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The Prospectus September 30, 1998

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THE BANKAMERICA SHARESDIRECT PLAN(SM)

You should read this Prospectus carefully so you will know how the Plan works and then retain it for future reference.

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THE BANKAMERICA SHARESDIRECT PLAN

This Prospectus describes the BankAmerica SharesDirect Plan. The Plan promotes long-term ownership in BankAmerica Corporation by offering:

o A simple, cost-effective method for purchasing shares of BankAmerica stock directly from BankAmerica;

- o A way to increase your holdings in BankAmerica by reinvesting your cash dividends in BankAmerica stock:
- o The opportunity to purchase additional shares by making optional cash investments.

You do not have to be a current shareholder of BankAmerica to participate in the Plan. You can purchase your first shares of BankAmerica stock through the Plan by making an initial investment of \$1,000 or more, which includes an initial transaction fee of \$10. If you currently participate in the NationsBank SharesDirect Plan or the BankAmerica Corporation Shareholder Investment Plan, you are automatically enrolled in the Plan.

BankAmerica Corporation

BankAmerica is a multi-bank holding company. Through its subsidiaries, BankAmerica provides financial products and services to individuals, businesses, corporations, institutional investors and governmental agencies, primarily throughout the Mid-Atlantic, Midwest, Southeast, Southwest and West. BankAmerica was incorporated in 1998 under the laws of the State of Delaware and the Bank Holding Company Act. BankAmerica's predecessor companies were initially incorporated in 1968. Its principal executive offices are located at 100 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, North Carolina 28255.

THE BANKAMERICA STOCK OFFERED UNDER THE PLAN IS NOT GUARANTEED OR INSURED BY ANY BANK OR GOVERNMENT AGENCY.

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THE PLAN

SUMMARY OF THE PLAN

- o ENROLLMENT: New shareholders can join by making an initial investment of at least \$1,000, which includes an initial transaction fee of \$10. Shareholders enrolled in the NationsBank SharesDirect Plan or the BankAmerica Corporation Shareholder Investment Plan are automatically enrolled in the Plan. Existing BankAmerica shareholders not enrolled in either of these predecessor plans can participate in the Plan by submitting a completed Enrollment Form. If your shares are held in a brokerage account, you may either participate directly by registering some or all of your shares in your name, or make arrangements with your broker to participate in the Plan on your behalf.
- o OPTIONAL REINVESTMENT OF DIVIDENDS: You can reinvest all, a portion or none of your cash dividends toward the purchase of additional shares of BankAmerica stock without paying trading fees.
- o OPTIONAL CASH INVESTMENTS: After you are enrolled in the Plan, you can buy additional shares of BankAmerica stock by investing a minimum of \$50 at any one time, up to \$120,000 in the aggregate per calendar year. You can have your payment automatically withdrawn from your bank account or pay by check.
- o FULL INVESTMENT: Full investment of your dividends is possible because the Company will credit your account with both whole and fractional shares. As part of the Plan, BankAmerica pays dividends on both whole shares and fractional shares.
- o SAFEKEEPING OF CERTIFICATES: You can deposit your BankAmerica stock certificates with BankAmerica Shareholder Services for safekeeping at no cost to you.
- o GIFTS OR TRANSFERS OF SHARES: You can give or transfer your BankAmerica shares to others through the Plan at no charge.
- o SELL SHARES CONVENIENTLY: If you choose to sell any of the BankAmerica stock held in your Plan account, you will pay fees lower than those typically charged by stockbrokers.
- o TRACKING YOUR INVESTMENT: You will receive a statement or a notification after each transaction. Statements provide the details of the transaction and show the share balance in your Plan account.

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ADMINISTRATOR OF THE PLAN

BankAmerica has appointed The Chase Manhattan Bank to administer the Plan and act as Agent for the participants. The Chase Manhattan Bank has designated its affiliates, ChaseMellon Shareholder Services, L.L.C. and Chase Securities Inc.,

and other agents to perform certain services for the Plan. These companies will purchase and hold shares of stock for Plan participants, keep records, send statements and perform other duties required by the Plan. BankAmerica reserves the right to replace the Administrator at any time.

