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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549
FORM S-3
REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933
Fidelity Southern Corporation
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)**

Georgia

58-1416811

(State or jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

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

**3490 Piedmont Road, Suite 1550
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Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public:

As soon as practicable after this Registration Statement becomes effective.

If the only securities being registered on this form are being offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box.

If any of the securities being registered on this Form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered only in connection with dividend or interest reinvestment plans, check the following box.

If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, please check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this Form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(c) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this Form is a registration statement pursuant to General Instruction I.D. or a post-effective amendment thereto that shall become effective upon filing with the Commission pursuant to Rule 462(e) under the Securities Act, check the following box.

If this Form is a post-effective amendment to a registration statement filed pursuant to General Instruction I.D. filed to register additional securities or additional classes of securities pursuant to Rule 413(b) under the Securities Act, check the following box.

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 Smaller reporting company

(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Each Class of Securities to be Registered	Amount to be Registered ⁽¹⁾	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Unit ⁽²⁾	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price ⁽²⁾	Amount of Registration Fee
Common Stock, no par value	2,470,525	\$6.565	\$16,218,997	\$1,883.10

- (1) In addition, pursuant to Rule 416(a) under the Securities Act, this Registration Statement also relates to such indeterminate number of additional shares of common stock of the Registrant as may be issuable in the event of a stock dividend, stock split, recapitalization, or other similar changes in the capital structure, merger, consolidation, spin-off, split-off, spin-out, split-up, reorganization, partial or complete liquidation, or other distribution of assets, issuance of rights or warrants to purchase securities, or any other corporate transaction or event having an effect similar to any of the foregoing.
- (2) Calculated solely for the purposes of this offering under Rule 457(c) of the Securities Act on the basis of the average of the high and low selling prices per share of the Registrant's common stock on June 22, 2011, as reported by the NASDAQ Global Select Market.

THE REGISTRANT HEREBY AMENDS THIS REGISTRATION STATEMENT ON SUCH DATE OR DATES AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO DELAY ITS EFFECTIVE DATE UNTIL THE REGISTRANT SHALL FILE A FURTHER AMENDMENT WHICH SPECIFICALLY STATES THAT THIS REGISTRATION STATEMENT SHALL THEREAFTER BECOME EFFECTIVE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 8(a) OF THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933 OR UNTIL THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE ON SUCH DATE AS THE COMMISSION, ACTING PURSUANT TO SAID SECTION 8(a), MAY DETERMINE

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The information in this prospectus is not complete and may be changed. We may not sell these securities until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities and it is not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any state where the offer or sale is not permitted.

Prospectus

**SUBJECT TO COMPLETION, DATED JUNE 27, 2011
2,470,525 Shares of Common Stock, no par value**

This prospectus relates to the potential resale from time to time by the Selling Shareholders (defined below) of some or all of the 2,470,525 shares of common stock (the Shares) of Fidelity Southern Corporation, a Georgia corporation and bank holding company headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia (Fidelity), that conducts operations primarily through Fidelity Bank, a state chartered wholly-owned subsidiary bank (the Bank).

The Shares were originally issued to 13 accredited investors in transactions exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act). On March 24, 2010 and April 26, 2010, respectively, Rankin M. Smith, Jr. and Millard Choate, two of Fidelity's directors, purchased 174,825 and 128,534 of the Shares, respectively, in private offerings. On May 27, 2011, a total of 2,167,166 of the Shares were issued by Fidelity pursuant to a Securities Purchase Agreement dated May 26, 2011 between Fidelity and 11 separate accredited investors. The 13 separate accredited investors and their successors, including transferees (collectively, the Selling Shareholders), may offer the Shares from time to time directly or through underwriters, broker-dealers or agents and in one or more public or private transactions and at fixed prices, prevailing market prices, at prices related to prevailing market prices or at negotiated prices. If the Shares are sold through underwriters, broker-dealers or agents, the Selling Shareholders will be responsible for underwriting discounts or commissions or agents' commissions.

Fidelity will not receive any proceeds from the sale of the Shares by the Selling Shareholders.

Fidelity's common stock is quoted on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol LION. On June 22, 2011, the closing price for the common stock was \$6.50 per share. You are urged to obtain current quotations for the common stock.

An investment in the Shares involves investment risks. See Risk Factors at page 4.

