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**FORM 10-K**

Annual Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010

Commission file number 001-13253

**RENASANT CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Mississippi  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

64-0676974  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

209 Troy Street, Tupelo, Mississippi  
(Address of principal executive offices)

38804-4827  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code  
Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

(662) 680-1001

Title of each class  
Common Stock, \$5.00 par value  
Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:      None

Name of each exchange on which registered  
The NASDAQ Global Select Market

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act.

Yes  No

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act.

Yes  No

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).

Yes  No

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

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

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

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

Smaller reporting company

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes  No

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As of June 30, 2010, the aggregate market value of the registrant's common stock, \$5.00 par value, held by non-affiliates of the registrant, computed by reference to the last sale price as reported on The NASDAQ Global Select Market for such date, was \$287,946,239.

As of February 28, 2011, 25,056,431 shares of the registrant's common stock, \$5.00 par value, were outstanding. The registrant has no other classes of securities outstanding.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Portions of the Proxy Statement relating to the 2011 Annual Meeting of Shareholders of Renasant Corporation are incorporated by reference into Part III of this Form 10-K.

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**PART I**

This Annual Report on Form 10-K may contain or incorporate by reference statements which may constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Prospective investors are cautioned that any such forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve risks and uncertainties and that actual results may differ materially from those contemplated by such forward-looking statements. Important factors currently known to management that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in forward-looking statements include those risks identified in Item 1A, Risk Factors, of this Form 10-K as well as difficulties encountered in the integration of our recent acquisitions, significant fluctuations in interest rates, inflation, economic recession, significant changes in the federal and state legal and regulatory environment, significant underperformance in our portfolio of outstanding loans and competition in our markets. We undertake no obligation to update or revise forward-looking statements to reflect changed assumptions, the occurrence of unanticipated events or changes to future operating results over time.

The information set forth in this Annual Report on Form 10-K is as of February 28, 2011, unless otherwise indicated herein.

**ITEM 1. BUSINESS**

**General**

Renasant Corporation (referred to herein as the Company, we, our, or us), a Mississippi corporation incorporated in 1982, owns and operates Renasant Bank, a Mississippi banking association with operations in Mississippi, Tennessee, Alabama and Georgia, and Renasant Insurance, Inc., a Mississippi corporation with operations in Mississippi. Renasant Insurance, Inc. is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Renasant Bank. Renasant Bank is referred to herein as the Bank and Renasant Insurance, Inc. is referred to herein as Renasant Insurance.

Our vision is to be the financial services advisor and provider of choice in each community we serve. With this vision in mind, management has organized the branch banks into community banks using a franchise concept. The franchise approach empowers community bank presidents to execute their own business plans in order to achieve our vision. Specific performance measurement tools are available to assist these presidents in determining the success of their plan implementation. A few of the ratios used in measuring the success of their business plan include:

return on average assets	net interest margin and spread
the efficiency ratio	fee income shown as a percentage of loans and deposits
loan and deposit growth	the number and type of services provided per household
net charge-offs to average loans	the percentage of loans past due and nonaccruing

While we have preserved decision-making at a local level, we have centralized our legal, accounting, investment, loan review, human resources, audit and data processing functions. The centralization of these processes enables us to maintain consistent quality of these functions and achieve certain economies of scale.

Our vision is further validated through our core values. These values state that (1) employees are our greatest assets, (2) quality is not negotiable and (3) clients' trust is foremost. Centered on these values was the development of five different objectives that are the focal point of our strategic plan. Those objectives include: (1) client satisfaction and development, (2) financial soundness and profitability, (3) growth, (4) employee satisfaction and development and (5) shareholder satisfaction and development.

Members of our Board of Directors also serve as members of the Board of Directors of the Bank. Responsibility for the management of our Bank remains with the Board of Directors and officers of the Bank; however, management services rendered by the Company to the Bank are intended to supplement internal management and expand the scope of banking services normally offered by the Bank.

**FDIC-Assisted Acquisition of Certain Assets and Liabilities of Crescent Bank & Trust Company**

On July 23, 2010, the Bank acquired specified assets and assumed specified liabilities of Crescent Bank & Trust Company, a Georgia-chartered bank headquartered in Jasper, Georgia (Crescent), from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (the FDIC), as receiver for Crescent. Crescent operated, and the Company acquired and retained, 11 branches in the northwest region of Georgia. The Bank acquired assets with a fair value of \$959



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million, including loans with a fair value of \$371 million, and assumed liabilities with a fair value of \$917 million, including deposits with a fair value of \$890 million. At the acquisition date, approximately \$361 million of acquired loans and \$50 million of other real estate owned were covered by loss-sharing agreements between the FDIC and the Bank. The acquisition of Crescent resulted in a pre-tax gain of \$42 million.

