

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

**CURRENT REPORT
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported):
August 4, 2005

BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware **1-6523** **56-0906609**
(State of Incorporation) (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

100 North Tryon Street
Charlotte, North Carolina 28255
(Address of principal executive offices)

(800) 299-2265
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the form 8-k filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- ☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- ☐ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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ITEM 8.01. OTHER EVENTS.

For a transaction effective August 4, 2005, the Regular Trustees (the "Trustees") of BAC Capital Trust VII (the "Trust") approved the public offering of £ 850,000,000 of the Trust's 5¼% Capital Securities (liquidation amount £ 50,000 per security) having an aggregate initial offering price of £ 849,490,000 (the "Capital Securities") to various underwriters pursuant to an Underwriting Agreement dated as of August 4, 2005, and otherwise established the terms and conditions of the Capital Securities. The Capital Securities represent the undivided preferred beneficial interests in the assets of the Trust. In connection with the offering of the Capital Securities, the Trustees also approved the sale of the Trust's Common Securities (the "Common Securities") to Bank of America Corporation (the "Corporation") and otherwise established the terms and conditions of the Common Securities. The Trustees also authorized the investment of the proceeds from the sale of the Capital Securities and the Common Securities in the 5¼% Junior Subordinated Notes, due 2035 of the Corporation (the "Junior Subordinated Notes") issued under the terms of a Restated Indenture dated as of November 1, 2001 and supplemented by a Seventh Supplemental Indenture dated as of August 10, 2005. The Underwriting Agreement is included as Exhibit 1.1 hereto. The resolutions of the Trustees are included as Exhibit 99.1 hereto.

By written consent dated August 4, 2005, a Committee appointed by the Board of Directors of the Corporation approved the sale to the Trust of Junior Subordinated Notes having an aggregate principal amount of up to £ 876,500,000 and otherwise established the terms and conditions of the Junior Subordinated Notes. Resolutions of the Committee are included as Exhibit 99.2 hereto.

The terms of the offering, the Capital Securities, the Common Securities and the Junior Subordinated Notes are described in the Registrants' Prospectus dated May 5, 2005 constituting a part of the Registration Statement (hereinafter described), as supplemented by a Global Prospectus Supplement dated August 4, 2005.

The Capital Securities were issued pursuant to a Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-123714, 333-123714-06, 333-123714-05, 333-123714-04, 333-123714-03, 333-123714-02 and 333-123714-01) (the "Registration Statement"), on a delayed basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. The Registration Statement registered up to \$5,000,000,000 aggregate initial offering price of preferred securities of BAC Capital Trust VII, BAC Capital Trust VIII, BAC Capital Trust IX, BAC Capital Trust X, BAC Capital Trust XI and BAC Capital Trust XII and the Junior Subordinated Notes, together with related guarantees of such preferred securities by the Corporation. The Registration Statement was declared effective on May 5, 2005, and the transaction closed on August 10, 2005.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibits.

The following exhibits are filed herewith:

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1.1	Underwriting Agreement dated August 4, 2005 with respect to the offering of the Capital Securities
4.1	Form of Capital Securities (included in Exhibit 4.4)
4.2	Form of Junior Subordinated Note (included in Exhibit 4.3)
4.3	Seventh Supplemental Indenture to be used in connection with the issuance of Junior Subordinated Notes dated as of August 10, 2005
4.4	Amended and Restated Declaration of Trust of BAC Capital Trust VII dated as of August 4, 2005
4.5	Capital Securities Guarantee Agreement dated as of August 10, 2005
99.1	Consent to Action by Regular Trustees of BAC Capital Trust VII dated August 4, 2005 with respect to the terms of the offering of the Capital Securities
99.2	Resolutions of a Committee appointed by the Board of Directors of Bank of America Corporation dated August 4, 2005 with respect to the Junior Subordinated Notes
99.3	News Release disseminated on August 3, 2005 regarding the sale of the Capital Securities

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION

By: /S/ TERESA M. BRENNER
TERESA M. BRENNER
Associate General Counsel

Dated: August 11, 2005

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17,000 Capital Securities
BAC CAPITAL TRUST VII
(a Delaware Trust)
5 1/4% Capital Securities
(Liquidation Amount of (£50,000 per Capital Security))

UNDERWRITING AGREEMENT

August 4, 2005

Banc of America Securities Limited
as the Representative of the several Underwriters
c/o Banc of America Securities Limited
5 Canada Square
London E14 5AQ
England

Ladies and Gentlemen:

BAC Capital Trust VII (the "Trust"), a statutory trust organized under the Statutory Trust Act (the "Delaware Act") of the State of Delaware (Chapter 38, Title 12, of the Delaware Code, 12 Del. C. §3801 et seq.), and Bank of America Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the "Company" and, together with the Trust, the "Offerors"), confirm their agreement (the "Agreement") with Banc of America Securities Limited and each of the several Underwriters named in Schedule A hereto (collectively, the "Underwriters," which term also shall include any underwriter substituted as hereinafter provided in Section 8 hereof), for whom Banc of America Securities Limited is acting as the Representative (in such capacity, the "Representative"), with respect to the sale by the Trust and the purchase by the Underwriters, acting severally and not jointly, of the respective numbers of 5 1/4% Capital Securities (liquidation amount of £50,000 per capital security) of the Trust (the "Capital Securities") set forth in Schedule A attached hereto. The Capital Securities will be guaranteed on a subordinated basis by the Company, to the extent set forth in the Final Prospectus (as defined herein), with respect to distributions and payments upon liquidation, redemption and otherwise (the "Capital Securities Guarantee") pursuant to the Capital Securities Guarantee Agreement, to be dated as of August 10, 2005 (the "Capital Securities Guarantee Agreement"), between the Company and The Bank of New York, as trustee (the "Guarantee Trustee"), and will be entitled to the benefits of certain back-up undertakings described in the Final Prospectus (as defined herein) with respect to the Company's agreement pursuant to the Seventh Supplemental Indenture (as defined herein) to pay all expenses relating to administration of the Trust (other than payment obligations with respect to the Capital Securities). The Capital Securities and the related Capital Securities Guarantees are referred to herein as the "Securities."

The Offerors understand that the Underwriters propose to make an offering of the Securities as soon as the Representative deems advisable after this Agreement has been executed

and delivered and the Declaration (as defined herein), the Indenture (as defined herein) and the Capital Securities Guarantee have been qualified under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended (the "1939 Act"). The entire proceeds to the Trust from the sale of the Capital Securities will be combined with the entire proceeds from the sale by the Trust to the Company of its common securities (the "Common Securities"), as guaranteed on a subordinated basis by the Company, to the extent set forth in the Final Prospectus, with respect to distributions and payments upon liquidation and redemption thereof (the "Common Securities Guarantee" and, together with the Capital Securities Guarantee, the "Guarantees") pursuant to the Common Securities Guarantee Agreement, to be dated as of August 10, 2005 (the "Common Securities Guarantee Agreement" and, together with the Capital Securities Guarantee Agreement, the "Guarantee Agreements") and will be used by the Trust to purchase £876,500,000 aggregate principal amount of 5 1/4% Junior Subordinated Notes, due 2035 (the "Junior Subordinated Notes") issued by the Company, pursuant to the Indenture (as defined herein). The Capital Securities and the Common Securities will be issued pursuant to the Amended and Restated Declaration of Trust of the Trust, dated as of August 4, 2005 (the "Declaration") among the Company, as Sponsor, James T. Houghton and Karen A. Gosnell, as trustees (the "Regular Trustees"), The Bank of New York (Delaware), a Delaware banking corporation (as "Delaware Trustee"), and The Bank of New York, a New York banking corporation, as property trustee (the "Property Trustee" and, together with the Delaware Trustee and Regular Trustees, the "Trustees"), and the holders from time to time of undivided beneficial interests in the assets of the Trust. The Junior Subordinated Notes will be issued pursuant to a restated indenture, dated as of November 1, 2001 (the "Base Indenture"), between the Company and The Bank of New York, as trustee (the "Debt Trustee"), and a seventh supplement to the Base Indenture, to be dated as of August 10, 2005 (the "Seventh Supplemental Indenture," and together with the Base Indenture and any other amendments or supplements thereto, the "Indenture"), between the Company and the Debt Trustee.