The Shares are not deposits, savings accounts, or other obligations of a depository institution and are not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other governmental agency. Investing in the Shares involves investment risks.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of the common stock or determined if this prospectus is accurate or adequate. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The date of this prospectus is _____, 2011.

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SUMMARY

This section highlights selected material information from this prospectus. This summary is not a complete description of the offering or the Shares offered, and does not contain all of the information that may be important to you. For a more complete understanding of Fidelity and the terms of the securities offered by the Selling Shareholders, you should read carefully this entire prospectus, including the Risk Factors section, and the other documents we refer to and incorporate by reference. In particular, we incorporate important business and financial information into this prospectus by reference.

Unless this prospectus indicates otherwise or the context otherwise requires, the Company, we or our, as used herein, includes Fidelity and its subsidiaries, including the Bank and LIC. Capitalized terms used in this prospectus but not defined here shall have the meanings assigned to them in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010, which is incorporated herein by reference.

The location of our principal executive offices is:

Fidelity Southern Corporation
3490 Piedmont Road, Suite 1550
Atlanta, Georgia 30305
(404) 639-6500

About Fidelity

Fidelity is a bank holding company headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia. We conduct operations primarily through the Bank, a state chartered wholly-owned subsidiary bank. The Bank was organized as a national banking corporation in 1973 and converted to a Georgia chartered state bank in 2003. LionMark Insurance Company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Fidelity and is an insurance agency offering consumer credit related insurance products. Fidelity also owns five subsidiaries established to issue trust preferred securities.

At March 31, 2011, we had total assets of \$1.999 billion, total loans of \$1.546 billion, total deposits of \$1.678 billion, and shareholders equity of \$141.6million.

Please refer to the Business section of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010 and the Financial Information section on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2011 incorporated by reference into this prospectus for further information concerning our business.

The Securities That May Be Offered

The Selling Shareholders may use this prospectus to offer for resale the Shares in one or more offerings. At the time a particular offer of the Shares is made, if required, a prospectus supplement will set forth the number and type of the Shares being offered and the terms of the offering, including the name of any underwriter, dealer or agent, the purchase price paid by any underwriter, any discount, commission and other item constituting compensation, any discount, commission or concession allowed or reallocated or paid to any dealer, and the proposed selling price to the public. In that case, the prospectus supplement may describe risks associated with an investment in the Shares in addition to those described in the Risk Factors section of this prospectus.

The Selling Shareholders, as well as any agents acting on their behalf, reserve the sole right to accept or to reject in whole or in part any proposed purchase of the Shares.

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CAUTION ABOUT FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

We make forward-looking statements in this prospectus and in other documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus, within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), that reflect our current expectations relating to present or future trends or factors generally affecting the banking industry and specifically affecting our operations, markets and products. Without limiting the foregoing, the words believes, expects, anticipates, estimates, projects, intends, and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are based upon assumptions we believe are reasonable and may relate to, among other things, the deteriorating economy and its impact on operating results and credit quality, the adequacy of the allowance for loan losses, changes in interest rates, and litigation results. These forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties. Actual results could differ materially from those projected for many reasons, including without limitation, changing events and trends that have influenced our assumptions.

These trends and events include (1) risks associated with our loan portfolio, including difficulties in maintaining quality loan growth, greater loan losses than historic levels, the risk of an insufficient allowance for loan losses, and expenses associated with managing nonperforming assets, unique risks associated with our construction and land development loans, our ability to maintain and service relationships with automobile dealers and indirect automobile loan purchasers, and our ability to profitably manage changes in our indirect automobile lending operations; (2) risks associated with adverse economic conditions, including risk of a continued decline in real estate values in the Atlanta, Georgia, metropolitan area and in eastern and northern Florida markets, conditions in the financial markets and economic conditions generally and the impact of recent efforts to address difficult market and economic conditions; a stagnant economy and its impact on operations and credit quality, the impact of a recession on our consumer loan portfolio and its potential impact on our commercial portfolio, changes in the interest rate environment and their impact on our net interest margin, and inflation; (3) risks associated with government regulation and programs, including risks arising from the terms of the U.S. Treasury Department's (the Treasury's) equity investment in us, and the resulting limitations on executive compensation imposed through our participation in the TARP Capital Purchase Program, uncertainty with respect to future governmental economic and regulatory measures, including the ability of the Treasury to unilaterally amend any provision of the purchase agreement we entered into as part of the TARP Capital Purchase Program, the winding down of governmental emergency measures intended to stabilize the financial system, and numerous legislative proposals to further regulate the financial services industry, the impact of and adverse changes in the governmental regulatory requirements affecting us, and changes in political, legislative and economic conditions; (4) the ability to maintain adequate liquidity and sources of liquidity; (5) our ability to maintain sufficient capital and to raise additional capital; (6) the accuracy and completeness of information from customers and our counterparties; (7) the effectiveness of our controls and procedures; (8) our ability to attract and retain skilled people; (9) greater competitive pressures among financial institutions in our market; (10) failure to achieve the revenue increases expected to result from our investments in our growth strategies, including our branch additions and in our transaction deposit and lending businesses; (11) the volatility and limited trading of our common stock; and (12) the impact of dilution on our common stock.