### **FDIC-Assisted Acquisition of Certain Assets and Liabilities of American Trust Bank**

On February 4, 2011, the Bank acquired specified assets and assumed specified liabilities of American Trust Bank, a Georgia-chartered bank headquartered in Roswell, Georgia ( American Trust ), from the FDIC, as receiver for American Trust. American Trust operated, and the Company acquired and retained, 3 branches in the northwest region of Georgia. Excluding the effects of purchase accounting adjustments, the Bank acquired \$158 million in total assets, including loans of \$95 million, and assumed \$237 million in total liabilities, including \$223 million in deposits. Approximately \$93 million of acquired loans are covered by loss-sharing agreements between the FDIC and the Bank. We expect the acquisition to provide a one-time gain in the first quarter of 2011, and the acquisition was immediately accretive to the Company's earnings per share and tangible book value.

### **Operations**

We currently have four reportable segments: a Mississippi community bank, a Tennessee community bank, an Alabama community bank and an insurance agency. The Georgia operations are included in the operations of the Tennessee community bank. Management believes future strategic opportunities in eastern Tennessee will result from the operations acquired in Georgia. Financial information about our segments for each of the last three years, including information with respect to revenues from external customers, profit or loss and total assets for each segment, is contained in Note P, Segment Reporting, in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements of the Company in Item 8, Financial Statements and Supplementary Data. The description of the operations of the Bank immediately below applies to the operations of each of our three banking segments.

Neither we nor the Bank have any foreign operations.

#### *Operations of the Bank*

Substantially all of our business activities are conducted through, and substantially all of our assets and revenues are derived from, the Bank, which is a community bank offering a complete range of banking and financial services to individuals and to small to medium-size businesses. These services include checking and savings accounts, business and personal loans, interim construction and residential mortgage loans, equipment leasing, as well as safe deposit and night depository facilities. Automated teller machines are located throughout our market area. Our Internet Banking product and our call center also provide 24-hour banking services. Accounts receivable financing is also available to qualified businesses.

On February 28, 2011, we had 78 banking and financial services offices located throughout our markets in north and north central Mississippi, west and middle Tennessee, north and north central Alabama and north Georgia.

**Lending Activities.** Income generated by our lending activities, in the form of both interest income and loan-related fees, comprises a substantial portion of our revenue, accounting for approximately 53.92%, 63.56% and 68.03% of our total gross revenues in 2010, 2009 and 2008, respectively. Total gross revenues consist of interest income on a fully taxable equivalent basis and noninterest income. Our lending philosophy is to minimize credit losses by following strict credit approval standards, diversifying our loan portfolio and conducting ongoing review and management of the loan portfolio. The following is a description of each of the principal types of loans in our loan portfolio, the relative risk of each type of loan and the steps we take to reduce credit risk. A further discussion of our risk reduction policies and procedures can be found in Item 7, Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, under the heading Risk Management - Credit Risk and Allowance for Loan Losses. We have omitted a discussion of lease financing, as such financing comprised approximately 0.02% of our portfolio at December 31, 2010.

*Commercial, Financial and Agricultural Loans.* Commercial, financial and agricultural loans (referred to as commercial loans), which accounted for approximately 10.51% of our total loans at December 31, 2010, are customarily granted to established local business customers in our market area on a fully collateralized basis to meet their credit needs. Many of these loans have terms allowing the loan to be extended for periods of between one and five years. Loans are usually structured either to fully amortize over the term of the loan or to balloon after the third year or fifth year of the loan, typically with an amortization period not to exceed 15 years. The terms and loan





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structure are dependent on the collateral and strength of the borrower. The loan-to-value ratios range from 50% to 80%, depending on the type of collateral.

Commercial lending generally involves different risks from those associated with commercial real estate lending or construction lending. Although commercial loans may be collateralized by equipment or other business assets, the repayment of these types of loans depends primarily on the creditworthiness and projected cash flow of the borrower (and any guarantors). Thus, the general business conditions of the local economy and the local business borrower's ability to sell its products and services, thereby generating sufficient operating revenue to repay us under the agreed upon terms and conditions, are the chief considerations when assessing the risk of a commercial loan. The liquidation of collateral is considered a secondary source of repayment because equipment and other business assets may, among other things, be obsolete or of limited resale value. To manage these risks, the Bank's policy is to secure its commercial loans with both the assets of the borrowing business and any other additional collateral and guarantees that may be available. In addition, we actively monitor certain financial measures of the borrower, including advance rate, cash flow, collateral value and other appropriate credit factors. We use commercial loan credit scoring models for smaller level commercial loans.

*Real Estate Construction.* Our real estate construction loans ( construction loans ) represented approximately 3.26% of our total loans at December 31, 2010. Our construction loan portfolio consists of loans for the construction of single family residential properties, multi-family properties and commercial projects. Maturities for construction loans generally range from 6 to 12 months for residential property and from 12 to 24 months for non-residential and multi-family properties. Construction lending entails significant additional risks compared to residential real estate or commercial real estate lending. A significant additional risk is that loan funds are advanced upon the security of the property under construction, which is of uncertain value prior to the completion of construction. Thus, it is more difficult to evaluate accurately the total loan funds required to complete a project and to calculate related loan-to-value ratios. To minimize the risks associated with construction lending, we limit loan-to-value ratios to 85% of when-completed appraised values for owner-occupied and investor-owned residential or commercial properties.