SECTION 1. REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES. (a) The Offerors jointly and severally represent and warrant to each Underwriter as of the date hereof and as of the Closing Time (as hereinafter defined), as follows:

- (i) The Offerors propose to file with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "1933 Act"), a supplement to the form of prospectus included in the registration statements (referred to below) relating to the Securities and the plan of distribution thereof and has previously advised you of all further information (financial and other) with respect to the Offerors to be set forth therein. Such registration

statements (File Nos. 333-123714, 333-123714-01, 333-123714-02, 333-123714-03 , 333-123714-04, 333-123714-05 and 333-123714-06) including the exhibits thereto, as amended at the date of this Agreement, are hereinafter collectively called the "Registration Statement"; such prospectus in the form in which it appears in the Registration Statement is hereinafter called the "Basic Prospectus"; and such supplemented form of prospectus, including the final prospectus in preliminary form, in the form in which it shall be filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) (including the Basic Prospectus as so supplemented) is hereinafter called the "Final Prospectus." Any reference herein to the Registration Statement, the Basic Prospectus, or the Final Prospectus shall be deemed to refer to and include the documents incorporated

by reference therein pursuant to Item 12 of Form S-3 which were filed under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "1934 Act"), on or before the date of this Agreement, or the issue date of the Basic Prospectus, or the Final Prospectus, as the case may be; and any reference herein to the terms "amend", "amendment" or "supplement" with respect to the Registration Statement, the Basic Prospectus, or the Final Prospectus shall be deemed to refer to and include the filing of any document under the Exchange Act after the date of this Agreement, or the issue date of the Basic Prospectus, or the Final Prospectus, as the case may be, and deemed to be incorporated therein by reference. The Final Prospectus, if filed by electronic transmission pursuant to the Commission's Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis and Retrieval System ("EDGAR") (except as may be permitted by Regulation S-T under the 1933 Act), was identical to the copy thereof delivered to the Underwriters for use in connection with the offer and sale of the Securities.

(ii) As of the date hereof, when the Final Prospectus is first filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Act, when any supplement or amendment to the Final Prospectus is filed with the Commission, at the Closing Time referred to in Section 2 hereof, and, with respect to (i) and (ii) below, when the Registration Statement became effective, (i) the Registration Statement, as amended as of any such time, and the Final Prospectus, as amended or supplemented as of any such time, and the Indenture will comply in all material respects with the applicable provisions of the 1933 Act, the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder (the "1933 Act Regulations"), the 1934 Act, the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder (the "1934 Act Regulations"), the 1939 Act and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder (the "1939 Act Regulations"), (ii) the Registration Statement, as amended as of any such time, will not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein not misleading, and (iii) the Final Prospectus, as amended or supplemented as of any such time, will not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; provided, however, that the Offerors make no representations or warranties as to (A) that part of the Registration Statement which shall constitute the Statement of Eligibility and Qualification of the Trustee (Form T-1) under the Trust Indenture Act of the Debt Trustee, the Property Trustee or the Guarantee Trustee or (B) the information contained in or omitted from the Registration Statement or the Final Prospectus or any amendment thereof or supplement thereto in reliance upon and in conformity with information furnished in writing to the Offerors by or on behalf of any Underwriter through the Representative specifically for inclusion in the Registration Statement and any Final Prospectus. The documents which are incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement or the Final Prospectus, when they were filed with the Commission, complied in all material respects with the requirements of the 1933 Act, the 1933 Act Regulations, the 1934 Act and the 1934 Regulations, as applicable, and did not, when such documents were so filed, contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, and any documents so filed and incorporated by reference subsequent to the

effective date of the Registration Statement, when they were filed with the Commission, conformed in all material respects with the requirements of the 1933 Act, the 1933 Act Regulations, the 1934 Act and the 1934 Act Regulations, as applicable. The Commission has not issued any stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement or any order preventing or suspending the use of the Final Prospectus and the Company is without knowledge that any proceedings have been instituted for either purpose.

(iii) Since the respective dates as of which information is given in the Registration Statement and the Final Prospectus, except as otherwise stated therein, there has been no material adverse change in the condition (financial or other), earnings, business or properties of the Trust or the Company and its subsidiaries, considered as one enterprise, whether or not arising from transactions in the ordinary course of business.

(iv) To the best knowledge of the Offerors, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, the accountants who certified the financial statements and supporting schedules included in or incorporated by reference into the Registration Statement, is an independent registered public accounting firm as required by the 1933 Act and the 1933 Act Regulations.

(v) The Trust has been duly created and is validly existing and in good standing as a statutory trust under the Delaware Act with the power and authority to own property and to conduct its business as described in the Registration Statement and the Final Prospectus and to enter into and perform its obligations under this Agreement, the Capital Securities, the Common Securities and the Declaration; the Trust is not a party to or otherwise bound by any agreement other than those described in the Final Prospectus; the Trust is and will be classified for U.S. federal income tax purposes as a grantor trust and not as an

association taxable as a corporation; and the Trust is and will be treated as a consolidated subsidiary of the Company pursuant to generally accepted accounting principles.

(vi) The Common Securities have been duly authorized by the Trust pursuant to the Declaration and, when issued and delivered by the Trust to the Company against payment therefor as described in the Registration Statement and the Final Prospectus, will be validly issued and, subject to the terms of the Declaration, fully paid and non-assessable undivided beneficial interests in the assets of the Trust and will conform to all statements relating thereto contained in the Final Prospectus; and the issuance of the Common Securities is not subject to preemptive or other similar rights.

(vii) This Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by each of the Offerors.

(viii) The Declaration has been duly authorized by the Company, as Sponsor, and when validly executed and delivered by the Company and the Regular Trustees, and assuming due authorization, execution and delivery of the Declaration by the Property Trustee and the Delaware Trustee, the Declaration will be a valid and binding obligation of the Company, the Trust and the Regular Trustees, enforceable against the Company and the Regular Trustees in accordance with its terms, subject, to applicable bankruptcy, reorganization, insolvency, moratorium, fraudulent conveyance or other similar laws

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affecting the rights of creditors now or hereafter in effect, and to equitable principles that may limit the right to specific enforcement of remedies, and further subject to 12 U.S.C. 1818(b)(6)(D) (or any successor statute) and any bank regulatory powers now or hereafter in effect and to the application of principles of public policy (collectively, the "Permitted Exceptions") and will conform to all statements relating thereto in the Final Prospectus; and the Declaration has been duly qualified under the 1939 Act.

(ix) Each of the Guarantee Agreements has been duly authorized by the Company and, when validly executed and delivered by the Company, and, in the case of the Capital Securities Guarantee Agreement, assuming due authorization, execution and delivery of the Capital Securities Guarantee by the Guarantee Trustee, will constitute a valid and binding obligation of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with its terms, except to the extent that enforcement thereof may be limited by the Permitted Exceptions, and each of the Guarantees and the Guarantee Agreements will conform to all statements relating thereto contained in the Final Prospectus; and the Trust, pursuant to the Capital Securities Guarantee Agreement, has been duly qualified under the 1939 Act.

(x) The Capital Securities have been duly authorized by the Trust pursuant to the Declaration and, when issued and delivered pursuant to this Agreement against payment of the consideration therefor set forth in Schedule B hereto, will be validly issued and, subject to the terms of the Declaration, fully paid and non-assessable undivided beneficial interests in the Trust, will be entitled to the benefits of the Declaration and will conform to all statements relating thereto contained in the Final Prospectus; the issuance of the Capital Securities is not subject to preemptive or other similar rights; and, subject to the terms of the Declaration, holders of Capital Securities will be entitled to the same limitation of personal liability under Delaware law as extended to stockholders of private corporations for profit.

(xi) Each of the Regular Trustees of the Trust is an employee of the Company and has been duly authorized by the Company to execute and deliver the Declaration.

(xii) None of the Offerors is, and upon the issuance and sale of the Capital Securities as herein contemplated and the application of the net proceeds therefrom as described in the Final Prospectus, none will be, an "investment company" or a company "controlled" by an "investment company" within the meaning of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act").

(xiii) No authorization, approval, consent or order of any court or governmental authority or agency is necessary in connection with the issuance and sale of the Common Securities or the offering of the Capital Securities, the Junior Subordinated Notes or the Capital Securities Guarantee hereunder, except such as may be required under the 1933 Act or the 1933 Act Regulations or state securities or insurance laws and the qualification of the Declaration, the Capital Securities Guarantee Agreement and the Indenture under the 1939 Act.

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(b) The Company represents and warrants to each Underwriter as of the date hereof and as of the Closing Time as follows:

(i) The Company meets the requirements for use of Form S-3 under the 1933 Act and has filed with the Commission the Registration Statement, which has been declared effective. The Registration Statement meets the requirements of Rule 415(a)(1) under the 1933 Act and complies in all material respects with said rule.