This list is intended to identify some of the principal factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those described in the forward-looking statements included herein and are not intended to represent a complete list of all risks and uncertainties in our business. Investors are encouraged to read the related section in our 2010 Annual Report on Form 10-K, including the Risk Factors set forth therein. Additional information and other factors that could affect future financial results are included in our filings with the SEC.

The forward-looking statements are made as of the date of the applicable document and, except as required by applicable law, we assume no obligation to update these forward-looking statements or to update the reasons why actual results could differ from those projected in the forward-looking statements. You should consider these risks and uncertainties in evaluating forward-looking statements and you should not place undue reliance on these statements.

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RISK FACTORS

An investment in our securities involves various risks. You should carefully consider the risks and uncertainties and the risk factors set forth below and in the documents and reports filed with the SEC pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act that are incorporated by reference into this prospectus, as well as any risks described in any applicable prospectus supplement, before you make an investment decision. These risk factors may cause our future earnings to be lower or our financial condition to be less favorable than we expect. In addition, other risks of which we are not aware, or which we do not believe are material, may cause our earnings to be lower, or hurt our future financial condition.

USE OF PROCEEDS

We will not receive any proceeds from the sale by the Selling Shareholders of the Shares.

PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

We are registering the Shares issued to the Selling Shareholders to permit the resale of the Shares by the holders of the Shares from time to time after the date of this prospectus. We will not receive any of the proceeds from the sale by the Selling Shareholders of the Shares. We will bear all fees and expenses incident to our obligation to register the Shares.

The Selling Shareholders may sell all or a portion of the Shares beneficially owned by them and offered hereby from time to time directly or through one or more underwriters, broker-dealers or agents. If the Shares are sold through underwriters or broker-dealers, the Selling Shareholders will be responsible for underwriting discounts or commissions or agent's commissions. The Shares may be sold on any national securities exchange or quotation service on which the securities may be listed or quoted at the time of sale, in the over-the-counter market or in transactions otherwise than on these exchanges or systems or in the over-the-counter market and in one or more transactions at fixed prices, at prevailing market prices at the time of the sale, at varying prices determined at the time of sale, or at negotiated prices. These sales may be effected in transactions, which may involve crosses or block transactions. The Selling Shareholders may use any one or more of the following methods when selling Shares:

ordinary brokerage transactions and transactions in which the broker-dealer solicits purchasers;

block trades in which the broker-dealer will attempt to sell the Shares as agent but may position and resell a portion of the block as principal to facilitate the transaction;

purchases by a broker-dealer as principal and resale by the broker-dealer for its account;

an exchange distribution in accordance with the rules of the applicable exchange;

privately negotiated transactions;

settlement of short sales entered into after the effective date of the Registration Statement of which this prospectus is a part;

broker-dealers may agree with the Selling Shareholders to sell a specified number of such Shares at a stipulated price per Share;

through the writing or settlement of options or other hedging transactions, whether such options are listed on an options exchange or otherwise;

a combination of any such methods of sale; and

any other method permitted pursuant to applicable law.

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The Selling Shareholders also may resell all or a portion of the Shares in open market transactions in reliance upon Rule 144 under the Securities Act, as permitted by that rule, or Section 4(1) under the Securities Act, if available, rather than under this prospectus, provided that they meet the criteria and conform to the requirements of those provisions.

