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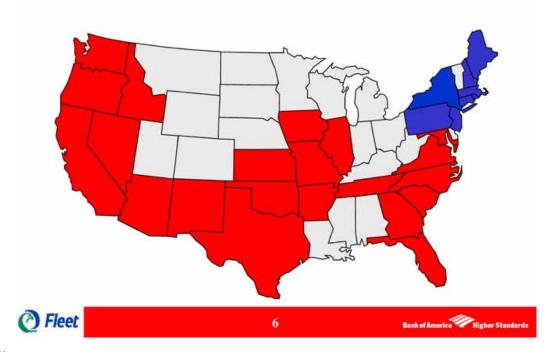
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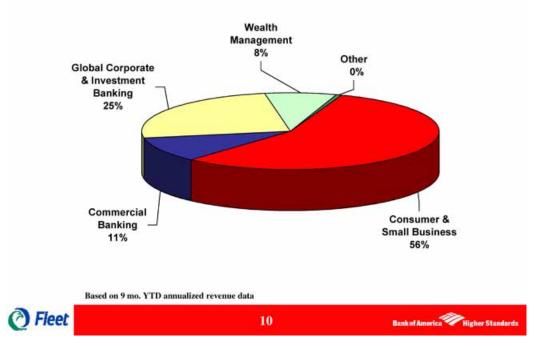
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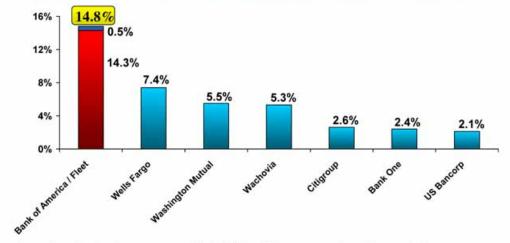
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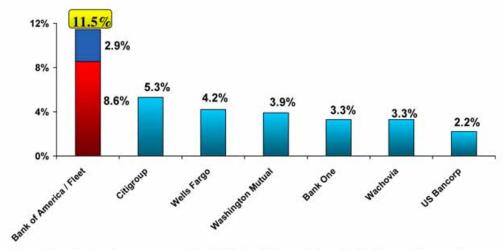
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 - \$47 Bn in managed outstandings and 35 MM accounts
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	Issuer	Outst.	Charge Volume	Accounts (MM) Total	Cards Outst. (MM
1.	Citigroup/Sears (2)	\$ 105.5	\$ 104.0	71.8	102.4
	MBNA	80.8	68.8	39.4	52.2
3.	BankOne	74.3	78.8	42.7	50.4
4.	J.P. Morgan Chase	50.8	45.0	29.1	40.8
5	New Bank of America	47.0	42.6	35.2	41.5
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6.	Bank of America	32.4	31.8	25.7	30.1
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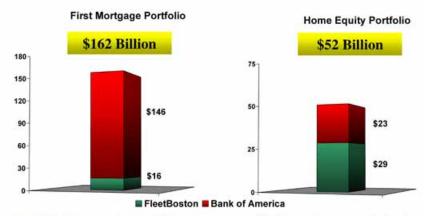
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Total	\$ 12,448	\$ 15,095
Adjustments		
Expense efficiencies	250	1,100
Higher intangible amortization	(165)	(330)
Synergies	110	195
Projected net income for new Bank of America	\$ 12,643	\$ 16,060
Average projected diluted shares outstanding	1,781	2,016
Projected earnings per diluted share	\$ 7.10	\$ 7.97
¹ Consensus First Call estimate for Bank of America	\$ 7.27	\$ 7.92
Projection vs. Consensus	-2%	1%
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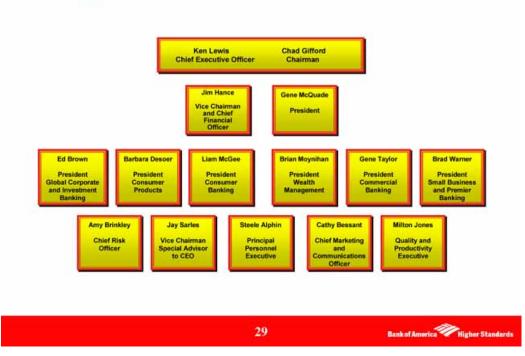


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