(ii) The Company has complied and will comply with all the provisions of Florida H.B. 1771, codified as Section 517.075 of the Florida Statutes, 1987, as amended, and all regulations promulgated thereunder relating to issuers doing business in Cuba; provided, however, that in the event that such Section 517.075 shall be repealed, or amended such that issuers shall no longer be required to disclose in prospectuses information regarding business activities in Cuba or that a broker, dealer or

agent shall no longer be required to obtain a statement from issuers regarding such compliance, then this representation and agreement shall be of no further force and effect.

(iii) The Company has been duly incorporated and is validly existing as a corporation in good standing under the laws of the State of Delaware with corporate power to own, lease and operate its properties and to conduct its business as described in the Final Prospectus, to enter into and perform its obligations under this Agreement, the Declaration, as Sponsor, the Indenture and each of the Guarantee Agreements and to purchase, own and hold the Common Securities issued by the Trust; the Company is duly registered as a bank holding company under the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, as amended; and the Company is duly qualified as a foreign corporation to transact business and is in good standing in each jurisdiction in which the character or location of its properties or the nature or the conduct of its business requires such qualification, except for any failures to be so qualified or in good standing which, taken as a whole, are not material to the Company and its subsidiaries, considered as one enterprise.

(iv) Bank of America, N.A. (the "Principal Subsidiary Bank") is a national banking association formed under the laws of the United States and authorized thereunder to transact business; all of the issued and outstanding capital stock of the Principal Subsidiary Bank has been duly authorized and validly issued, is fully paid and non-assessable; and the capital stock of the Principal Subsidiary Bank is owned by the Company, directly or through subsidiaries, free and clear of any security interest, mortgage, pledge, lien, encumbrance, claim or equity.

(v) The Indenture has been duly authorized by the Company and, when validly executed and delivered by the Company, will constitute a valid and binding agreement of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with its terms, except to the extent that enforcement thereof may be limited by the Permitted Exceptions; the Indenture will conform to all statements relating thereto contained in the Final Prospectus; and the Indenture has been duly qualified under the 1939 Act.

(vi) The Junior Subordinated Notes have been duly authorized by the Company and, when duly executed by the Company and authenticated in the manner

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provided for in the Indenture and delivered against payment therefor as described in the Final Prospectus, will constitute valid and binding obligations of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with their terms, except to the extent that enforcement thereof may be limited by the Permitted Exceptions, and will be in the form contemplated by, and, subject to the Permitted Exceptions, entitled to the benefits of, the Indenture and will conform to all statements relating thereto in the Final Prospectus.

(vii) The Company's obligations under the Guarantee Agreements are subordinate and junior in right of payment to all liabilities of the Company and are pari passu with the most senior preferred stock issued by the Company.

(viii) The Junior Subordinated Notes are subordinated and junior in right of payment to all "Senior Obligations" (as defined in the Indenture) of the Company.

(ix) Each holder of securities of the Company having rights to the registration of such securities under the Registration Statement has waived such rights or such rights have expired by reason of lapse of time following notification of the Company's intention to file the Registration Statement.

(x) The execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated herein and compliance by the Company with its obligations hereunder will not conflict with or constitute a breach of, or default under, or result in the creation or imposition of any lien, charge or encumbrance upon any property or assets of the Company or the Principal Subsidiary Bank pursuant to, any contract, indenture, mortgage, loan agreement, note, lease or other instrument to which the Company or the Principal Subsidiary Bank is a party or by which either of them may be bound, or to which any of the property or assets of the Company or the Principal Subsidiary Bank is subject (except for conflicts, breaches and defaults which would not, individually or in the aggregate, be materially adverse to the Company and its subsidiaries taken as a whole or materially adverse to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement), nor will such action result in any material violation of the provisions of the articles of incorporation or by-laws of the Company, or any applicable law, administrative regulation or administrative or court decree.

(c) Each certificate signed by any officer of the Company and delivered to the Underwriters or counsel for the Underwriters shall be deemed to be a representation and warranty by the Company to each Underwriter as to the matters covered thereby.

(d) The Trust represents and warrants to each Underwriter as of the date hereof and as of the Closing Time as follows:

(i) Since the respective dates as of which information is given in the Registration Statement and the Final Prospectus, except as otherwise stated therein, (A) there has been no material adverse change in the condition (financial or other), earnings, business or properties of the Trust, whether or not arising from transactions in the ordinary course of business, and (B) there have been no transactions entered into by the Trust, other than in the ordinary course of business, which are material to the Trust.

(ii) Except as disclosed in the Final Prospectus, there is no action, suit or proceeding before or by any government, governmental instrumentality or court, domestic or foreign, now pending or, to the best knowledge of the Trust, threatened, against or affecting the Trust that is required to be disclosed in the Final Prospectus, other than actions, suits or proceedings which are not reasonably expected, individually or in the aggregate, to have a material adverse effect on the condition (financial or other), earnings, business or properties of the Trust, whether or not arising from transactions in the ordinary course of business; and there are no transactions, contracts or documents of the Trust that are required to be filed as exhibits to the Registration Statement by the 1933 Act or by the 1933 Act Regulations that have not been so filed.

(iii) The Trust possesses adequate certificates, authorities or permits issued by the appropriate state, federal or foreign regulatory agencies or bodies to conduct the business now operated by it, and the Trust has not received any notice of proceedings relating to the revocation or modification of any such certificate, authority or permit which, individually or in the aggregate, if the subject of an unfavorable decision, ruling or finding would materially and adversely affect the condition (financial or other), earnings, business or properties of the Trust.

(iv) The execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement and the Declaration, the issuance and sale of the Capital Securities and the Common Securities, and the consummation of the transactions contemplated herein and therein and compliance by the Trust with its obligations hereunder and thereunder have been duly authorized by all necessary action (corporate or otherwise) on the part of the Trust and do not and will not result in any violation of the Declaration or Certificate of Trust for the Trust dated as of March 14, 2003 (the "Certificate of Trust") and do not and will not conflict with, or result in a breach of any of the terms or provisions of, or constitute a default under, or result in the creation or imposition of any lien, charge or encumbrance upon any property or assets of the Trust under (A) any contract, indenture, mortgage, loan agreement, note, lease or other agreement or instrument to which the Trust is a party or by which it may be bound or to which any of its properties may be subject or (B) any existing applicable law, rule, regulation, judgment, order or decree of any government, governmental instrumentality or court, domestic or foreign, or any regulatory body or administrative agency or other governmental body having jurisdiction over the Trust or any of its properties (except for conflicts, breaches, violations or defaults which would not, individually or in the aggregate, be materially adverse to the Trust, or materially adverse to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement).

(e) Each certificate signed by any Trustee of the Trust and delivered to the Underwriters or counsel for the Underwriters shall be deemed to be a representation and warranty by the Trust to each Underwriter as to the matters covered thereby.

(f) Each Underwriter, severally and not jointly, represents and agrees that:

(i) it will comply with all applicable rules of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. (the "NASD"), including the NASD's Interpretation with respect

to Free Riding and Withholding and Rules 2420, 2711, 2730, 2740, 2750 and 2810 of the Conduct Rules of the NASD;

(ii) it has not and will not, directly or indirectly, offer, sell or deliver any of the Capital Securities or distribute the Final Prospectus or any other offering materials relating to the Capital Securities in or from any jurisdiction except under circumstances that will, to the best of its knowledge and belief, result in compliance with any applicable laws and regulations thereof and that, to the best of its knowledge and belief, will not impose any obligations on the Company except as set forth herein; and

(iii) it will comply with the selling restrictions set forth on Schedule C attached hereto.

SECTION 2. SALE AND DELIVERY TO UNDERWRITERS; CLOSING.

(a) On the basis of the representations and warranties herein contained and subject to the terms and conditions herein set forth, the Trust agrees to sell to each Underwriter, severally and not jointly, and each Underwriter, severally and not jointly, agrees to purchase from the Trust, at the price per security set forth in the Schedule B, the number of Capital Securities set forth in Schedule A opposite the name of such Underwriter (except as otherwise provided in Schedule B), plus any additional number of Capital Securities that such Underwriter may become obligated to purchase pursuant to the provisions of Section 8 hereof.

The purchase price per security to be paid by the several Underwriters for the Capital Securities shall be an amount equal to the initial public offering price. The initial public offering price per Capital Security and the purchase price per Capital Security are set forth in Schedule B. As compensation to the Underwriters for their commitments hereunder and in view of the fact that the proceeds of the sale of the Capital Securities will be used to purchase the Junior Subordinated Notes of the Company, the Company hereby agrees to pay at the Closing Time to the Underwriters, a commission per Capital Security determined by agreement between the Representative and the Company for the Capital Securities to be delivered by the Trust hereunder at the Closing Time. The commission is set forth in Schedule B.