Broker-dealers engaged by the Selling Shareholders may arrange for other broker-dealers to participate in sales. If the Selling Shareholders effect such transactions by selling the Shares to or through underwriters, broker-dealers or agents, such underwriters, broker-dealers or agents may receive commissions in the form of discounts, concessions or commissions from the Selling Shareholders or commissions from purchasers of the Shares for whom they may act as agent or to whom they may sell as principal. Such commissions will be in amounts to be negotiated, but, except as set forth in a supplement to this prospectus, in the case of an agency transaction will not be in excess of a customary brokerage commission in compliance with NASD Rule 2440; and in the case of a principal transaction a markup or markdown in compliance with NASD IM-2440.

In connection with sales of the Shares or otherwise, the Selling Shareholders may enter into hedging transactions with broker-dealers or other financial institutions, which may in turn engage in short sales of the Shares in the course of hedging in positions they assume. The Selling Shareholders may also sell Shares short and if such short sale shall take place after the date that this Registration Statement is declared effective by the SEC, the Selling Shareholders may deliver the Shares covered by this prospectus to close out short positions and to return borrowed shares in connection with such short sales. The Selling Shareholders may also loan or pledge the Shares to broker-dealers that in turn may sell such Shares, to the extent permitted by applicable law. The Selling Shareholders may also enter into option or other transactions with broker-dealers or other financial institutions or the creation of one or more derivative securities which require the delivery to such broker-dealer or other financial institution of the Shares offered by this prospectus, which Shares such broker-dealer or other financial institution may resell pursuant to this prospectus (as supplemented or amended to reflect such transaction). Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Selling Shareholders have been advised that they may not use Shares registered on this Registration Statement to cover short sales of our common stock made prior to the date the Registration Statement, of which this prospectus forms a part, has been declared effective by the SEC.

The Selling Shareholders may, from time to time, pledge or grant a security interest in some or all of the Shares owned by them and, if they default in the performance of their secured obligations, the pledgees or secured parties may offer and sell the Shares from time to time pursuant to this prospectus or any amendment to this prospectus under Rule 424(b)(3) or other applicable provision of the Securities Act, amending, if necessary, the list of Selling Shareholders to include the pledgee, transferee or other successors in interest as Selling Shareholders under this prospectus. The Selling Shareholders also may transfer and donate the Shares in other circumstances in which case the transferees, donees, pledgees or other successors in interest will be the selling beneficial owners for purposes of this prospectus.

The Selling Shareholders and any broker-dealer or agents participating in the distribution of the Shares may be deemed to be underwriters within the meaning of Section 2(11) of the Securities Act in connection with such sales. In such event, any commissions paid, or any discounts or concessions allowed to, any such broker-dealer or agent and any profit on the resale of the Shares purchased by them may be deemed to be underwriting commissions or discounts under the Securities Act. Selling Shareholders who are underwriters within the meaning of Section 2(11) of the Securities Act will be subject to the applicable prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act and may be subject to certain statutory liabilities of, including but not limited to, Sections 11, 12 and 17 of the Securities Act and Rule 10b-5 under the Exchange Act.

Each Selling Shareholder has informed us that it is not a registered broker-dealer and does not have any written or oral agreement or understanding, directly or indirectly, with any person to distribute the Shares. Upon the Company being notified in writing by a Selling Shareholder that any material arrangement has been entered into with a broker-dealer for the sale of Shares through a block trade, special offering, exchange distribution or secondary distribution or a purchase by a broker or dealer, a supplement to this prospectus will be filed, if required, pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Securities Act, disclosing (i) the name of each such Selling Shareholder and of the participating broker-dealer(s), (ii) the number of Shares involved, (iii) the price at which such the Shares were sold, (iv) the commissions paid or discounts or concessions allowed to such broker-dealer(s), where applicable, (v) that such

broker-dealer(s) did not conduct any investigation to verify the information set out or incorporated by reference

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in this prospectus, and (vi) other facts material to the transaction. In no event shall any broker-dealer receive fees, commissions and markups, which, in the aggregate, would exceed eight percent (8%).

Under the securities laws of some states, the Shares may be sold in such states only through registered or licensed brokers or dealers. In addition, in some states the Shares may not be sold unless such shares have been registered or qualified for sale in such state or an exemption from registration or qualification is available and is complied with.

There can be no assurance that any Selling Shareholder will sell any or all of the Shares registered pursuant to the Registration Statement, of which this prospectus forms a part.