*Real Estate 1-4 Family Mortgage.* We are active in the real estate 1-4 family mortgage area (referred to as residential real estate loans ), with approximately 34.56% of our total loans at December 31, 2010 being residential real estate loans. We offer both first and second mortgages on residential real estate. Loans secured by residential real estate in which the property is the principal residence of the borrower are referred to as primary 1-4 family mortgages. Loans secured by residential real estate in which the property is rented to tenants or is not the principal residence of the borrower are referred to as rental/investment 1-4 family mortgages. We also offer loans for the preparation of residential real property prior to construction (referred to in this Annual Report as residential land development loans ). In addition, we offer home equity lines of credit and term loans secured by first and second mortgages on the residences of borrowers for purchases, refinances, home improvements, education and other personal expenditures. Both fixed and variable rate loans are offered with competitive terms and fees. Originations of residential real estate loans are generated through either retail efforts in our branches or wholesale marketing, which involves obtaining mortgage referrals from third-party mortgage brokers. We attempt to minimize the risk associated with residential real estate loans by strictly scrutinizing the financial condition of the borrower; typically, we also limit the maximum loan-to-value ratio.

We retain loans for our portfolio when the Bank has sufficient liquidity to fund the needs of established customers and when rates are favorable to retain the loans. We also originate residential real estate loans with the intention of selling them in the secondary market to third party private investors. These loans are collateralized by one-to-four family residential real estate and are sold with servicing rights released. Residential real estate originations to be sold are locked in at a contractual rate with third party private investors, and we are obligated to sell the mortgages to such investors only if the mortgages are closed and funded. The risk we assume is conditioned upon loan underwriting and market conditions in the national mortgage market. The Company does not actively market or originate subprime mortgage loans.

We also offer home equity loans or lines of credit as an option to borrowers who elect to utilize the accumulated equity in their homes by borrowing money through either a first or second lien home equity loan or line of credit. We limit our exposure to second lien home equity loans or lines of credit, which inherently carry a higher risk of loss upon default, by limiting these types of loans to borrowers with high credit scores.

*Real Estate Commercial Mortgage.* Our real estate commercial mortgage loans ( commercial real estate loans ) represented approximately 49.11% of our total loans at December 31, 2010. We offer loans in which the

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owner develops a property with the intention of locating its business there. These loans are referred to as owner-occupied commercial real estate loans. Because payments on these loans are often dependent on the successful development, operation and management of the properties, repayment of these loans may be affected by adverse conditions in the real estate market or the economy as a whole, in addition to the borrower's ability to generate sufficient operating revenue to repay us. If our estimate of value proves to be inaccurate, we may not be able to obtain full repayment on the loan in the event of default and foreclosure. In most instances, these loans are secured by the underlying real estate of the business and other non-real estate collateral, such as equipment or other assets used in the course of business.

In addition to owner-occupied commercial real estate loans, we offer loans in which the owner develops a property where the source of repayment of the loan will come from the sale or lease of the developed property, for example, retail shopping centers, hotels, storage facilities, nursing homes, etc. These loans are referred to as non-owner occupied commercial real estate loans. We also offer commercial real estate loans to developers of commercial properties for purposes of site acquisition and preparation and other development prior to actual construction (referred to in this Annual Report as commercial land development loans).

We seek to minimize risks relating to all commercial real estate loans by limiting the maximum loan-to-value ratio and strictly scrutinizing the financial condition of the borrower, the quality of the collateral and the management of the property securing the loan. We also actively monitor such financial measures as advance rate, cash flow, collateral value and other appropriate credit factors. We generally obtain loan guarantees from financially capable parties to the transaction based on a review of the guarantor's financial statements.

*Installment Loans to Individuals.* Installment loans to individuals (or consumer loans), which represented approximately 2.54% of our total loans at December 31, 2010, are granted to individuals for the purchase of personal goods. These loans are generally granted for periods ranging between one and six years at fixed rates of interest 1% to 5% above the prime interest rate quoted in *The Wall Street Journal*. Loss or decline of income by the borrower due to unplanned occurrences represents the primary risk of default to us. In the event of default, a shortfall in the value of the collateral may pose a loss to us in this loan category. Before granting a consumer loan, we assess the applicant's credit history and ability to meet existing and proposed debt obligations. Although the applicant's creditworthiness is the primary consideration, the underwriting process also includes a comparison of the value of the collateral, if any, to the proposed loan amount. We obtain a lien against the collateral securing the loan and hold title until the loan is repaid in full.

