

SUNTRUST BANKS INC
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
IVESTER M DOUGLAS

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3384 PEACHTREE RD., SUITE 375

(Street)

ATLANTA, GA 30326

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
SUNTRUST BANKS INC [STI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
02/20/2009

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	02/20/2009		X	V	27,500	A	\$ 12.5
				(A) or (D)	Price		
					100,000	D (1)	

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

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

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction 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 (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Stock Units ⁽²⁾						⁽²⁾	⁽²⁾	Common Stock	16,247.994
Option ⁽³⁾	\$ 51.125					11/14/2000	11/14/2010	Common Stock	2,000
Option ⁽³⁾	\$ 64.57					11/13/2001	11/13/2011	Common Stock	2,000
Option ⁽³⁾	\$ 54.28					02/11/2003	02/11/2013	Common Stock	2,000
Phantom Stock ⁽⁴⁾						⁽⁴⁾	⁽⁴⁾	Common Stock	6,808.204
Put Option ⁽¹⁾ ₍₅₎	\$ 12.5	02/20/2009		X	275	01/26/2009	02/20/2009	Common Stock	27,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
IVESTER M DOUGLAS 3384 PEACHTREE RD. SUITE 375 ATLANTA, GA 30326		X		

Signatures

David A. Wisniewski, Attorney-in-Fact for M. Douglas Ivester 02/23/2009

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) Represents the acquisition of common stock upon physical settlement of exchange-traded put contracts.
- (2)

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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 phantom stock units convert to common stock on a one-for-one basis.

- (3) Granted pursuant to the SunTrust Banks, Inc. 2000 Stock Plan.
- (4) Restricted stock units granted under the SunTrust Banks, Inc. 2004 Stock Plan. Payments commence following the reporting person's departure from the Board of Directors of SunTrust Banks, Inc. These securities convert to common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (5) Standardized, exchange-traded option. Each contract sold by the reporting person gives the holder the right to require the reporting person to purchase 100 shares of SunTrust common stock at the conversion price per share.

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