Each Selling Shareholder and any other person participating in such distribution will be subject to applicable provisions of the Exchange Act, and the rules and regulations thereunder, including, without limitation, to the extent applicable, Regulation M of the Exchange Act, which may limit the timing of purchases and sales of any of the Shares by the Selling Shareholder and any other participating person. To the extent applicable, Regulation M may also restrict the ability of any person engaged in the distribution of the Shares to engage in market-making activities with respect to the Shares. All of the foregoing may affect the marketability of the Shares and the ability of any person or entity to engage in market-making activities with respect to the Shares.

We will pay all expenses of the registration of the Shares pursuant to the registration rights agreement, including, without limitation, SEC filing fees and expenses of compliance with state securities or blue sky laws; *provided, however*, that each Selling Shareholder will pay all underwriting discounts and selling commissions, if any and any related legal expenses incurred by it. We will indemnify the Selling Shareholders against certain liabilities, including some liabilities under the Securities Act, in accordance with the registration rights agreement, or the Selling Shareholders will be entitled to contribution. We may be indemnified by the Selling Shareholders against civil liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act, that may arise from any written information furnished to us by the Selling Shareholders specifically for use in this prospectus, in accordance with the related registration rights agreements, or we may be entitled to contribution.

SELLING SHAREHOLDERS

On March 24, 2010 and April 26, 2010, respectively, Rankin M. Smith, Jr. and Millard Choate, two of Fidelity's directors were issued 174,825 and 128,534 of the Shares in private offerings. On May 27, 2011, we issued a total of 2,167,166 of the Shares the 11 other Selling Shareholders, in a transaction exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act. The Selling Shareholders may from time to time offer and sell, pursuant to this prospectus or a supplement to this prospectus, any or all of the Shares they own. The Shares to be offered under this prospectus for the account of the Selling Shareholders consist of 2,470,525 shares of our common stock, which represent ownership of approximately 19% of our common stock outstanding as of June 18, 2011. No one of the Selling Shareholders has beneficial ownership of more than 9.9% of our common stock. Beneficial ownership is determined in accordance with the rules of the SEC and includes voting or investment power with respect to the Shares. To our knowledge, each of the Selling Shareholders has sole voting and investment power with respect to the Shares owned.

For purposes of this prospectus, we have assumed that, after completion of the offering covered by this prospectus, none of the Shares covered by this prospectus will be held by the Selling Shareholders.

We do not know when or in what amounts the Selling Shareholders may offer the Shares for sale. The Selling Shareholders might not sell any or all of the Shares offered by this prospectus. Because the Selling Shareholders may offer all or some of the Shares pursuant to this offering, and because currently no sale of any of the Shares is subject to any agreements, arrangements or understandings, we cannot estimate the number of the Shares that will be held by the Selling Shareholders after completion of the offering.

As noted above, Messrs. Smith, Jr. and Choate are two of our directors. Other than with respect to the acquisition of the Shares, the other 11 Selling Shareholders have not had a material relationship with us.

Information about the Selling Shareholders may change over time and changed information will be set forth in supplements to this prospectus if and when necessary.

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The following table sets forth as of the date of this prospectus the name of each Selling Shareholder for whom we have registered the Shares for resale to the public and the number of the Shares that each Selling Shareholder may offer pursuant to this prospectus. The information set forth below is based on information known to us.

Based on information known to us or provided to us by each Selling Shareholder and as of the date the information was known to us or was provided to us, assuming that the Selling Shareholders sell all of the Shares beneficially owned by them that have been registered by us and do not acquire any additional shares of our common stock during the offering, each Selling Shareholder will not own any shares other than those appearing in the column entitled Amount of Beneficial Ownership Post Offering. We cannot advise you as to whether the Selling Shareholders will in fact sell any or all of the Shares. In addition, the Selling Shareholders may have sold, transferred or otherwise disposed of, or may sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of, at any time and from time to time, the Shares in transactions exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act after the date on which they provided the information set forth in the table below.