The Administrator may be contacted at BankAmerica Shareholder Services as detailed below.

INQUIRIES: BANKAMERICA SHAREHOLDER SERVICES

For information about the BankAmerica SharesDirect Plan:

BankAmerica Shareholder Services: Internet:

1-800-642-9855

www.chasemellon.com

Written requests and notices should be mailed as follows:

Send correspondence and all requests except Optional Cash Investments to:

BankAmerica Shareholder Services

P. O. Box 3336

South Hackensack, NJ 07606-1936

Please include your daytime telephone number.

Send Optional Cash Investments to:

BankAmerica Shareholder Services

Optional Cash Investments

P. O. Box 382009

Pittsburgh, PA 15250-8009

Make check or money order payable to BankAmerica Corporation in U.S. dollars. Please use transaction stub at bottom of statement.

ENROLLMENT

You are eligible to participate in the Plan if you meet the requirements outlined below. If you live outside the U.S., you should first determine if there are any governmental regulations that would prohibit your participation in the Plan.

- o IF YOU DO NOT CURRENTLY OWN ANY BANKAMERICA STOCK, you can join the Plan by making an initial investment of at least \$1,000, but not more than \$120,000. You can get started in the Plan by returning a completed Enrollment Form to BankAmerica Shareholder Services along with your check or money order payable to BankAmerica Corporation. A \$10 transaction fee will be deducted from your initial investment. The Administrator will arrange for the purchase of shares for your account, but will not pay interest on amounts held pending investment. Please allow two weeks for your account to be established, initial shares to be purchased and a statement to be mailed to you. (See "Purchase of Shares" on page 6.)
- O IF YOU ALREADY OWN BANKAMERICA STOCK AND THE SHARES ARE REGISTERED IN YOUR NAME, you may join the Plan by returning a completed Enrollment Form to BankAmerica Shareholder Services. Registered shareholders will not be charged an initial transaction fee. If you have been participating in the NationsBank SharesDirect Plan or the BankAmerica Corporation Shareholder Investment Plan, you will be automatically enrolled in the new BankAmerica SharesDirect Plan and need not send in an Enrollment Form or take any other action unless you want to make a change.
- O IF YOUR SHARES ARE HELD IN A BROKERAGE, BANK OR OTHER INTERMEDIARY ACCOUNT, and you wish to participate directly in the Plan, you should direct your broker, bank, or trustee to register some or all of your BankAmerica shares directly in your name. Alternatively, you may make arrangements with your broker, bank or trustee to participate in the Plan on your behalf. You can then get started in the Plan by returning a completed Enrollment Form to BankAmerica Shareholder Services. Registered shareholders will not be charged an initial transaction fee.

Once enrolled in the Plan, you have the following choices:

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o OPTIONAL DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT: You can choose to reinvest all, a portion or none of the regular cash dividends paid on your shares registered with the Plan to purchase additional shares of BankAmerica stock. You can change your dividend reinvestment election at any time by notifying BankAmerica Shareholder Services. For a particular dividend to be reinvested, your notification must be received five days prior to the record date for that dividend. (The record date is normally 21 days prior to the payment date.)

If you elect to reinvest your dividends, you must choose one of the following when completing the Dividend Reinvestment section of the Enrollment Form:

If you choose to reinvest less than all of your dividends, you must select one of the following options:

OPTION 1. Receive a cash dividend payment based on the number of full shares you specify. Reinvest the dividends on all remaining shares. This option allows you to receive a fixed amount of cash each quarter (assuming the dividend per share stays the same); or

OPTION 2. Reinvest dividends based on the number of full shares you specify. Receive a cash dividend payment on all remaining shares. This option allows you to receive an increasing amount of cash each quarter (again, assuming the dividend per share stays the same).