As the general economic environment in the United States and the markets in which we operate began to decline in late 2008, management responded by implementing a strategy to diversify the Company's loan portfolio by specifically reducing the concentration of construction and land development loans (both residential and commercial). To accomplish this, management applied more stringent levels of underwriting on new originations of such loans and required principal reductions of these loans at time of renewal. The construction loan portfolio was further reduced as such loans were refinanced into permanent financing arrangements due to the completion of the construction phase of underlying projects and thus reclassified to commercial or residential real estate loans. The Company will continue this strategy to reduce the concentration of construction and land development loans in the portfolio. At December 31, 2010, 2009 and 2008, construction and land development loans represented 15.72%, 17.67% and 21.50%, respectively, of the total loan portfolio.

Deposit Services. We offer a broad range of deposit services and products to our consumer and commercial clients. Through our community branch networks, we offer totally free consumer checking accounts with free Internet banking with bill pay and free debit cards, interest bearing checking, money market accounts and savings accounts. In addition, Renasant offers certificates of deposit, individual retirement accounts and health savings accounts.

For our commercial clients, we offer a competitive suite of cash management products which include, but are not limited to, remote deposit capture, CD-ROM statements with account reconciliation, electronic statements, positive pay, ACH origination and wire transfer, wholesale and retail lockbox, investment sweep accounts, enhanced business Internet banking, outbound data exchange, multi-bank reporting and international services.

The deposit services we offer accounted for approximately 11.15%, 12.51% and 11.29% of our total gross revenues in 2010, 2009 and 2008, respectively, in the form of fees for deposit services. The deposits held by our Bank have been primarily generated within the market areas where the branches are located.

Other Products and Services. Through the Financial Services division of the Bank, we also offer a wide variety of fiduciary services and administer (as trustee or in other fiduciary or representative capacities) qualified retirement

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plans, profit sharing and other employee benefit plans, personal trusts and estates. In addition, the Financial Services division offers annuities, mutual funds and other investment services through a third party broker-dealer. The Financial Services division does not constitute a separately-reportable segment for financial reporting purposes.

*Operations of Renasant Insurance*

Renasant Insurance is a full-service insurance agency offering all lines of commercial and personal insurance through major carriers. At December 31, 2010 Renasant Insurance contributed total revenue of \$3.8 million, or 1.43%, of the Company's total gross revenues, and operated three offices in central and northern Mississippi.

**Competition***Banking*

Vigorous competition exists in all major product and geographic areas in which we conduct banking business. We compete through our Bank for available loans and deposits with state, regional and national banks in all of our service areas, as well as savings and loan associations, credit unions, finance companies, mortgage companies, insurance companies, brokerage firms and investment companies. All of these numerous institutions compete in the delivery of services and products through availability, quality and pricing, and many of our competitors are larger and have substantially greater resources than we do, including higher total assets and capitalization, greater access to capital markets and a broader offering of financial services.

For 2010, we maintained approximately 17% of the market share (deposit base) in our entire Mississippi area, approximately 1% in our entire Tennessee area, approximately 1% in our entire Alabama area and approximately 2% in our entire Georgia area. Certain markets in which we operate have demographics which we believe indicate the possibility of future growth at higher rates than other markets in which we operate. At December 31, 2010, 84% of our loans and 74% of our deposits were located in these key markets. We have identified these markets, which are listed in the table below, as our key growth markets.

The following table shows our deposit share in the markets that we consider our key markets as of June 30, 2010 (which is the latest date that such information is available):

Market	Available Deposits (in billions)	Deposit Share
Mississippi		
Tupelo	\$ 1.5	35.3%
DeSoto County	2.0	9.6%
Oxford	0.8	2.8%
Tennessee		
Memphis	17.8	1.6%
Nashville	29.2	1.1%
Alabama		
Birmingham	22.5	0.3%
Decatur	1.6	14.8%
Huntsville/Madison	6.5	2.0%
Georgia		
Alpharetta/Roswell	6.4	4.4%
Canton/Woodstock	2.6	9.6%
Cartersville	1.0	11.7%
Cumming	1.8	9.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 93.8</b>	

Source: FDIC, As of June 30, 2010

*Insurance*

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We encounter strong competition in the markets in which we conduct insurance operations. Through our insurance subsidiary, we compete with independent insurance agencies and agencies affiliated with other banks and/or other insurance carriers. All of these agencies compete in the delivery of personal and commercial product lines. There is no dominant insurance agency in our markets.

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### **Supervision and Regulation**

#### *Banking*

Under the current regulatory environment, nearly every facet of our banking operations is regulated pursuant to various state and federal banking laws, rules and regulations. The primary focus of these laws and regulations is the protection of depositors and the maintenance of the safety and soundness of the banking system as a whole and the insurance funds of the FDIC. While the following summary addresses the regulatory environment in which we operate, it is not intended to be a fully inclusive discussion of the statutes and regulations affecting our operations. Discussions in this section focus only on certain provisions of such statutes and regulations and do not purport to be comprehensive. Such discussions are qualified in their entirety by reference to the relevant statutes and regulations.