(b) Payment of the purchase price for, and delivery of certificates for, the Capital Securities shall be made at the office of Morrison & Foerster LLP, or at such other place as shall be agreed upon by the Representative, the Company and the Trust, at 8:00 A.M. New York time on the fourth business day (unless postponed in accordance with the provisions of Section 8) after the date hereof, or such other time not later than ten business days after such date as shall be agreed upon by the Representative, the Trust and the Company (such

time and date of payment and delivery being herein called "Closing Time"). Payment shall be made to the Trust by wire transfer or certified or official bank check or similar same day funds payable to the order of the Trust to an account designated by the Trust, against delivery to the Representative for the respective accounts of the Underwriters of certificates for the Capital Securities to be purchased by them. Unless otherwise agreed, certificates for the Capital Securities shall be in the form set forth in the Declaration, and such certificates shall be registered in the name of The Bank of New York Depository (Nominees) Limited as nominee for, and shall be deposited with The Bank of

New York, as common depository for Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V., as operator of the Euroclear System and Clearstream Banking, societe anonyme.

(c) At the Closing Time, the Company will pay, or cause to be paid, the commission payable at such time to the Underwriters under this Section 2 hereof by wire transfer or certified or official bank check or checks payable to the Representative in same day funds.

(d) In connection with offering of the Capital Securities (or any of them), each of the Trust and the Corporation acknowledges and agrees that the Representative may, to the extent permitted by applicable laws, over-allot the Capital Securities (provided that the aggregate principal amount of the Capital Securities allotted does not exceed 105 per cent of the aggregate principal amount of the Capital Securities) or effect transactions with a view to supporting the market price of the Capital Securities at a level higher than that which might otherwise prevail. However, there is no assurance that the Representative (or persons acting on behalf of the Representative) will undertake stabilization action. Any stabilization action may begin on or after the date on which adequate public disclosure of the terms of the offer of the Capital Securities is made and, if begun, may be ended at any time, but it must end no later than the earlier of 30 days after the date of issue of the Capital Securities and 60 days after the date of their allotment. The Trust will not as a result of any action taken by the Representative (or persons acting on behalf of the Representative) under this provision be obliged to issue Capital Securities in excess of that listed in Schedule A hereto, nor shall the Trust or the Corporation be liable for any loss arising from the stabilization action.

(e) Each of the Trust and the Corporation authorizes each Underwriter to make all appropriate announcements in relation to any action in respect of the Capital Securities which falls within the definition of "stabilisation" and/or "ancillary stabilisation" set out in the Handbook published by U.K. Financial Services Authority (such announcements are to be in a form customarily utilized in the U.K. to comply with such requirements).

SECTION 3. COVENANTS OF THE OFFERORS. Each of the Offerors jointly and severally covenants with each Underwriter as follows:

(a) Prior to the termination of the offering of the Capital Securities, the Offerors will notify the Representative promptly, and confirm the notice in writing, (i) of the effectiveness of the Registration Statement and any amendment thereto (including any post-effective amendment), (ii) of the filing of any supplement to the Final Prospectus or any document filed pursuant to the 1934 Act which will be incorporated by reference in the Final Prospectus, (iii) of the receipt of any comments from the Commission with respect to the Registration Statement or Final Prospectus (other than with respect to a document filed with the Commission pursuant to the 1934 Act which will be incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement and Final Prospectus), (iv) of any request by the Commission for any amendment to the Registration Statement or any amendment or supplement to the Final Prospectus or for additional information relating thereto (other than such a request with respect to a document filed with the Commission pursuant to the 1934 Act which will be incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement and Final Prospectus), and (v) of the issuance by the Commission of any stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement or the initiation of any proceedings for that

purpose. The Offerors will make every reasonable effort to prevent the issuance of any stop order and, if any stop order is issued, to obtain the lifting thereof at the earliest possible moment.

(b) Prior to the termination of the offering of the Capital Securities, the Offerors (1) will give the Representative notice of their intention to file or prepare (i) any amendment to the Registration Statement (including any post-effective amendment) (other than with respect to a document filed with the Commission pursuant to the 1934 Act which will be incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement and Final Prospectus that is not filed to correct a misstatement, an omission or non-compliance that is the subject of a notice delivered to the Underwriters pursuant to paragraph (e) below (a "Periodic Filing")), or (ii) any amendment or supplement to the Final Prospectus (including any revised prospectus which the Offerors propose for use by the Underwriters in connection with the offering of the Capital Securities which differs from the prospectus on file at the Commission at the time the Registration Statement became effective, whether or not such revised prospectus is required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) of the 1933 Act Regulations) (other than with respect to a Periodic Filing), will furnish the Representative with copies of any such amendment, supplement or other document within a reasonable amount of time prior to such proposed filing or use, as the case may be, and will not file any such amendment, supplement or other document or use any such prospectus to which the Underwriters or counsel for the Underwriters shall reasonably object and (2) will furnish the Representative with copies of any document that will be incorporated by reference in the Final Prospectus whether pursuant to the 1933 Act, the 1934 Act or otherwise. Subject to the foregoing, the Offerors will file the Final Prospectus pursuant to Rule 424(b) and Rule 430A under the 1933 Act not later than the Commission's close of business on the second business day following the execution and delivery of this Agreement.

(c) The Offerors will deliver to the Representative as many signed copies of the Registration Statement as originally filed and of each amendment thereto (including exhibits filed therewith or incorporated by reference therein and documents incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference therein) as the Representative may reasonably request and will also deliver to the Representative a conformed copy

of the Registration Statement as originally filed and of each amendment thereto (without exhibits) for each of the Underwriters.

(d) The Offerors will furnish to each Underwriter, from time to time during the period when the Final Prospectus is required to be delivered under the 1933 Act, such number of copies of the Final Prospectus (as amended or supplemented) as such Underwriter may reasonably request for the purposes contemplated by the 1933 Act or the 1933 Act Regulations.

(e) If at any time when the Final Prospectus is required by the 1933 Act to be delivered in connection with sales of the Capital Securities, except with respect to any such delivery requirement imposed upon an affiliate of the Offerors in connection with any secondary market sales, any event shall occur as a result of which the Final Prospectus as then amended or supplemented will include any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact necessary to make the statements therein in light of the circumstances under which they were made not misleading, or if it shall be necessary to amend or supplement the Final Prospectus in order to comply with the requirements of the 1933 Act or the 1933 Act Regulations, the Offerors will, subject to paragraph (b) above, promptly prepare and file with the Commission such amendment or supplement which will correct such statement or omission or an

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amendment which will effect such compliance, give immediate notice, and confirm in writing, to the Underwriters to cease the solicitation of offers to purchase the Capital Securities, and furnish to the Underwriters a reasonable number of copies of such amendment or supplement.

(f) The Offerors will endeavor, in cooperation with the Underwriters, to qualify the Capital Securities (and the Capital Securities Guarantee) and the Junior Subordinated Notes for offering and sale under the applicable securities laws of such states and the other jurisdictions of the United States as the Underwriters may designate; provided, however, that none of the Offerors shall be obligated to qualify as a foreign corporation in any jurisdiction in which it is not so qualified.

(g) The Company will make generally available to its security holders and to the Underwriters as soon as practicable, but not later than 90 days after the close of the period covered thereby, an earnings statement (which need not be audited) of the Company and its subsidiaries, covering an applicable period beginning not later than the first day of the Company's fiscal quarter next following the "Effective Date" (as defined in Rule 158(c) under the 1933 Act) of the Registration Statement, which will satisfy the provisions of Section 11(a) of the 1933 Act.

(h) The Offerors will use reasonable efforts to effect the listing of the Capital Securities on the London Stock Exchange; if the Capital Securities are exchanged for Junior Subordinated Notes, the Company will use its reasonable best efforts to effect the listing of the Junior Subordinated Notes on the exchange on which the Capital Securities were then listed.

(i) The Company, during the period when the Final Prospectus is required to be delivered under the 1933 Act, will file promptly all documents required to be filed with the Commission pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the 1934 Act.

(j) Until the business day following the Closing Date, neither the Company nor the Trust will, without the consent of the Representatives, offer or sell, or announce the offering of, any additional securities covered by the Registration Statement or any other securities of the Company or any trust formed by the Company that are substantially similar to the Capital Securities.