Name of Investor	Beneficial Ownership	Number of Shares being Registered	Amount of Beneficial Ownership Post Offering	% Beneficially Owned Post Offering
Rankin M. Smith, Jr. ⁽¹⁾	223,373	174,825	48,548	*
Millard Choate	198,966	128,534	70,432	*
Ithan Creek Master Investment Partnership (Cayman) II, L.P. ⁽²⁾	34,000	34,000	0	*
Bay Pond Partners, L.P. ⁽²⁾	607,733	607,733	0	*
Bay Pond Investors (Bermuda) L.P. ⁽²⁾	318,100	318,100	0	*
Ithan Creek Master Investors (Cayman) L.P. ⁽²⁾	328,000	328,000	0	*
Banc Fund VI L.P.	207,000	51,000	156,140	1.2%
Banc Fund VII L.P.	307,251	68,400	238,851	1.8%
Banc Fund VIII L.P.	498,736	225,600	273,136	2.1%
Steven Financial Investors, L.P. ⁽³⁾	256,340	256,340	0	*
Steven Financial Offshore Investors, Ltd. ⁽³⁾	43,660	43,660	0	*
DRMM Total Return Fund I, L.P.	15,000	15,000	0	*
Siena Capital Partners I, L.P.	219,333	219,333	0	*

(*) Less than 1%.

- (1) Includes 1,000 shares that Mr. Smith has the right to acquire pursuant to outstanding stock options, and 307 shares owned by Mr. Smith's wife.
- (2) Ithan Creek Master Investment Partnership (Cayman) II, L.P., Bay Pond Partners, L.P., Bay Pond Investors (Bermuda) L.P. and Ithan Creek Master Investors (Cayman) L.P. are managed by Wellington, an investment adviser registered under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended. Wellington, in such capacity, may be deemed to have voting and investment power over the shares held by these entities.
- (3) Stieven Financial Investors, L.P. and Stieven Financial Offshore Investors, Ltd. are affiliated entities. Joseph A. Stieven, Stephen L. Covington and Daniel M. Ellefson, all members of Stieven Capital GP, LLC, the General Partner of Stieven Financial Investors, L.P., and managing directors of Stieven Capital Advisors, L.P., the

investment manager of Stieven Financial Investors, L.P. and Stieven Financial Offshore Investors, Ltd., may be deemed to have voting and investment power over shares held by both of these entities.

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LEGAL MATTERS

The validity of the Shares offered hereby have been passed upon for us by the law firm of Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC, Memphis, Tennessee.

EXPERTS

The consolidated financial statements of Fidelity Southern Corporation appearing in Fidelity Southern Corporation's Annual Report (Form 10-K) for the year ended December 31, 2010, and the effectiveness of Fidelity Southern Corporation's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2010 have been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, as set forth in their reports thereon, included therein, and incorporated herein by reference. Such consolidated financial statements are incorporated herein by reference in reliance upon such reports given on the authority of such firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

**WHERE YOU CAN FIND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND
INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN INFORMATION BY REFERENCE**

We file annual, quarterly, and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. You may read and copy, at prescribed rates, any documents we have filed with the SEC at its Public Reference Room located at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20549. You may obtain information on the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. We also file these documents with the SEC electronically. You can access the electronic versions of these filings on the SEC's internet website found at www.sec.gov. You may also obtain free copies of the documents we have filed with the SEC (other than exhibits to such documents unless we specifically incorporate by reference an exhibit in this proxy statement/prospectus) by contacting Martha Fleming, Corporate Secretary, Fidelity Southern Corporation, 3490 Piedmont Road, Suite 1550, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, telephone (404) 639-6500 or from our internet website at www.fidelitysouthern.com.

We have filed with the SEC a Registration Statement on Form S-3 relating to the Shares covered by this prospectus. This prospectus is a part of the Registration Statement and does not contain all the information in the Registration Statement. Whenever a reference is made in this prospectus to a contract or other document, the reference is only a summary and you should refer to the exhibits that are a part of the Registration Statement for a copy of the contract or other document. You may review a copy of the Registration Statement at the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, D.C., as well as through the SEC's internet website.

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference the information we file with it, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents filed separately with the SEC. The information we incorporate by reference is an important part of this prospectus. We incorporate by reference the documents listed below, except to the extent that any information contained in those documents is deemed furnished in accordance with SEC rules. The documents we incorporate by reference, all of which we have previously filed with the SEC, include:

- a) our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010;
- b) our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2011;
- c) our Current Reports on Form 8-K as filed on April 25, 2011, May 3, 2011 and May 31, 2011; and
- d) the description of our common stock, no par value, which is contained in our Registration Statement filed on Form 10 dated August 27, 1993, and all amendments and reports filed for the purpose of updating that description.