In addition, the regulatory environment in which we operate is likely to change over the coming years as a result of the enactment into law of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the Dodd-Frank Act) in July, 2010. The Dodd-Frank Act will significantly alter the current bank regulatory structure and affect the lending, investment, trading, and operating activities of financial institutions and their holding companies. The Dodd-Frank Act includes the following provisions that, among other things:

Centralize responsibility for consumer financial protection by creating a new agency, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, responsible for implementing, examining and, for large financial institutions, enforcing compliance with federal consumer financial laws. Banks with \$10 billion or less in assets will be examined by their applicable bank regulators.

Weaken the federal preemption available for national banks and give state attorneys general the ability to enforce applicable federal consumer protection laws.

Broaden the assessment base for federal deposit insurance from the amount of insured deposits to consolidated assets less tangible capital, eliminate the ceiling on the size of the Deposit Insurance Fund (the DIF) and increase the floor of the size of the DIF.

Provide for unlimited federal deposit insurance on non-interest bearing deposit accounts until December 31, 2012, make permanent the \$250,000 limit for federal deposit insurance and increase the cash limit of Securities Investor Protection Corporation protection from \$100,000 to \$250,000.

Repeal the federal prohibitions on the payment of interest on demand deposits, thereby permitting depository institutions to pay interest on business transaction and other accounts.

Authorize the FDIC to assess the cost of examinations.

Direct the Federal Reserve to promulgate rules prohibiting excessive compensation paid to bank holding company executives, regardless of whether the company is publicly traded or not.

Some of these provisions may have the consequence of increasing the Company's expenses, decreasing its revenues and changing the activities in which the Company engages. The environment in which banking organizations will now operate, including legislative and regulatory changes affecting capital, liquidity, supervision, permissible activities, corporate governance and compensation, changes in fiscal policy and steps to eliminate government support for banking organizations, may have long-term effects on the profitability of banking organizations that cannot now be foreseen. Provisions in the legislation that revoke the Tier 1 capital treatment of trust preferred securities do not apply to the Company's trust preferred securities because of the Company's size. The specific impact of the Dodd-Frank Act on the Company's financial performance and the markets in which it operates will depend on the manner in which the relevant agencies develop and implement the required rules and the reaction of market participants to these regulatory developments. Many aspects of the Dodd-Frank Act are subject to rulemaking and will take effect over several years, making it difficult to anticipate the overall financial impact on the Company, its customers or the financial industry in

general.

We elected not to participate in the U.S. Treasury Department's Capital Purchase Program, which is part of the federal government's Troubled Asset Relief Program. Thus, we will not be subject to any of the regulations enacted with respect to such program. We have, however, issued debt guaranteed under the FDIC's Debt Guarantee Program, which is part of the FDIC's Temporary Liquidity Guarantee Program (the TLGP). We also participated in the TLGP's Transaction Account Guarantee Program, which expired on December 31, 2010. The regulations

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we remain subject to on account of our participation in this program currently do not have a material effect on our business or operations.

We are a bank holding company within the meaning of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, as amended (the Act ), and are registered as such with the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (the Federal Reserve ). We are required to file with the Federal Reserve an annual report and such other information as the Federal Reserve may require. The Federal Reserve may also make examinations of us and the Bank pursuant to the Act. The Federal Reserve has the authority (which to date it has not exercised) to regulate provisions of certain types of our debt.

The Act requires a bank holding company to obtain the prior approval of the Federal Reserve before acquiring direct or indirect ownership or control of more than 5% of the voting shares of any bank that is not already majority-owned by such bank holding company. The Act further provides that the Federal Reserve shall not approve any acquisition, merger or consolidation which would result in a monopoly or which would be in furtherance of any combination or conspiracy to monopolize or attempt to monopolize the business of banking. The Federal Reserve will also not approve any transaction in which the effect of the transaction might be to substantially lessen competition or in any manner amount to a restraint on trade, unless the anti-competitive effects of the proposed transaction are clearly outweighed by the benefits to the public interest resulting from the probable effect of the transaction in meeting the convenience and needs of the community to be served.

The Act also prohibits a bank holding company, with certain exceptions, from itself engaging in or acquiring direct or indirect control of more than 5% of the voting shares of any company engaged in non-banking activities. The principal exception to this prohibition is for a bank holding company engaging in or acquiring shares of a company whose activities are found by the Federal Reserve to be so closely related to banking or managing banks as to be a proper incident thereto. In making determinations whether activities are closely related to banking or managing banks, the Federal Reserve 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 of resources and whether such public benefits outweigh the risks of possible adverse effects, such as decreased or unfair competition, conflicts of interest or unsound banking practices.

