

SUNTRUST BANKS INC

Reported by
DAFT DOUGLAS N

FORM 4

(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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Industry	Regional Banks
Sector	Financial
Fiscal Year	12/31

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Section 17(a) of the Public
Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(f) of the
Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * DAFT DOUGLAS N (Last) (First) (Middle) 310 NORTH AVENUE (Street) ATLANTA, GA 30313 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SUNTRUST BANKS INC [STI]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)
3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) 1/2/2004		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)		

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Trans. Date	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Trans. Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock					3000	D	

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

1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Trans. Date	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Trans. Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Phantom Stock Units (1)	(1)	1/2/2004		A	159.1231	(1)	Common Stock	159.1231	\$70.70	3660.8667	D
Option (2)	\$51.125					11/14/2000 11/14/2010	Common Stock	2000		2000	D
Option (2)	\$64.57					11/13/2001 11/13/2011	Common Stock	2000		2000	D
Option (2)	\$54.28					2/11/2003 2/11/2013	Common Stock	2000		2000	D

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) The phantom stock units were accrued under the SunTrust Banks, Inc. Directors Deferred Compensation Plan and are to be settled upon the reporting person's retirement. Directors fees are deferred into this plan and are accounted for as if invested in SunTrust common stock. These securities convert to common stock on a one-for-one basis. Includes additional phantom shares acquired as a result of reinvestment of dividends since the reporting person's last filing.
- (2) Granted pursuant to the SunTrust Banks, Inc. 2000 Stock Plan.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other

DAFT DOUGLAS N 310 NORTH AVENUE ATLANTA, GA 30313	X			
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Signatures

Margaret Hodgson, Attorney-in-Fact for Douglas N. Daft

1/5/2004

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

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

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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