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Deposit Cash Dividends Electronically: If you choose partial dividend reinvestment, you can have all of your remaining cash dividends deposited directly into your bank account instead of receiving a check by mail -- just complete the appropriate sections of the Enrollment Form or notify BankAmerica Shareholder Services. Direct Deposit Authorization Forms will be acted upon as soon as possible after they are received. You can change your designated bank account for direct deposit or discontinue this feature by notifying BankAmerica Shareholder Services at least 14 days prior to a dividend record date.

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o OPTIONAL CASH INVESTMENTS: You can purchase additional shares of BankAmerica stock by using the Plan's optional cash investment feature. You must invest at least \$50 at any one time and cannot invest more than \$120,000 in a calendar year. Interest will not be paid on amounts held pending investment.

BY AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWAL FROM YOUR BANK ACCOUNT: If you wish to make regular monthly optional cash investments, you can authorize an automatic monthly withdrawal from your bank account. This feature enables you to make ongoing investments without writing a check. Funds will be deducted from your account on the 15th day of each month. If this date falls on a bank holiday or weekend, funds will be deducted on the next business day. Please allow four to six weeks for the first automatic monthly withdrawal to be initiated. You must notify BankAmerica Shareholder Services in writing to change or terminate automatic withdrawal.

BY CHECK OR MONEY ORDER: You may make optional cash investments by sending a check or money order payable to BankAmerica Corporation. Do not send cash.

Please mail the completed transaction stub located on the bottom of your statement along with your investment to the address specified on the statement.

PURCHASE OF SHARES

- o PURCHASE INTERVALS: The Administrator will make arrangements to use initial and optional cash investments to purchase BankAmerica shares as promptly as practical, but at least once each week. The Administrator will use reinvested dividends to purchase shares on a quarterly basis. Purchases may be made over a number of days to meet the requirements of the Plan.
- o SOURCE AND PRICING OF SHARES: Shares needed to meet the requirements of the Plan will either be purchased in the open market or issued directly by BankAmerica from authorized but unissued shares.
- If the shares are purchased in the open market, your price per share will be the weighted average price of shares purchased during the relevant period to satisfy Plan requirements. Trading fees incurred by the Plan for purchases will be paid by BankAmerica and

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- will be reported to you as taxable income. All fractional shares are calculated to four decimals and are credited to your account.
- If the shares are purchased from BankAmerica, your price per share will be the average of the daily high and low sale prices quoted on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) Composite Transactions listing for the day the shares are purchased. All fractional shares are calculated to four decimals and are credited to your account.
- o TIMING AND CONTROL: Because the Administrator will arrange for the purchase of shares on behalf of the Plan, neither BankAmerica nor any participant in the Plan has the authority or power to control either the timing or pricing of shares purchased or the selection of the broker making the purchases. Therefore, you will not be able to precisely time your purchases through the Plan and will bear the market risk associated with fluctuations in the price of BankAmerica stock. That is, if you send in an initial or optional cash investment, it is possible that the market price of BankAmerica stock could go up or down before the broker purchases stock with your funds. In addition, you will not earn interest on initial or optional cash investments for the period before the shares are purchased.

SALE OF SHARES

You can sell any number of shares held in your Plan account or book entry form by notifying BankAmerica Shareholder Services. The Administrator will make arrangements to sell BankAmerica stock as promptly as possible, but at least once a week. Sales may be made more frequently if volume dictates.

The sale price will be the weighted average price of all shares sold for Plan participants during the relevant period, as volume dictates. You will receive the proceeds of the sale less (1) a \$15 sales transaction fee, (2) the trading fee of \$0.08 per share charged in connection with the sale, and (3) any required tax withholdings. (See "Plan Service Fees" on page 10.)

You can choose to sell your shares through a stockbroker of your choice, in which case you should request a certificate for your shares from BankAmerica Shareholder Services. (See "Issuance of Certificates" on page 9.)