SECTION 4. PAYMENT OF EXPENSES. The Company will pay all expenses incident to the performance of each Offerors' obligations under this Agreement, and will pay: (i) the printing and filing of the Registration Statement as originally filed and of each amendment thereto, (ii) the copying of this Agreement, (iii) the preparation, issuance and delivery of the certificates for the Capital Securities, including capital duties, stamp duties and transfer taxes, if any, payable upon issuance of any of the Securities, the sale of the Securities, (iv) the fees and disbursements of the Company's and the Trust's counsel and accountants, (v) the qualification of the Capital Securities, the Capital Securities Guarantee and the Junior Subordinated Notes under applicable securities laws in accordance with the provisions of Section 3(f) hereof, including filing fees and the fees and disbursements of Morrison & Foerster LLP, counsel for the Underwriters, in connection therewith and in connection with the preparation of any blue sky survey, (vi) the printing and delivery to the Underwriters of copies of the Registration Statement as originally filed and of each amendment thereto, of each preliminary prospectus, and of the

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Final Prospectus and any amendments or supplements thereto, (vii) the printing and delivery to the Underwriters of copies of any blue sky survey, (viii) the fee of the NASD, if applicable, (ix) the fees and expenses of the Debt Trustee, including the fees and disbursements of counsel for the Debt Trustee in connection with the Indenture and the Junior Subordinated Notes, (x) the preparation, printing, reproduction and delivery to the Underwriters of copies of the Indenture, (ix) the fees and expenses of the Property Trustee, the Delaware Trustee and the Guarantee Trustee, including the fees and disbursements of counsel for the Delaware Trustee in connection with the Declaration and the Certificate of Trust, (xii) any fees payable in connection with the rating of the Capital Securities and Junior Subordinated Notes, (xiii) the cost and charges of any transfer agent or registrar, (xiv) the fees and expenses incurred in connection with the listing of the Capital Securities and, if applicable, the Junior Subordinated Notes on the London Stock Exchange, and (xv) the cost of qualifying the Capital Securities with the applicable securities depository or depositories.

If this Agreement is terminated by the Representative in accordance with the provisions of Section 5 or Section 7 hereof, the Company shall reimburse the Underwriters for all of their reasonable out-of-pocket expenses, including the reasonable fees and disbursements of Morrison & Foerster LLP, counsel for the Underwriters.

SECTION 5. CONDITIONS OF UNDERWRITERS' OBLIGATIONS. The obligations of the Underwriters hereunder are subject to the accuracy of the representations and warranties of the Offerors herein contained or in certificates of officers of the Company or trustees of the Trust, to the performance by the Offerors of their obligations hereunder, and to the following further conditions:

(a) The Registration Statement shall have become effective prior to the date hereof or at such later time and date as may be approved by the Representative and at the Closing Time no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement shall have been issued under the 1933 Act or proceedings therefor initiated or threatened by the Commission. The Final Prospectus shall have been filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) within the applicable time period prescribed for such filing by the 1933 Regulations and in accordance with Section 3(b), and prior to the Closing Time, the Offerors shall have provided evidence satisfactory to the Representative of such timely filing.

(b) At the Closing Time, the Representative shall have received:

(1) The favorable opinion of Helms Mulliss & Wicker, PLLC, counsel for the Company and the Trust, dated as of the Closing Time, to the effect of paragraphs (i) and (v) through (xviii) below, and the favorable opinion of the General Counsel to the Company (or such other attorney in such department, reasonably acceptable to counsel to the Underwriters, who exercises general supervision or review in connection with a particular securities law matter for the Company), dated as of the Closing Time, to the effect of paragraphs (ii), (iii) and (iv) below:

(i) The Company is a duly organized and validly existing corporation in good standing under the laws of the State of Delaware, has the corporate power and authority to own its properties and conduct its business as described in the Final Prospectus, and is duly registered as a bank holding company under the Bank Holding Company Act of

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1956, as amended; the Principal Subsidiary Bank is a national banking association formed under the laws of the United States and authorized thereunder to transact business.

(ii) The Company and the Principal Subsidiary Bank are qualified or licensed to do business as a foreign corporation in any jurisdiction in which such counsel has knowledge that the Company or the Principal Subsidiary Bank, as the case may be, is required to be so qualified or licensed.

(iii) All the outstanding shares of capital stock of the Principal Subsidiary Bank have been duly and validly authorized and issued and are fully paid and (except as provided in 12 U.S.C. § 55, as amended) non-assessable, and, except as otherwise set forth in the Final Prospectus, all outstanding shares of capital stock of the Principal Subsidiary Bank (except directors' qualifying shares) are owned beneficially, directly or indirectly, by the Company free and clear of any perfected security interest and such counsel is without knowledge of any other security interests, claims, liens or encumbrances.

(iv) Such counsel is without knowledge that (1) there is any pending or threatened action, suit or proceeding before or by any court or governmental agency, authority or body or any arbitrator involving the Company or any of its subsidiaries, of a character required to be disclosed in the Registration Statement or the Final Prospectus which is omitted or not adequately disclosed therein, or (2) any franchise, contract or other document of a character required to be described in the Registration Statement or Final Prospectus, or to be filed as an exhibit to the Registration Statement, is not so described or filed as required.

(v) The Registration Statement has become effective under the 1933 Act; no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement has been issued and such counsel is without knowledge that any proceeding for that purpose has been instituted or threatened; the Registration Statement, the Final Prospectus and each amendment thereof or supplement thereto (other than the financial statements and other financial and statistical information contained therein or incorporated by reference therein, as to which such counsel need express no opinion) comply as to form in all material respects with the applicable requirements of the 1933 Act, the 1933 Act Regulations, the 1934 Act, the 1934 Act Regulations, the 1939 Act and the 1939 Act Regulations.

(vi) This Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company and constitutes a legal, valid and binding agreement of the Company enforceable against the Company in accordance with its terms, subject to the Permitted Exceptions, and except insofar as the enforceability of the indemnity and contribution provisions contained in this Agreement may be limited by federal and state securities laws.

(vii) No authorization, approval, consent or order of any court or governmental authority or agency or body in the United States is necessary or required on behalf of the

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Company or the Trust in connection with the offering, issuance or sale of the Capital Securities, the Capital Securities Guarantee and the Junior Subordinated Notes by the Offerors, except (A) such as may be required under the 1933 Act and the 1933 Act Regulations and such as may be required under the blue sky, state securities, insurance or similar laws of the United States, and (B) the qualification of the Declaration, the Capital Securities Guarantee Agreement and the Indenture under the 1939 Act.

(viii) The Declaration has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company and the Regular Trustees and has been duly qualified under the 1939 Act.

(ix) Each of the Guarantee Agreements has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company; the Capital Securities Guarantee Agreement, assuming it is duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Guarantee Trustee, constitutes a valid and binding obligation of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with its terms, except to the extent that enforcement thereof may be limited by the Permitted Exceptions; and the Capital Securities Guarantee Agreement has been duly qualified under the 1939 Act. The Common Securities Guarantee Agreement constitutes a valid and binding obligation of the Company enforceable against the Company in accordance with its terms, except to the extent that enforcement thereof may be limited by the Permitted Exceptions. The Guarantees and the Guarantee Agreements conform in all material respects to the descriptions thereof in the Final Prospectus.

(x) The Indenture has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company and, assuming due authorization, execution, and delivery thereof by the Debt Trustee, is a valid and binding obligation of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with its terms, except to the extent that enforcement thereof may be limited by the Permitted Exceptions; the Indenture has been duly qualified under the 1939 Act; and the Indenture conforms in all material respects to the description thereof in the Final Prospectus, as supplemented or amended.

(xi) The Junior Subordinated Notes have been duly authorized and when executed and authenticated in the manner provided in the Indenture and delivered against payment therefor, will constitute valid and binding obligations of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with their terms, except to the extent that enforcement thereof may be limited by the Permitted Exceptions; and the Junior Subordinated Notes conform in all material respects to the description thereof in the Final Prospectus, as supplemented or amended.

(xii) Neither the Company nor the Trust is, and upon the issuance and sale of the Securities as herein contemplated and the application of the net proceeds therefrom as described in the Final Prospectus neither will be, an "investment company" or a company "controlled" by an "investment company" within the meaning of the 1940 Act.

(xiii) The forms of the Common Securities and the Capital Securities and the Declaration conform in all material respects to the description thereof contained in the Final Prospectus.

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(xiv) All of the issued and outstanding Common Securities of the Trust are directly owned by the Company free and clear of any security interest, mortgage, pledge, lien, encumbrance, claim or equitable right.

(xv) The Trust is not a party to or otherwise bound by any agreement other than those described in the Final Prospectus.

(xvi) This Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by the Trust.

