinated Debt Securities (the "Subordinated Debt Holders"), or the Subordinated Trustee, shall be entitled to retain any assets (other than shares of stock of the Corporation as reorganized or readjusted or securities of the Corporation or any other corporation provided for by a plan of reorganization or readjustment, the payment of which is subordinated, at least to the same extent as the Subordinated Debt Securities, to the payment of all Senior Indebtedness which may at the time be outstanding, provided that the rights of the holders of the Senior Indebtedness are not altered by such reorganization or readjustment, so paid or distributed in respect of the Subordinated Debt Securities (for principal or

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interest, if any). Upon such dissolution or winding up or liquidation or reorganization, any payment or distribution of assets of the Corporation of any kind or character, whether in cash, property or securities (other than shares of stock of the Corporation as reorganized or readjusted or securities of the Corporation or any other corporation provided for by a plan of reorganization or readjustment, the payment of which is subordinated at least to the same extent as the Subordinated Debt Securities, to the payment of all Senior Indebtedness which may at the time be outstanding, provided that the rights of the holders of the Senior Indebtedness are not altered by such reorganization or readjustment), to which the Subordinated Debt Holders or the Subordinated Trustee would be entitled, except for the subordination provisions of the Subordinated Indenture, shall be paid by the Corporation or by any receiver, trustee in bankruptcy, liquidating trustee, agent or other person making such payment or distribution, or by the Subordinated Debt Holders or the Subordinated Trustee if received by them or it, directly to the holders of the Senior Indebtedness (pro rata to each such holder on the basis of the respective amounts of Senior Indebtedness held by such holder) or their representatives, to the extent necessary to pay all Senior Indebtedness in full, after giving effect to any concurrent payment or distribution to or for the holders of Senior Indebtedness, before any payment or distribution is made to the Subordinated Debt Holders or to the Subordinated Trustee.

Subject to the payment in full of all Senior Indebtedness, the Subordinated Debt Holders shall be subrogated (equally and ratably with the holders of all indebtedness of the Corporation which, by its express terms, ranks on a parity with the Subordinated Debt Securities and is entitled to like rights of subrogation) to the rights of the holders of Senior Indebtedness to receive payments or distributions of assets of the Corporation applicable to the Senior Indebtedness until the Subordinated Debt Securities shall be paid in full.

#### SALE OR ISSUANCE OF CAPITAL STOCK OF BANKS

The Senior Indenture prohibits the issuance, sale or other disposition of capital stock, or securities convertible into or options, warrants or rights to acquire capital stock, of any Principal Subsidiary Bank (as defined below) or of any subsidiary which owns shares of capital stock, or securities convertible into or options, warrants or rights to acquire capital stock, of any Principal Subsidiary Bank, with the following exceptions: (a) sales of directors' qualifying shares; (b) sales or other dispositions for fair market value, if, after giving effect to such disposition and to conversion of any shares or securities convertible into capital stock of a Principal Subsidiary Bank, the Corporation would own directly or indirectly not less than 80% of each class of the capital stock of such Principal Subsidiary Bank (or any successor corporation thereto); (c) sales or other dispositions made in compliance with an order of a court or regulatory authority of competent jurisdiction; (d) any sale by a Principal Subsidiary Bank (or any successor corporation thereto) of additional shares of its capital stock to its shareholders at any price, so long as (i) prior to such sale the Corporation owns, directly or indirectly, shares of the same class and (ii) immediately after such sale, the Corporation owns, directly or indirectly, at least as great a percentage of each class of capital stock of such Principal Subsidiary Bank as it owned prior to such sale of additional shares; (e) any sale by a Principal Subsidiary Bank (or any successor corporation thereto) of additional securities convertible into shares of its capital stock to its shareholders at any price, so long as (i) prior to such sale the Corporation owns, directly or indirectly, securities of the same class and (ii) immediately after such sale the Corporation owns, directly or indirectly, at least as great a percentage of each class of such securities convertible into shares of capital stock of such Principal Subsidiary Bank as it owned prior to such sale of additional securities; (f) any sale by a Principal Subsidiary Bank (or any successor corporation thereto) of additional options, warrants or rights to subscribe for or purchase shares of its capital stock to its shareholders at any price, so long as (i) prior to such sale the Corporation owns, directly or indirectly, options, warrants or rights, as the case may be, of the same class and (ii) immediately after such sale, the Corporation owns, directly or indirectly, at least as great a percentage of each class of such options, warrants or rights, as the case may be, to subscribe for or purchase shares of capital stock of such Principal Subsidiary Bank as it owned prior to such sale of additional options, warrants or rights; or (g) any issuance of shares of capital stock, or securities convertible into or options, warrants or rights to subscribe for or purchase shares of capital stock, of a Principal

Subsidiary Bank or any subsidiary which owns shares of capital stock, or securities convertible into or options, warrants or rights to acquire capital stock, of any Principal Subsidiary Bank, to the Corporation or a wholly owned subsidiary of the Corporation.