Also incorporated by reference are additional documents that we may file with the SEC under Section 13(a), 13(c), 14, or 15(d) of the Exchange Act after the date of this prospectus and before the termination of the offering. These additional documents will be deemed to be incorporated by reference, and to be a part of, this prospectus from the date of their filing. These documents include proxy statements and periodic reports, such as Annual Reports on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, and, to the extent they are considered filed, Current Reports on Form 8-K. Information incorporated by reference from later filed documents supersedes

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information that is included in this prospectus or any applicable prospectus supplement or is incorporated by reference from earlier documents, to the extent that they are inconsistent.

You should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with information that is different from what is contained in this prospectus. This prospectus is dated _____, 2011. You should not assume that the information contained in this prospectus is accurate as of any date other than that date.

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2,470,525 Shares of Common Stock, no par value

PROSPECTUS
_____, 2011

Dealer Prospectus Delivery Obligation

Until _____, all dealers that effect transactions in these securities, whether or not participating in this offering, may be required to deliver a prospectus. This is in addition to the dealers' obligation to deliver a prospectus when acting as underwriters and with respect to their unsold allotments or subscriptions.

Fidelity has not authorized anyone to give any information or make any representation about the offering that differs from, or adds to, the information in this prospectus or in its documents that are publicly filed with the SEC. Therefore, if anyone does give you different or additional information, you should not rely on it. The delivery of this prospectus and/or the sale of Shares do not mean that there have not been any changes in Fidelity's condition since the date of this prospectus. If you are in a jurisdiction where it is unlawful to offer to sell, or to ask for offers to buy, the securities offered by this prospectus, or if you are a person to whom it is unlawful to direct such activities, then the offer presented by this prospectus does not extend to you. This prospectus speaks only as of its date except where it indicates that another date applies.

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PART II
INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS

Other Expenses of Issuance and Distribution

SEC Registration Fee	\$ 1,883
Legal Fees and Expenses	\$ 3,000
Accountant's Fees and Expenses	\$ 1,000
Printing, Engraving and EDGAR	\$ 500
Miscellaneous	\$ 117
Total	\$ 6,500

Indemnification of Directors and Officers

Sections 14-2-851 and 14-2-857 of the Georgia Business Corporation Code provide that a corporation may indemnify its directors and officers against civil and criminal liabilities. Directors and officers may be indemnified if they acted in good faith and in a manner reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interest of the corporation, if they have not been adjudged liable on the basis of the improper receipt of a personal benefit and, with respect to any criminal action, if they had no reasonable cause to believe their conduct was unlawful. A director or officer may be indemnified against expenses incurred in connection with a derivative suit if he or she acted in good faith and in a manner reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interest of the corporation, except that no indemnification may be made without court approval if such person was adjudged liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of his or her duty to the corporation. Statutory indemnification is not exclusive of any rights provided by any bylaw, agreement, vote of stockholders or disinterested directors or otherwise.

Fidelity's by-laws contain indemnification provisions that provide that directors and officers of Fidelity will be indemnified if they are successful on the merits or otherwise in the defense of any proceeding or any claim, issue or matter involved in the proceeding. The indemnification provisions also provide that Fidelity will indemnify directors and officers when they meet the applicable standard of conduct, regardless if they are successful in the defense of the proceeding or claim, issue or matter. The applicable standard of conduct is met if the director or officer acted in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interests of Fidelity. The standard of conduct with respect to any criminal action or proceeding is met if the director had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful. Whether the applicable standard of conduct has been met is determined by the board of directors, the stockholders or independent legal counsel in each specific case.

Fidelity may also provide for greater indemnification than that set forth in its by-laws if it chooses to do so, subject to approval by Fidelity's stockholders. Fidelity may not, however, indemnify a director for liability arising out of circumstances that constitute exceptions to limitation of a director's liability for monetary damages, as described below. Fidelity may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any director against any liability asserted against such person and incurred by him or her in any such capacity, whether or not Fidelity would have had the power to indemnify against such liability.

In addition, Article 5 of Fidelity's Articles of Incorporation, subject to certain exceptions, eliminates the potential personal liability of a director for monetary damages to Fidelity and to the stockholders of Fidelity for breach of a duty as a director. There is no elimination of liability for:

any appropriation, in violation of his duties, of any of our business opportunities;

acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law;

the types of liability set forth in the Official Code of Georgia Section 14-2-832; or

any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit.

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The Articles of Incorporation do not eliminate or limit the right of Fidelity or its stockholders to seek injunctive or other equitable relief not involving monetary damages.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers or persons controlling the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, the Registrant has been informed that in the opinion of the Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is therefore unenforceable.