(xvii) Neither the issuance and sale of the Junior Subordinated Notes or the Guarantees, nor the consummation of any other of the transactions herein contemplated or contemplated by the Indenture or the Guarantee Agreements, nor the fulfillment of the terms hereof or thereof will conflict with, result in a breach of, or constitute a default under the certificate of incorporation or by-laws of the Company or (1) the terms of any indenture or other material agreement or instrument known to such counsel and to which the Company or the Principal Subsidiary Bank is a party or bound, or (2) any order, law or regulation known to such counsel to be applicable to the Company or the Principal Subsidiary Bank of any court, regulatory body, administrative agency, governmental body or arbitrator having jurisdiction over the Company or the Principal Subsidiary Bank.

(xviii) The Company has caused a preliminary listing application with respect to the Capital Securities to be filed with the London Stock Exchange and such counsel has received no information stating that the Capital Securities will not be authorized for listing.

In giving their opinions required by this Section, but without opining in connection therewith, such counsel also shall state, that although such counsel expresses no view as to portions of the Registration Statement consisting of financial statements and other financial, accounting, and statistical information and such counsel has not independently verified, is not passing upon and assumes no responsibility for, the accuracy, completeness, or fairness of the statements contained in the Registration Statement or Final Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto (other than as stated in (x), (xi), (xiii) above), such counsel has no reason to believe that such remaining portions of the Registration Statement or any amendment thereto at the time it became effective and as of the date of such counsel's opinion, contained or contains an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading or that, subject to the foregoing with respect to financial statements and other financial, accounting and statistical information, the Final Prospectus, as amended or supplemented, as of its date and as of the date of such opinion, contained or contains an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted or omits to state a material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

In rendering such opinions, such counsel may rely (A) as to matters involving the application of laws of any jurisdiction other than the State of North Carolina, the General Corporate Law of the State of Delaware, or the United States, to the extent deemed proper and specified in such opinion, upon the opinion of other counsel of good standing believed to be

reliable and who are satisfactory to counsel for the Underwriters; and (B) as to matters of fact, to the extent deemed proper, on the representations and warranties of the Offerors contained herein or in the Declaration, the Indenture, the Guarantee Agreements, that certain subscription agreement, of even date herewith, between the Company and the Trust covering the Common Securities and that certain note purchase agreement, of even date herewith, between the Company and the Trust, or on certificates of responsible officers of the Company and its subsidiaries and public officials.

(2) The favorable opinion of Richards, Layton & Finger P.A., special Delaware counsel to the Offerors, in form and substance satisfactory to counsel for the Underwriters, to the effect that:

(i) The Trust has been duly created and is validly existing in good standing as a statutory trust under the Delaware Act; all filings required under the laws of the State of Delaware with respect to the formation and valid existence of the Trust as a statutory trust have been made; the Trust has all necessary power and authority to own property and to conduct its business as described in the Registration Statement and the Final Prospectus and to enter into and perform its obligations under this Agreement, the Capital Securities and the Common Securities.

(ii) Assuming due authorization, execution and delivery by the Company and the Trustees, the Declaration is a valid and binding obligation of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with its terms, except as enforcement thereof may be limited by the Permitted Exceptions.

(iii) The Common Securities have been duly authorized by the Declaration and are validly issued and represent undivided beneficial interests in the assets of the Trust.

(iv) The Capital Securities have been duly authorized by the Declaration and are validly issued and, subject to the terms of the Declaration, when delivered to and paid for by the Underwriters pursuant to this Agreement, will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable beneficial interests in the assets of the Trust; the holders of the Capital Securities will, subject to the terms of the Declaration, be entitled to the same limitation of personal liability under Delaware law as is extended to stockholders of private corporations for profit; and the issuance of the Capital Securities is not subject to preemptive or other similar rights.

(v) This Agreement has been duly authorized by the Trust.

(vi) The issuance and sale by the Trust of the Capital Securities and the Common Securities, the execution, delivery and performance by the Trust of this Agreement, the consummation by the Trust of the transactions contemplated hereby and the compliance by the Trust with its obligations hereunder will not violate (A) any of the provisions of the Certificate of Trust or the Declaration or (B) any applicable Delaware law or administrative regulation.

(3) The favorable opinion of Richards, Layton & Finger P.A., special Delaware counsel to The Bank of New York (Delaware), in form and substance satisfactory to counsel for the Underwriters, to the effect that:

(i) The Bank of New York (Delaware) is a Delaware banking corporation with trust powers, duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of Delaware with all necessary power and authority to execute and deliver, and to carry out and perform its obligations under the terms of the Declaration.

(ii) The execution, delivery and performance by the Delaware Trustee of the Declaration have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate action on the part of the Delaware Trustee. The Declaration has been duly executed and delivered by the Delaware Trustee, and constitutes the legal, valid and binding obligation of the Delaware Trustee, enforceable against the Delaware Trustee in accordance with its terms, except as enforcement thereof may be limited by the Permitted Exceptions.

(iii) The execution, delivery and performance of the Declaration by the Delaware Trustee does not conflict with or constitute a breach of the articles of organization or bylaws of the Delaware Trustee.

(iv) No consent, approval or authorization of, or registration with or notice to, any Delaware or federal banking authority is necessary or required for the execution, delivery or performance by the Delaware Trustee of the Declaration.

(4) The favorable opinion, dated as of the Closing Time, of Emmet, Marvin & Martin, LLP, counsel to The Bank of New York, as Debt Trustee under the Indenture, as Guarantee Trustee under the Capital Securities Guarantee Agreement, and as Property Trustee under the Declaration, in form and substance satisfactory to counsel for the Underwriters, to the effect that:

(i) The Bank of New York is a New York banking corporation with trust powers, duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of New York with all necessary power and authority to execute and deliver, and to carry out and perform its obligations under the terms of, the Declaration, the Indenture and the Capital Securities Guarantee Agreement.

(ii) The execution, delivery and performance by the Debt Trustee of the Indenture, the execution, delivery and

performance by the Property Trustee of the Declaration, and the execution, delivery and performance by the Guarantee Trustee of the Capital Securities Guarantee Agreement have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate action on the part of the Debt Trustee, the Property Trustee and the Guarantee Trustee, respectively. The Indenture has been duly executed and delivered by the Debt Trustee, and constitutes the legal, valid and binding obligations of the Debt Trustee, enforceable against the Debt Trustee in accordance with its terms, except as enforcement thereof may be limited by the Permitted Exceptions. The Declaration has been duly executed and delivered by the Property Trustee, and constitutes the legal, valid and binding obligations of the Property Trustee, enforceable against the Property Trustee in

accordance with its terms, except as enforcement thereof may be limited by the Permitted Exceptions. The Capital Securities Guarantee Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by the Guarantee Trustee, and constitutes the legal, valid and binding obligations of the Guarantee Trustee, enforceable against the Guarantee Trustee in accordance with its terms, except as enforcement thereof may be limited by the Permitted Exceptions.

(iii) The execution, delivery and performance of the Indenture by the Debt Trustee does not conflict with or constitute a breach of the Articles of Organization or Bylaws of the Debt Trustee. The execution, delivery and performance of the Declaration by the Property Trustee does not conflict with or constitute a breach of the Articles of Organization or Bylaws of the Property Trustee. The execution, delivery and performance of the Capital Securities Guarantee Agreement by the Guarantee Trustee does not conflict with or constitute a breach of the Articles of Organization or Bylaws of the Guarantee Trustee.

(iv) No consent, approval or authorization of, or registration with or notice to, any New York or federal banking authority is necessary or required for the execution, delivery or performance by the Debt Trustee of the Indenture. No consent, approval or authorization of, or registration with or notice to, any New York or federal banking authority is necessary or required for the execution, delivery or performance by the Property Trustee of the Declaration. No consent, approval or authorization of, or registration with or notice to, any New York or federal banking authority is required for the execution, delivery or performance by the Guarantee Trustee of the Capital Securities Guarantee Agreement.

(5) The favorable opinion, dated as of the Closing Time, of Morrison & Foerster LLP, counsel for the Underwriters, in form and substance satisfactory to the Underwriters with respect to the legal existence of the Company and the Trust, the Capital Securities, the Indenture, the Capital Securities Guarantee Agreement, this Agreement, the Registration Statement, the Final Prospectus and any other related matters as the Representative may require.

In giving its opinion, Morrison & Foerster LLP may rely as to certain matters of (i) Delaware law upon the opinion of Richards, Layton & Finger P.A., counsel for the Offerors, which shall be delivered in accordance with Section 5(b)(2) hereto and (ii) North Carolina law upon the opinion of Helms Mulliss & Wicker, PLLC, which shall be delivered in accordance with Section 5(b)(1) hereto.