The Company and the Bank are subject to certain restrictions imposed by the Federal Reserve Act and the Federal Deposit Insurance Act on any extensions of credit to the Company or the Bank, on investments in the stock or other securities of the Company or the Bank and on taking such stock or other securities as collateral for loans of any borrower.

On November 12, 1999, the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Financial Services Modernization Act of 1999 (the Financial Services Modernization Act ) was signed into law. The Financial Services Modernization Act eliminates the barriers erected by the 1933 Glass-Steagall Act and amends the Act, among other statutes. Further, it allows for the affiliation of banking, securities and insurance activities in new financial services organizations.

A dominant theme of the Financial Services Modernization Act is functional regulation of financial services, with the primary regulator of the Company or its subsidiaries being the agency which traditionally regulates the activity in which the Company or its subsidiaries wish to engage. For example, the Securities and Exchange Commission ( SEC ) will regulate bank holding company securities transactions, and the various banking regulators will oversee banking activities.

The principal provisions of the Financial Services Modernization Act permit the Company, so long as it meets the standards for a well-managed and well-capitalized institution and has at least a satisfactory Community Reinvestment Act performance rating, to engage in any activity that is financial in nature, including security and insurance underwriting, investment banking and merchant banking investing in commercial and industrial companies. The Company, if it satisfies the above criteria, can file a declaration of its status as a financial holding company ( FHC ) with the Federal Reserve and thereafter engage directly or through nonbank subsidiaries in the expanded range of activities which the Financial Services Modernization Act identifies as financial in nature. Further, the Company, if it elects FHC status, will be able to pursue additional activities which are incidental or complementary in nature to a financial activity or which the Federal Reserve subsequently determines to be financial in nature. We have not elected to become an FHC.

The Reigle-Neal Interstate Banking and Branching Efficiency Act of 1994 (the Interstate Act ) permitted the Company or any other bank holding company located in Mississippi to acquire a bank located in any other state, and

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a bank holding company located outside Mississippi could acquire any Mississippi-based bank, in either case subject to certain deposit percentage and other restrictions. The Dodd-Frank Act removed the restrictions on interstate branching contained in the Interstate Act. National and state-chartered banks are now authorized to establish de novo branches in other states if, under the laws of the state in which the branch is to be located, a bank chartered by that state would be permitted to establish the branch. Accordingly, banks will be able to enter new markets more freely.

Bank holding companies are allowed to acquire savings associations under The Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery and Enforcement Act of 1989 ( FIRREA ). Deposit insurance premiums for banks and savings associations were increased as a result of FIRREA, and losses incurred by the FDIC in connection with the default or assistance of troubled federally-insured financial institutions are required to be reimbursed by other federally-insured financial institutions.

The Company's ability to pay dividends to our shareholders is substantially dependent on the ability of Renasant Bank to transfer funds to the Company in the form of dividends, loans and advances. Under Mississippi law, a Mississippi bank may not pay dividends unless its earned surplus is in excess of three times capital stock. A Mississippi bank with earned surplus in excess of three times capital stock may pay a dividend, subject to the approval of the Mississippi Department of Banking and Consumer Finance. In addition, the FDIC must approve any payment of dividends by the Bank. Accordingly, the approval of these supervisory authorities is required prior to Renasant Bank paying dividends to the Company. Federal Reserve regulations also limit the amount Renasant Bank may loan to the Company unless such loans are collateralized by specific obligations.

The Bank's deposits are insured by the FDIC, and the Bank is subject to examination and review by that regulatory authority. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Improvement Act of 1991 ( FDICIA ) provides for increased funding for the DIF through risk based assessments and expands the regulatory powers of federal banking agencies to permit prompt corrective actions to resolve problems of insured depository institutions.

The Community Reinvestment Act of 1997 requires the assessment by the appropriate regulatory authority of a financial institution's record in meeting the credit needs of its local communities, including low and moderate-income neighborhoods, consistent with the safe and sound operation of those institutions. These factors are also considered in evaluating mergers, acquisitions and applications to open a branch or facility.

The USA PATRIOT Act of 2001 contains the International Money Laundering Abatement and Financial Anti-Terrorism Act of 2001 (the IMLAFA ). The IMLAFA substantially broadens existing anti-money laundering legislation and the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the United States, imposes new compliance and due diligence obligations, creates new crimes and penalties, compels the production of documents located both inside and outside the United States, including those of foreign institutions that have a correspondent relationship in the United States, and clarifies the safe harbor from civil liability to customers. The U.S. Treasury Department has issued a number of regulations implementing the USA PATRIOT Act that apply certain of its requirements to financial institutions such as our Bank. The regulations impose new obligations on financial institutions to maintain appropriate policies, procedures and controls to detect, prevent and report money laundering and terrorist financing. The IMLAFA requires all financial institutions, as defined, to establish anti-money laundering compliance and due diligence programs. Such programs must include, among other things, adequate policies, the designation of a compliance officer, employee training programs and an independent audit function to review and test the program. The Company believes that it has complied with these requirements.