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A Principal Subsidiary Bank is defined in the Senior Indenture as any Bank (other than NationsBank of Delaware, National Association) with total assets equal to more than 10% of the Corporation's total consolidated assets.

#### WAIVER OF COVENANTS

Under the terms of either Indenture, compliance with certain covenants or conditions of such Indenture may be waived by the holders of a majority in principal amount of the Debt Securities of all series to be affected thereby and at the time outstanding under that Indenture (including, in the case of holders of Senior Debt Securities, the covenant described above).

#### MODIFICATION OF THE INDENTURES

Each Indenture contains provisions permitting the Corporation and the applicable Trustee to modify such Indenture or the rights of the holders of Debt Securities or coupons, if any, thereunder, with the consent of the holders of not less than 66 2/3% in aggregate principal amount of the Debt Securities of all series at the time outstanding under that Indenture and to be affected thereby (voting as one class), except that no such modification shall (a) extend the fixed maturity of, reduce the principal amount or redemption premium, if any, of, or reduce the rate of or extend the time of payment of interest on, any Debt Security without the consent of the holder of each security so affected, or (b) reduce the aforesaid percentage of Debt Securities, the consent of holders of which is required for any such modification, without the consent of the holders of all Debt Securities then outstanding under that Indenture. Each Indenture also provides that the Corporation and the respective Trustee may, from time to time, execute supplemental indentures in certain limited circumstances without the consent of any holders of outstanding Debt Securities.

Each Indenture provides that in determining whether the holders of the requisite principal amount of the Debt Securities outstanding have given any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent or waiver thereunder, (i) the principal amount of an Original Issue Discount Security that shall be deemed to be outstanding shall be the amount of the principal thereof that would be due and payable upon an event of default, and (ii) the principal amount of a Debt Security denominated in a foreign currency or currency unit shall be the U.S. dollar equivalent, determined on the date of original issuance of such Debt Security.

#### MEETINGS AND ACTION BY SECURITYHOLDERS

Each Indenture contains provisions for convening meetings of the holders of Debt Securities for certain purposes. A meeting may be called at any time by the Trustee in its discretion and shall be called by the Trustee upon request by the Corporation or the holders of at least 10% in aggregate principal amount of the Debt Securities outstanding of such series, in any case upon notice given in accordance with "Notices" below. Any resolution passed or decision taken at any meeting of holders of Debt Securities of any series duly held in accordance with the applicable Indenture, or such other action taken in accordance with the terms of the applicable Indenture, will be binding on all holders of Debt Securities of that series and the related coupons.

#### DEFAULTS AND RIGHTS OF ACCELERATION

An Event of Default is defined in the Subordinated Indenture generally as bankruptcy of the Corporation under Federal bankruptcy laws. An Event of Default is defined in the Senior Indenture generally as (i) the Corporation's failure to pay principal (or premium, if any) when due on any securities of a series; (ii) the Corporation's failure to pay interest on any securities of a series, within 30 days after the same becomes due; (iii) the Corporation's breach of any of its other covenants contained in the Senior Debt Securities or the Senior Indenture, which breach is not cured within 90 days after written notice by the Senior Trustee or by the holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the Senior Debt Securities then outstanding under the Senior Indenture and affected thereby; and (iv) certain events involving the bankruptcy, insolvency or liquidation of the Corporation.

Each Indenture provides that if an Event of Default under the respective Indenture occurs and is continuing, either the respective Trustee or the holders of 25% in principal amount (or, if any such Debt Securities are Original Issue Discount Debt Securities, such lesser amounts as may be described in an applicable Prospectus Supplement) of the Debt Securities then outstanding under that Indenture (or, with respect to an Event of Default under the Senior Indenture due to a default in the payment of principal (or premium, if any) or interest

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or performance of any other covenant, the outstanding Debt Securities of all series affected by such default) may declare the principal amount of all of such Debt Securities to be due and payable immediately. Payment of principal of the Subordinated Debt Securities may not be accelerated in the case of a default in the payment of principal (or premium, if any) or interest or the performance of any other covenant of the Corporation. Upon certain conditions a declaration of an Event of Default may be annulled and past defaults may be waived by the holders of a majority in principal amount of the Debt Securities then outstanding (or of such series affected, as the case may be).