(6) The favorable opinion of Morrison & Foerster LLP, special tax counsel to the Company and the Trust, as to certain Federal tax matters set forth in the Final Prospectus under "United States Federal Income Taxation."

(c) At the Closing Time, there shall not have been, since the date hereof or since the respective dates as of which information is given in the Registration Statement and the Final Prospectus, any material adverse change, or any development involving a prospective material adverse change, in the condition (financial or other), earnings, business or properties of the Trust

or the Company and its subsidiaries, considered as one enterprise, whether or not arising from transactions in the ordinary course of business, except as set forth or contemplated in the Final Prospectus, as amended or supplemented, and the Representative shall have received a certificate of any Senior Vice President or Treasurer or any other authorized officer of the Company and a certificate of a Regular Trustee of the Trust, and dated as of the Closing Time, to the effect that the signers of such certificate have carefully examined the Registration Statement, the Final Prospectus and this Agreement and they are without knowledge that: (i) there has been any material adverse change or any development involving a prospective material adverse change in the condition (financial or other), earnings, business or properties of the Trust or the Company and its subsidiaries, considered as one enterprise, whether or not arising from transactions in the ordinary course of business, except as set forth or contemplated in the Final Prospectus, as amended or supplemented, (ii) the representations and warranties in Section 1 hereof are not true and correct with the same force and effect as though expressly made at and as of the Closing Time, (iii) the Trust or the Company, as the case may be, has not performed or complied with all agreements and satisfied all conditions on its part to be performed or satisfied hereunder at or prior to the Closing Time, (iv) any stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement has been issued or any proceedings for that purpose have been initiated or threatened by the Commission, and (v) any litigation or proceeding shall be threatened or pending to restrain or enjoin the issuance or delivery of the Capital Securities, or which in any way affects the validity of the Capital Securities.

(d) At the Closing Time, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP shall have furnished to the Representative a letter or letters (which may refer to letters previously delivered to the Representative), dated as of the Closing Time, in form and substance satisfactory to the Representative, confirming that the response, if any, to Item 10 of the Registration Statement is correct insofar as it relates to them and stating in effect that:

(1) They are an independent registered public accounting firm with respect to the Company within the meaning of the

1933 Act and the applicable rules and regulations thereunder adopted by the Commission and the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States).

(2) In their opinion, the consolidated financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries audited by them and included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement and Final Prospectus comply as to form in all material respects with the applicable accounting requirements of the 1933 Act and the 1934 Act and the related rules and regulations adopted by the Commission.

(3) On the basis of procedures (but not an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards) consisting of:

(i) Reading the minutes of the meetings of the stockholders, the board of directors, executive committee and audit committee of the Company and the board of directors of the Principal Subsidiary Bank as set forth in the minute books through a specified date not more than five business days prior to the date of delivery of such letter;

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(ii) Performing the procedures specified by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants for a review of interim financial information as described in Statement of Accounting Standards No. 100, Interim Financial Information, on the unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement and Final Prospectus and reading the unaudited interim financial data, if any, for the period from the date of the latest balance sheet included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement and Final Prospectus to the date of the latest available interim financial data; and

(iii) Making inquiries of certain officials of the Company who have responsibility for financial and accounting matters regarding the specific items for which representations are requested below;

nothing has come to their attention as a result of the foregoing procedures that caused them to believe that:

(a) the unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements, included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement and Final Prospectus, do not comply as to form in all material respects with the applicable accounting requirements of the 1934 Act and the 1934 Act Regulations thereunder;

(b) any material modifications should be made to the unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements, included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement and Final Prospectus, for them to be in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles;

(c) (i) at the date of the latest available interim financial data and at the specified date not more than five business days prior to the date of the delivery of such letter, there was any change in the common stock or the consolidated long-term debt (other than scheduled repayments of such debt) of the Company and the subsidiaries on a consolidated basis as compared with the amounts shown in the latest balance sheet included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement and the Final Prospectus or (ii) for the period from the date of the latest available financial data to a specified date not more than five business days prior to the delivery of such letter, there was any change in the common stock or the consolidated long-term debt (other than scheduled repayments of such debt) of the Company and the subsidiaries on a consolidated basis, except in all instances for changes or decreases which the Registration Statement and Final Prospectus discloses have occurred or may occur, or PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP shall state any specific changes or decreases.

The letter shall also state that PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP has carried out certain other specified procedures, not constituting an audit, with respect to certain amounts, percentages and financial information which are included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement and Final Prospectus and which are specified by the Representative and agreed to by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, and has found such amounts, percentages and financial

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information to be in agreement with the relevant accounting, financial and other records of the Company and its subsidiaries identified in such letter.

(e) Subsequent to the respective dates as of which information is given in the Registration Statement and the Final Prospectus, there shall not have been (i) any change or decrease specified in the letter or letters referred to in the immediate prior sub-section or (ii) any change, or any development involving a prospective change, in or affecting the condition (financial or other), earnings, business or properties of the Trust or the Company and its subsidiaries, considered as one enterprise, the effect of which, in any case referred to in clause (i) or (ii) above, is, in the judgment of the Representative, so material and adverse as to make it impractical or inadvisable to proceed with the offering or the delivery of the Capital Securities as contemplated by the Registration Statement and the Final Prospectus.

(f) At the Closing Time, counsel for the Underwriters shall have been furnished with such documents and opinions as they may require for the purpose of enabling them to pass upon the issuance and sale of the Capital Securities as herein contemplated and related proceedings, or in order to evidence the accuracy of any of the representations or warranties, or the fulfillment of any of the conditions, herein contained; and all proceedings taken by the Offerors, in connection with the issuance and sale of the Capital Securities as herein contemplated shall be satisfactory in form and substance to the Representative and Morrison & Foerster LLP, counsel for the Underwriters.

(g) At the Closing Time, at least one "nationally recognized statistical rating organization" (as defined for purposes of Rule 436(g) under the 1933 Act), has rated the Capital Securities in one of its four highest rating categories and (i) no downgrading shall have occurred in the rating accorded the Company's debt securities by any such nationally recognized statistical rating organization, and (ii) no such organization shall have publicly announced that it has under surveillance or review, with possible negative implications, its rating of any of the Company's debt securities.

(h) There shall not have come to the Representative's attention any facts that would cause the Representative to believe that the Final Prospectus, at the time it was required to be delivered to a purchaser of the Securities, included an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances existing at the time of such delivery, not misleading.

At the Closing Time, the Capital Securities shall have been approved for (1) admission to the official list of the UK Listing Authority, and (2) admission for trading on the London Stock Exchange.

(i) In connection with the sale and purchase of the Capital Securities, if any condition specified in this Section with respect thereto shall not have been fulfilled in all material respects when and as required to be fulfilled, this Agreement may be terminated by the Representative by notice to the Offerors, in writing or by telephone or telegraph confirmed in writing, at any time at or prior to the Closing Time and such termination shall be without liability of any party to any other party except as provided in Section 4 hereof, and except that Sections 1, 6, and 7 shall survive any such termination and will remain in full force and effect.

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SECTION 6. INDEMNIFICATION AND CONTRIBUTION

(a) The Offerors jointly and severally agree to indemnify and hold harmless each Underwriter and each person who controls any Underwriter within the meaning of either the 1933 Act or the 1934 Act against any and all losses, claims, damages or liabilities, joint or several, to which they or any of them may become subject under the 1933 Act, the 1934 Act or other Federal or state statutory law or regulation, at common law or otherwise, insofar as such losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) arise out of or are based upon any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the Registration Statement as originally filed or in any amendment thereof, or arise out of or are based upon any omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, or arise out of or are based upon any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the Final Prospectus, or any amendment or supplement thereof, or arise out of or are based upon any omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, and agrees to reimburse each such indemnified party for any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by them in connection with investigating or defending any such loss, claim, damage, liability or action; provided, however, that (i) the Offerors will not be liable in any such case to the extent that any such loss, claim, damage or liability arises out of or is based upon any such untrue statement or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission made therein in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Offerors by or on behalf of any Underwriter through the Representative specifically for inclusion in the Registration Statement or Final Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereof, or arises out of or is based upon statements in or omissions from that part of the Registration Statement which shall constitute the Statement of Eligibility and Qualification of the Trustee (Form T-1) under the 1939 Act of any Trustee, and (ii) such indemnity with respect to the Basic Prospectus or the Final Prospectus shall not inure to the benefit of any Underwriter (or any person controlling such Underwriter) from whom the person asserting any such loss, claim, damage or liability purchased the Capital Securities which are the subject thereof if such person did not receive a copy of the Final Prospectus (or the Final Prospectus as amended or supplemented) excluding documents incorporated therein by reference at or prior to the confirmation of the sale of such Capital Securities to such person in any case where such delivery is required by the 1933 Act and the untrue statement or omission of a material fact contained in any preliminary Final Prospectus was corrected in the Final Prospectus or the Final Prospectus as amended or supplemented. This indemnity agreement will be in addition to any liability which the Offerors may otherwise have.