*Insurance*

Renasant Insurance is subject to licensing requirements and regulation under the laws of the United States and the State of Mississippi. The laws and regulations are primarily for the benefit of clients. In all jurisdictions, the applicable laws and regulations are subject to amendment by regulatory authorities. Generally, such authorities are vested with relatively broad discretion to grant, renew and revoke licenses and approvals and to implement regulations. Licenses may be denied or revoked for various reasons, including the violation of such regulations, conviction of crimes and the like. Other possible sanctions which may be imposed for violation of regulations include suspension of individual employees, limitations on engaging in a particular business for a specified period of time, censures and fines.



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### **Monetary Policy and Economic Controls**

We and the Bank are affected by the policies of regulatory authorities, including the Federal Reserve. An important function of the Federal Reserve is to regulate the national supply of bank credit in order to stabilize prices. Among the instruments of monetary policy used by the Federal Reserve to implement these objectives are open market operations in U.S. Government securities, changes in the discount rate on bank borrowings and changes in reserve requirements against bank deposits. These instruments are used in varying degrees to influence overall growth of bank loans, investments and deposits and may also affect interest rates charged on loans or paid for deposits.

The monetary policies of the Federal Reserve have had a significant effect on the operating results of commercial banks in the past, especially in connection with the economic downturn currently affecting the United States, and are expected to do so in the future. In view of changing conditions in the national economy and in the various money markets, as well as the effect of actions by monetary and fiscal authorities including the Federal Reserve, the effect on our, and the Bank's, future business and earnings cannot be predicted with accuracy.

### **Sources and Availability of Funds**

The funds essential to our, and our Bank's, business consist primarily of funds derived from customer deposits, federal funds purchased, securities sold under repurchase agreements, Federal Home Loan Bank advances and borrowings from correspondent banks by the Bank. The availability of such funds is primarily dependent upon the economic policies of the federal government, the economy in general and the general credit market for loans.

### **Personnel**

At December 31, 2010, we employed 996 people at all of our subsidiaries on a full-time equivalent basis. Of this total, the Bank accounted for 962 employees, and Renasant Insurance employed 34 individuals. The Company has no additional employees; however, at December 31, 2010, 17 employees of the Bank served as officers of the Company in addition to their positions with the Bank.

### **Dependence Upon a Single Customer**

No material portion of our loans have been made to, nor have our deposits been obtained from, a single or small group of customers, and the loss of any single customer or small group of customers would not have a materially adverse effect on our business. A discussion of concentrations of credit in our loan portfolio is set forth under the heading Risk Management Loan Concentrations in Item 7, Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

### **Available Information**

Our Internet address is [www.renasant.com](http://www.renasant.com). We make available at this address on the Investors Relations webpage under the heading SEC Filings, free of charge, our Annual Report on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K and amendments to those reports filed or furnished pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, as soon as reasonably practicable after we electronically file such material with, or furnish it to, the SEC.

**Table of Contents****Table 1 Distribution of Assets, Liabilities and Shareholders Equity; Interest Rates and Interest Differential***(In Thousands)*

The following table sets forth average balance sheet data, including all major categories of interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities, together with the interest earned or interest paid and the average yield or average rate paid on each such category for the years ended December 31, 2010, 2009 and 2008:

	2010			2009			2008		
	Average Balance	Interest Income/ Expense	Yield/ Rate	Average Balance	Interest Income/ Expense	Yield/ Rate	Average Balance	Interest Income/ Expense	Yield/ Rate
<b>Assets</b>									
Interest-earning assets:									
Loans <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 2,442,761	\$ 137,905	5.65%	\$ 2,497,377	\$ 139,808	5.60%	\$ 2,591,254	\$ 167,824	6.48%
Securities:									
Taxable <sup>(2)</sup>	574,596	21,933	3.82	574,427	26,939	4.69	552,361	28,595	5.18
Tax-exempt	162,660	10,073	6.19	128,262	8,193	6.39	125,136	7,637	6.10
Interest-bearing balances with banks	204,839	573	0.28	90,290	230	0.25	20,651	547	2.65
Total interest-earning assets	3,384,856	170,484	5.04	3,290,356	175,170	5.32	3,289,402	204,603	6.22
Cash and due from banks	55,023			52,802			74,285		
Intangible assets	191,867			192,321			195,252		
Other assets	312,263			168,871			147,086		
Total assets	\$ 3,944,009			\$ 3,704,350			\$ 3,706,025		
<b>Liabilities and shareholders equity</b>									
Interest-bearing liabilities:									
Deposits:									
Interest-bearing demand <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 1,092,482	12,035	1.10	\$ 892,545	11,874	1.33	\$ 813,628	14,476	1.78
Savings deposits	152,165	1,105	0.73	91,563	154	0.17	105,281	568	0.54
Time deposits	1,438,370	31,347	2.18	1,297,685	34,680	2.67	1,276,862	48,465	3.80
Total interest-bearing deposits	2,683,017	44,487	1.66	2,281,793	46,708	2.05	2,195,771	63,509	2.89
Borrowed funds	438,140	15,790	3.60	689,020	24,390	3.54	772,952	28,011	3.62
Total interest-bearing liabilities	3,121,157	60,277	1.93	2,970,813	71,098	2.39	2,968,723	91,520	3.08
Noninterest-bearing deposits	334,849			299,465			292,145		
Other liabilities	45,692			27,894			42,132		
Shareholders equity	442,311			406,178			403,025		
Total liabilities and shareholders equity	\$ 3,944,009			\$ 3,704,350			\$ 3,706,025		
Net interest income/ net interest margin		\$ 110,207	3.26%		\$ 104,072	3.16%		\$ 113,083	3.44%