#### COLLECTION OF INDEBTEDNESS, ETC.

Each Indenture also provides that in the event of a failure by the



Corporation to make payment of principal of or interest on the Debt Securities (and, in the case of payment of interest, such failure to pay shall have continued for 30 days) and upon the demand of the respective Trustee, the Corporation will pay to such Trustee, for the benefit of the holders of the Debt Securities, the amount then due and payable on the Debt Securities for principal and interest, with interest on the overdue principal and, to the extent payment of interest shall be legally enforceable, upon overdue installments of interest at the rate borne by the Debt Securities. Each Indenture further provides that if the Corporation fails to pay such amount forthwith upon such demand, the respective Trustee may, among other things, institute a judicial proceeding for the collection thereof. However, each Indenture provides that notwithstanding any other provision of the Indenture, the holder of any Debt Security shall have the right to institute suit for the enforcement of any payment of principal of and interest on such Debt Security on the respective stated maturities expressed in such Debt Security and that such right shall not be impaired without the consent of such holder.

The holders of a majority in principal amount of the Debt Securities then outstanding under an Indenture shall have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Trustee under that Indenture, provided that the holders shall have offered to the Trustee reasonable indemnity against expenses and liabilities. Each Indenture requires the annual filing by the Corporation with the respective Trustee of a certificate as to the absence of default and as to compliance with the terms of that Indenture.

NOTICES

Except as otherwise provided in the applicable Indenture, notices to holders of Debt Securities will be given by first-class mail to the addresses of such holders as they appear in the Security Register.

CONCERNING THE TRUSTEES

The Corporation and the Banks have from time to time maintained deposit accounts and conducted other banking transactions with The Bank of New York and First Trust of New York, National Association, and their affiliated entities in the ordinary course of business. Each of the Trustees also serves as trustee for certain series of the Corporation's outstanding indebtedness under other indentures.

LEGAL OPINIONS

The legality of the Debt Securities will be passed upon for the Corporation by Smith Helms Mulliss & Moore, L.L.P., Charlotte, North Carolina, and for the underwriters or agents by Stroock & Stroock & Lavan, New York, New York. As of the date of this Prospectus, certain members of Smith Helms Mulliss & Moore, L.L.P. beneficially own approximately 50,000 shares of the Corporation's Common Stock.

EXPERTS

The consolidated financial statements of the Corporation incorporated in this Prospectus by reference to the Corporation's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1995, have been so incorporated in reliance on the report of Price Waterhouse LLP, independent accountants, given on the authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting.

NO DEALER, SALESPERSON OR OTHER INDIVIDUAL HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED TO GIVE ANY INFORMATION OR TO MAKE ANY REPRESENTATIONS OTHER THAN THOSE CONTAINED IN THIS PROSPECTUS IN CONNECTION WITH THE OFFERING MADE HEREBY AND, IF GIVEN OR MADE, SUCH INFORMATION OR REPRESENTATIONS MUST NOT BE RELIED UPON AS HAVING BEEN AUTHORIZED BY THE CORPORATION OR NATIONSBANC CAPITAL MARKETS, INC. NEITHER THE DELIVERY OF THIS PROSPECTUS NOR ANY SALE MADE HEREUNDER SHALL, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, CREATE AN IMPLICATION THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN THE AFFAIRS OF THE CORPORATION SINCE THE DATE HEREOF. THIS PROSPECTUS DOES NOT CONSTITUTE AN OFFER OR SOLICITATION BY ANYONE IN ANY STATE IN WHICH SUCH OFFER OR SOLICITATION IS NOT AUTHORIZED OR IN WHICH THE PERSON MAKING SUCH OFFER OR SOLICITATION IS NOT QUALIFIED TO DO SO OR TO ANYONE TO WHOM IT IS UNLAWFUL TO MAKE SUCH OFFER OR SOLICITATION. THIS PROSPECTUS AND RELATED PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENTS ARE TO BE USED BY NATIONSBANC CAPITAL MARKETS, INC., A BROKER-DEALER AND A DIRECT WHOLLY-OWNED SUBSIDIARY OF THE CORPORATION, IN CONNECTION WITH OFFERS AND SALES RELATED TO SECONDARY MARKET TRANSACTIONS.

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