Our directors and officers are insured against losses arising from any claim against them as such for wrongful acts or omissions, subject to limitations.

Exhibits

The exhibits filed as part of this Registration Statement are as follows:

(a) **List of Exhibits**

Number	Description
10.1	Securities Purchase Agreement dated May 26, 2011 ⁽¹⁾
10.2	Registration Rights Agreement dated May 26, 2011 ⁽¹⁾
5	Opinion of Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC
23.1	Consent of Ernst & Young, Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm
24	Power of Attorney (included on signature page)

⁽¹⁾ Incorporated by reference to exhibit of the same number to Fidelity's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on May 31, 2011.

Undertakings

The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act;

(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the Registration Statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the Registration Statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in the volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b)) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than 20% change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the Calculation of Registration Fee table in the effective Registration Statement; and

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the Registration Statement or any material change to such information in the Registration Statement; provided, however, that paragraphs (1)(i), (1)(ii) and (1)(iii) do not apply if the Registration Statement is on Form S-3 or Form F-3, and the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the Registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act that are incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement or is contained in a final prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) that is part of the Registration Statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be initial bona fide offering thereof.

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(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

(4) [Intentionally omitted.]

(5) That, for the purpose of determining liability under the Securities Act to any purchaser:

(A) Each prospectus filed by the Registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b)(3) shall be deemed to be part of the Registration Statement as of the date filed prospectus was deemed part of and included in the Registration Statement; and

(B) Each prospectus required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424(b)(2), (b)(5), or (b)(7) as part of a Registration Statement in reliance on Rule 430B relating to an offering made pursuant to Rule 415(a)(1)(i), (vii), or (x) for the purpose of providing the information required by Section 10(a) of the Securities Act shall be deemed to be part of and included in the Registration Statement as of the earlier of the date such form of prospectus is first used after effectiveness or the date of the first contract of sale of securities in the offering described in the prospectus. As provided in Rule 430B, for liability purposes of the issuer and any person that is at that date an underwriter, such date shall be deemed to be a new effective date of the Registration Statement relating to the securities in the Registration Statement to which that prospectus relates, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof. Provided, however, that no statement made in a Registration Statement or prospectus that is part of the Registration Statement or made in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference into the Registration Statement or prospectus that is part of the Registration Statement will, as to the purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such effective date, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the Registration Statement or prospectus that was part of the Registration Statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such effective date.

The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each filing of the Registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act) that is incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the SEC such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Atlanta, State of Georgia, on June 27, 2011.

FIDELITY SOUTHERN CORPORATION

By: /s/ James B. Miller, Jr.
James B. Miller, Jr.
Chief Executive Officer and Chairman
of the Board (Principal Executive
Officer)

/s/ Stephen H. Brolly
Stephen H. Brolly
Chief Financial Officer (Principal
Financial and Accounting Officer)

Know all men by these presents, that each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints James B. Miller, Jr. and Stephen H. Brolly, or either of them, as attorney-in-fact, with each having the power of substitution, for him in any and all capacities, to sign any amendments to this Registration Statement on Form S-3 and to file the same, with exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the SEC, hereby ratifying and confirming all that each of said attorneys-in-fact, or his substitute or substitutes, may do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Signature	Title	Date
/s/ James B. Miller, Jr. James B. Miller, Jr.	Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board (Principal Executive Officer)	June 27, 2011
/s/ Stephen H. Brolly Stephen H. Brolly	Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)	June 27, 2011
/s/ David R. Bockel Major General (Ret) David R. Bockel	Director	June 27, 2011
/s/ Millard Choate Millard Choate	Director	June 27, 2011
/s/ Donald A. Harp, Jr. Dr. Donald A. Harp, Jr.	Director	June 27, 2011
/s/ Kevin S. King Kevin S. King	Director	June 27, 2011
/s/ William C. Lankford, Jr. William C. Lankford, Jr.	Director	June 27, 2011

William C. Lankford, Jr. /s/ H. Palmer Proctor, Jr.	Director	June 27, 2011
H. Palmer Proctor, Jr. /s/ W. Clyde Shepherd III	Director	June 27, 2011
W. Clyde Shepherd III /s/ Rankin M. Smith, Jr.	Director	June 27, 2011
Rankin M. Smith, Jr.		

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