<sup>(1)</sup>Includes mortgage loans held for sale and shown net of unearned income.

<sup>(2)</sup>U.S. Government and some U.S. Government Agency securities are tax-exempt in the states in which we operate.

<sup>(3)</sup>Interest-bearing demand deposits include interest-bearing transactional accounts and money market deposits.

The average balances of nonaccruing loans are included in this table. Interest income and weighted average yields on tax-exempt loans and securities have been computed on a fully tax-equivalent basis assuming a federal tax rate of 35% and a state tax rate of 3.3%, which is net of federal tax benefit.

**Table of Contents****Table 2 Volume/Rate Analysis***(In Thousands)*

The following table sets forth a summary of the changes in interest earned, on a tax equivalent basis, and interest paid resulting from changes in volume and rates for the Company for the years ended December 31, as indicated:

	2010 Compared to 2009			2009 Compared to 2008		
	Volume	Rate	Net <sup>(1)</sup>	Volume	Rate	Net <sup>(1)</sup>
<b>Interest income:</b>						
Loans <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ (3,060)	\$ 1,157	\$ (1,903)	\$ (6,470)	\$ (21,546)	\$ (28,016)
<b>Securities:</b>						
Taxable	(162)	(4,844)	(5,006)	1,117	(2,773)	(1,656)
Tax-exempt	2,249	(369)	1,880	703	(147)	556
Interest-bearing balances with banks	291	52	343	1,846	(2,163)	(317)
<b>Total interest-earning assets</b>	<b>(682)</b>	<b>(4,004)</b>	<b>(4,686)</b>	<b>(2,804)</b>	<b>(26,629)</b>	<b>(29,433)</b>
<b>Interest expense:</b>						
Interest-bearing demand deposits	2,660	(2,499)	161	1,404	(4,006)	(2,602)
Savings deposits	102	849	951	(74)	(340)	(414)
Time deposits	3,760	(7,093)	(3,333)	791	(14,576)	(13,785)
Borrowed funds	(8,881)	281	(8,600)	(3,042)	(579)	(3,621)
<b>Total interest-bearing liabilities</b>	<b>(2,359)</b>	<b>(8,462)</b>	<b>(10,821)</b>	<b>(921)</b>	<b>(19,501)</b>	<b>(20,422)</b>
<b>Change in net interest income</b>	<b>\$ 1,677</b>	<b>\$ 4,458</b>	<b>\$ 6,135</b>	<b>\$ (1,883)</b>	<b>\$ (7,128)</b>	<b>\$ (9,011)</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Changes in interest due to both volume and rate have been allocated on a pro-rata basis using the absolute ratio value of amounts calculated.

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes mortgage loans held for sale and shown net of unearned income.

**Table 3 - Investment Portfolio***(In Thousands)*

The following table sets forth the scheduled maturity distribution and weighted average yield based on the amortized cost of our investment portfolio as of December 31, 2010. Information regarding the carrying value of the investment securities listed below as of December 31, 2010, 2009 and 2008 is contained under the heading "Financial Condition and Results of Operations - Investments and Investment Interest Income" in Item 7, Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

	One Year or Less		After One Year Through Five Years		After Five Years Through Ten Years		After Ten Years	
	Amount	Yield	Amount	Yield	Amount	Yield	Amount	Yield
<b>Held to Maturity:</b>								
Obligations of other U.S. Government agencies and corporations	\$		\$		\$ 24,703	2.52%	\$	
Obligations of states and political subdivisions	9,567	2.42%	44,517	3.67%	42,452	4.61%	109,547	2.42%
<b>Available for Sale:</b>								
			2,989	3.11%	70,667	2.90%		

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Obligations of other U.S. Government agencies and corporations								
Mortgage-backed securities	203	1.57%	95	(0.07%)	37,477	4.41%	451,293	3.29%
Trust preferred securities							32,452	6.29%
Other equity securities							29,674	3.15%
	\$ 9,770		\$ 47,601		\$			