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Please note that if your total holdings fall below one share, the Administrator will liquidate the fractional share, remit the proceeds to you less any applicable fees, and close your Plan account.

o TIMING AND CONTROL: Because the Administrator will sell the shares on behalf of the Plan, neither BankAmerica nor any participant in the Plan has the authority or power to control the timing or pricing of shares sold or the selection of the broker making the sales. Therefore, you will not be able to precisely time your sales through the Plan and will bear the market risk associated with fluctuations in the price of BankAmerica stock. That is, if you send in a request to sell shares, it is possible that the market price of BankAmerica stock could go down or up before the broker sells your shares. In addition, you will not earn interest on the proceeds of a sales transaction.

SAFEKEEPING OF YOUR STOCK CERTIFICATES

Shares of BankAmerica stock that you buy under the Plan will be maintained in your Plan account for safekeeping. You will receive a periodic statement detailing the status of your holdings. (See "Tracking Your Investments" on page

BankAmerica shareholders may use the Plan's "safekeeping" service to deposit their BankAmerica stock certificates at no cost. Because BankAmerica and the Administrator are responsible for the safekeeping of BankAmerica stock certificates deposited with the Plan, you no longer bear the risk and cost associated with the loss, theft, or destruction of stock certificates so deposited. With safekeeping, you have the option of receiving cash dividends, reinvesting your dividends or taking advantage of the sale of shares feature of the Plan. Certificates will be issued only upon written request to BankAmerica Shareholder Services. (See "Issuance of Certificates" on page 9.)

To use the safekeeping service, send your certificates to BankAmerica Shareholder Services by registered mail with written instructions to deposit them in safekeeping. Do not endorse the certificates or complete the assignment contien

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GIFTS OR TRANSFERS OF SHARES

You can give or transfer BankAmerica shares to anyone you choose by:

- o Making an initial \$1,000 cash investment to establish an account in the recipient's name; or
- o Submitting an optional cash investment on behalf of an existing shareholder in the Plan in an amount not less than \$50 nor more than \$120,000; or
 - o Transferring shares from your Plan account to the recipient.

You must transfer a whole number of shares unless you transfer your entire account. You may transfer shares to new or existing shareholders. In order to transfer the ownership of all or part of the whole shares of BankAmerica stock held in your Plan account, you must mail BankAmerica Shareholder Services a transfer request form along with a properly signed stock power. The stock power form can be obtained from BankAmerica Shareholder Services, a bank or a stockbroker. You must have your signature guaranteed by a financial institution participating in the Medallion Guarantee program. The Medallion Guarantee program ensures that the individual signing the certificate is in fact the registered owner as it appears on the stock certificate or stock power. BankAmerica Shareholder Services will automatically place such new accounts in full dividend reinvestment status. The recipients of gifts or transfers, at their discretion, may then elect another option. BankAmerica Shareholder Services will send recipients of gifts or transfers a notice of such transfer.

If you participate in dividend reinvestment and your request to either transfer all of your shares or make a partial sale and transfer the balance of your shares is received during the three business days prior to the dividend record date, the processing of your request may be held until after your account is credited with reinvested dividends. This hold period could be as long as four weeks.

ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES

You can withdraw all or some of the shares from your Plan account by notifying BankAmerica Shareholder Services.

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Certificates will be issued for whole shares only. In the event your request involves a fractional share, a check for the value of the fractional share (less any applicable fees) will be mailed to you. Please allow two to three weeks to process your request.

Certificates will be issued in the name(s) in which the account is registered, unless otherwise instructed. In addition, checks will be made payable to the name(s) in which the account is registered, unless otherwise instructed. If the certificate is issued in a name other than your Plan account registration, the signature on the instructions or stock power must be guaranteed by a financial institution participating in the Medallion Guarantee program, as described on page 9.

PLAN SERVICE FEES

Initial Transaction Fee for new investors......\$10.00 per new account

or automatic investment
Sale of Shares (partial or full)
Transaction Fee\$15.00 per sale transaction
Trading Fee\$0.08 per share or fractional share
Gift or Transfer of Shares
Safekeeping of Stock Certificates
Certificate Issuance
Returned checks\$25.00 per check
Duplicate Statements
Current year
Prior year(s)\$10.00 flat fee per request per account

The Administrator will deduct the applicable fees from either the initial investment or proceeds from a sale. All fees set forth above are subject to change following appropriate notice to Plan participants.

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TRACKING YOUR INVESTMENTS

Optional Cash Investments via check

If you participate in dividend reinvestment, BankAmerica Shareholder Services will mail you a quarterly statement showing all transactions (shares, amounts invested, purchase prices) for your account including year-to-date and other account information. Supplemental statements or notices will be sent when you make an initial or optional cash investment or a deposit, transfer or withdrawal of shares.

If you do not participate in dividend reinvestment, BankAmerica Shareholder Services will mail you a statement or notice confirming any transactions you make.

If you continue to be enrolled in the Plan, but have no transactions, BankAmerica Shareholder Services will mail you an annual statement of your holdings.

Please retain your statements to establish the cost basis of shares purchased under the Plan for income tax and other purposes. You should notify BankAmerica Shareholder Services promptly of any change in address because all notices, statements and reports will be mailed to your address of record.

U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX INFORMATION

Cash dividends reinvested under the Plan will be taxable as having been received by you even though you have not actually received them in cash. You will receive an annual statement from the Administrator indicating the amount of reinvested dividends reported to the U.S. Internal Revenue Service as dividend income. The statement will also reflect as income any trading fees paid by BankAmerica on your behalf for purchases of shares.

You will not realize gain or loss for U.S. Federal income tax purposes upon the transfer of shares to the Plan, the transfer of shares to another recipient by gift or otherwise under the Plan, or upon the withdrawal of whole shares from the Plan. You will, however, generally realize gain or loss upon the sale of shares (including the receipt of cash for fractional shares) held in the Plan. Similarly, any recipient of a gift or transfer of shares under the Plan will generally realize gain or loss upon the sale of any of the shares so transferred.

The above summary is not a comprehensive summary of all of the tax considerations that may be relevant to a participant in the Plan. Therefore, you are urged to consult your tax advisors regarding the consequences of participation in the Plan.

You should rely only on the information incorporated by reference or provided in this Prospectus or in any prospectus supplement. BankAmerica has authorized no one to provide you with different information. BankAmerica is not making an offer to sell stock in any state or country where the offer is not permitted. You should not assume that the information in this Prospectus or the prospectus supplement is accurate as of any date other than the date of the document.

RESPONSIBILITY OF ADMINISTRATOR AND BANKAMERICA

Neither BankAmerica nor the Administrator will be liable for any act they do in good faith or for any good faith omission to act. This includes, without limitation, any claims of liability for:

- o failure to terminate your account upon your death prior to receiving written notice of such death; or
- o purchases or sales prices reflected in your Plan account or the dates of purchases or sales of your Plan shares; or
- o any fluctuation in the market value after purchase or sale of shares.

The payment of dividends is at the discretion of the BankAmerica Board of Directors and will depend upon future earnings, the financial condition of BankAmerica and other factors. The Board may change the amount and timing of dividends at any time without notice.

Neither BankAmerica nor the Administrator can assure you a profit or protect you against a loss on the shares you purchase under the Plan.

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STOCK SPLITS, STOCK DIVIDENDS AND OTHER DISTRIBUTIONS

In the event dividends are paid in BankAmerica stock, or if BankAmerica stock is distributed in connection with any stock split or similar transaction, each account will be adjusted to reflect the receipt of the stock so paid or distributed.

VOTING OF PROXIES

BankAmerica will mail you proxy materials including a proxy card representing both the shares for which you hold certificates and the shares, full and fractional, in your Plan account. The proxy will be voted as indicated by you. If you do not return the proxy card or if you return it unsigned, none of your shares will be voted.

PLAN MODIFICATION OR TERMINATION

BankAmerica reserves the right to suspend, modify or terminate the Plan at any time. You will receive notice of any such suspension, modification or termination. BankAmerica and the Administrator also reserve the right to change any administrative procedures of the Plan.

CHANGE OF ELIGIBILITY; TERMINATION

BankAmerica reserves the right to deny, suspend or terminate participation by a shareholder who is using the Plan for purposes inconsistent with the intended purpose of the Plan. In such event, BankAmerica Shareholder Services will notify you in writing and will continue to safekeep your shares but will no longer accept optional cash investments or reinvest your dividends. BankAmerica Shareholder Services will issue a certificate to you upon written request.

FOREIGN PARTICIPATION

If you live outside of the U.S., you should first determine if there are any laws or governmental regulations that would prohibit your participation in the Plan. BankAmerica reserves the right to terminate participation of any shareholder if it deems it advisable under any foreign laws or regulations.

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AVAILABLE INFORMATION/INCORPORATION OF DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE

other information with the Securities and Exchange Commission. BankAmerica is the successor to NationsBank Corporation, which complied with the same SEC filing requirements. You may read and copy any reports, statements or other information BankAmerica files (or NationsBank previously filed) at the SEC's public reference rooms in Washington, D.C., New York, New York, and Chicago, Illinois. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the public reference rooms. BankAmerica (and NationsBank) SEC filings are also available to the public from commercial document retrieval services and at the website maintained by the SEC at "http://www.sec.gov."

The SEC allows BankAmerica to "incorporate by reference" the information it files with it, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents. The information incorporated by reference is considered to be part of this Prospectus, and later information filed with the SEC will update and supersede this information. The documents listed below and any future filings made with the SEC under Section 13(a), 13(c), 14, or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 until the Plan is terminated comprise the incorporated documents:

- (a) NationsBank Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1997;
- (b) NationsBank Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, 1998 and June 30, 1998;
- (c) NationsBank Current Reports on Form 8-K as of January 14, 1998, January 22, 1998, February 3, 1998, March 13, 1998, March 23, 1998, April 15, 1998, April 16, 1998, April 17, 1998 (as amended on April 24, 1998, May 18, 1998 and August 17, 1998), May 6, 1998, May 13, 1998, July 7, 1998, July 13, 1998, July 23, 1998 and September 28, 1998; and
- (d) The description of the BankAmerica Common Stock contained in the Current Report on Form 8-K filed September 28, 1998 by NationsBank (as the predecessor to BankAmerica).

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Upon request BankAmerica will provide, without charge, a copy of any or all of the documents incorporated by reference in this document (other than exhibits to such documents, unless the exhibits are specifically incorporated by reference in such documents). Your requests for copies should be directed to BankAmerica Corporation, Corporate Center, Corporate Treasury Division, Charlotte, North Carolina 28255 (Telephone: (704) 386-5000).

LEGAL MATTERS

Mr. Paul J. Polking, Executive Vice President and General Counsel of BankAmerica Corporation, has given his opinion regarding the validity of the BankAmerica stock covered by this Prospectus. Mr. Polking owns common stock and is eligible to participate in the Plan.

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

The financial statements of NationsBank Corporation are incorporated in this Prospectus by reference to its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1997, in reliance on the report of Price Waterhouse LLP, independent accountants. Price Waterhouse LLP gave this report on its authority as experts in auditing and accounting.

FACTORS THAT MAY AFFECT FUTURE RESULTS

Please keep in mind that the information delivered to you with this Prospectus, as well as the annual, quarterly and special reports and other information filed by BankAmerica with the Securities and Exchange Commission, contain forward-looking statements which involve various uncertainties. These uncertainties could cause actual BankAmerica results to be materially different from the forward-looking statements. When reading any of these documents, you should consider all of the risks and uncertainties that are discussed, and you should not rely solely on forward-looking statements made by BankAmerica.

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Factors that could cause actual results to be materially different from forward-looking statements include: (1) interest rate, market and monetary fluctuations, (2) monetary and fiscal policies and laws, (3) inflation, (4) general economic conditions, (5) competition and economic conditions in BankAmerica regions and industries, (6) new products, (7) mergers and acquisitions, and (8) the ability of BankAmerica to manage these and other risks.