(b) Each Underwriter severally and not jointly agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Company, the Trust, the Trustees, each of the Company's directors, each of the Company's officers who signs the Registration Statement and each of the Trustees who signs the Registration Statement, and each person who controls the Company or the Trust within the meaning of either the 1933 Act or the 1934 Act, to the same extent as the foregoing indemnity from the Offerors to each Underwriter, but only with reference to written information relating to such Underwriter furnished to the Offerors by or on behalf of such Underwriter through the Representative specifically for inclusion in the Registration Statement or Final Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereof. This indemnity agreement will be in addition to any liability

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which any Underwriter may otherwise have. The Offerors acknowledge that (i) the names of the Underwriters and the statements required by Item 508 of Regulation S-K set forth in the language on the cover page or under the heading "Underwriting", (ii) the sentences relating to concessions and reallowances, and (iii) the paragraph related to stabilization and syndicate covering transactions in the Final Prospectus, constitute the only information furnished in writing by or on behalf of the several Underwriters for inclusion in the Registration Statement or Final Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto, and the Representative confirms that such statements are correct.

(c) Promptly after receipt by an indemnified party under subsection (a) or (b) above of notice of the commencement of any

action, such indemnified party will, if a claim in respect thereof is to be made against the indemnifying party under such subsection, notify the indemnifying party in writing of the commencement thereof; but the omission so to notify the indemnifying party will not relieve it from any liability which it may have to any indemnified party otherwise than under such subsection. In case any such action is brought against any indemnified party, and it notifies the indemnifying party of the commencement thereof, the indemnifying party will be entitled to participate therein, and, to the extent that it may elect by written notice delivered to the indemnified party promptly after receiving the aforesaid notice from such indemnified party, to assume the defense thereof, with counsel satisfactory to such indemnified party; provided, however, that if the defendants in any such action include both the indemnified party and the indemnifying party and the indemnified party shall have reasonably concluded that there may be legal defenses available to it and/or other indemnified parties which are different from or additional to those available to the indemnifying party, the indemnified party or parties shall have the right to select separate counsel to assert such legal defenses and to otherwise participate in the defense of such action on behalf of such indemnified party or parties. Upon receipt of notice from the indemnifying party to such indemnified party of its election so to assume the defense of such action and approval by the indemnified party of counsel, the indemnifying party will not be liable to such indemnified party under this Section 6 for any legal or other expenses subsequently incurred by such indemnified party in connection with the defense thereof unless (i) the indemnified party shall have employed separate counsel in connection with the assertion of legal defenses in accordance with the proviso to the next preceding sentence (it being understood, however, that the indemnifying party shall not be liable for the expenses of more than one separate counsel (in addition to local counsel), approved by the Representative in the case of subparagraph (a), representing the indemnified parties under subparagraph (a) who are parties to such action), (ii) the indemnifying party shall not have employed counsel satisfactory to the indemnified party to represent the indemnified party within a reasonable time after notice of commencement of the action or (iii) the indemnifying party has authorized the employment of counsel for the indemnified party at the expense of the indemnifying party; and except that if clause (i) or (iii) is applicable, such liability shall be only in respect of the counsel referred to in such clause (i) or (iii).

(d) To provide for just and equitable contribution in circumstances in which the indemnification provided for in paragraph (a) of this Section 6 is due in accordance with its terms but is for any reason held by a court to be unavailable from the Offerors on the grounds of policy or otherwise, the Offerors and the Underwriters shall contribute to the aggregate losses, claims, damages and liabilities (including legal or other expenses reasonably incurred in connection with investigating or defending same) to which the Offerors and one or more of the

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Underwriters may be subject in such proportion so that the Underwriters are responsible for that portion represented by the percentage that the underwriting discount bears to the sum of such discount and the purchase price of the Securities specified in Schedule B hereto and the Offerors are responsible for the balance; provided, however, that (y) in no case shall any Underwriter (except as may be provided in any agreement among underwriters relating to the offering of the Capital Securities) be responsible for any amount in excess of the underwriting discount applicable to the Capital Securities purchased by such Underwriter hereunder and (z) no person guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation (within the meaning of Section 11(f) of the 1933 Act) shall be entitled to contribution from any person who was not guilty of such fraudulent misrepresentation. For purposes of this Section 6, each person who controls an Underwriter within the meaning of the 1933 Act shall have the same rights to contribution as such Underwriter, and each person who controls either of the Offerors within the meaning of either the 1933 Act or the 1934 Act, each officer or trustee of the Offerors who shall have signed the Registration Statement and each director or trustee of the Offerors shall have the same rights to contribution as the Offerors, subject in each case to clause (y) of this paragraph (d). Any party entitled to contribution will, promptly after receipt of notice of commencement of any action, suit or proceeding against such party in respect of which a claim for contribution may be made against another party or parties under this paragraph (d), notify such party or parties from whom contribution may be sought, but the omission to so notify such party or parties shall not relieve the party or parties from whom contribution may be sought from any other obligation it or they may have hereunder or otherwise than under this paragraph (d).

(e) The Company agrees to indemnify the Trust against all losses, claims, damages or liabilities incurred by the Trust under Section 6(a) hereof.

SECTION 7. TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT. This Agreement shall be subject to termination in the absolute discretion of the Representative, by notice given to the Offerors prior to delivery of and payment for the Securities, if prior to such time (i) trading in securities generally on the New York Stock Exchange shall have been suspended or limited or minimum prices shall have been established on such exchange, or (ii) a banking moratorium or a material disruption in the commercial banking or securities settlement or clearance services in the United States shall have been declared by Federal or New York State authorities, or (iii) there shall have occurred any outbreak or material escalation of hostilities or other calamity or crisis (in the United States or elsewhere) the effect of which on the financial markets of the United States is such as to make it, in the judgment of the Representative, impracticable to market the Securities.

SECTION 8. DEFAULT BY ONE OR MORE OF THE UNDERWRITERS. If one or more of the Underwriters shall fail at the Closing Time to purchase the Capital Securities that it or they are obligated to purchase under this Agreement (the "Defaulted Securities"), the Representative shall have the right, within 24 hours thereafter, to make arrangements for one or more of the non-defaulting Underwriters, or any other underwriters, to purchase all, but not less than all, of the Defaulted Securities in such amounts as may be agreed upon and upon the terms herein set forth; if, however, the Representative shall not have completed such arrangements within such 24-hour period, then:

(a) if the number of Defaulted Securities does not exceed 10% of the Capital Securities each of the non-defaulting Underwriters shall be obligated, severally and not

jointly, to purchase the full amount thereof in the proportions that their respective underwriting obligations hereunder bear to the underwriting obligations of all non-defaulting Underwriters, or

(b) if the number of Defaulted Securities exceeds 10% of the Capital Securities, this Agreement shall terminate without liability on the part of any non-defaulting Underwriter.

No action taken pursuant to this Section shall relieve any defaulting Underwriter from liability in respect of its default.

In the event of any such default which does not result in a termination of this Agreement, either the Representative or the Offerors shall have the right to postpone the Closing Time for a period not exceeding seven days in order to effect any required changes in the Registration Statement or Final Prospectus or in any other documents or arrangements.

SECTION 9. NOTICES. All notices and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given if mailed or transmitted by any standard form of telecommunication. Notices to the Underwriters shall be directed to them at Banc of America Securities Limited, 5 Canada Square, London E14 5AQ, England, Attn.: Ian Harjette, with a copy to: Morrison & Foerster LLP, 1290 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10105-0050, Attn.: James R. Tanenbaum; notices to the Trust and the Company shall be directed to them at Bank of America Corporation, Corporate Treasury Division, NC1-007-07-06, 100 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, N.C. 28255, Attn.: Karen A. Gosnell, Senior Vice President, with a copy to each of: Bank of America Corporation, Bank of America Corporate Center, 100 North Tryon Street, Legal Department, NC1-007-20-1, Charlotte, North Carolina 28255, Attn.: General Counsel; and Helms Mulliss & Wicker, PLLC, 201 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, North Carolina 28202, Attn.: Boyd C. Campbell, Jr.

SECTION 10. PARTIES. (a) This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the Underwriters, the Trust, and the Company and their respective successors. Nothing expressed or mentioned in this Agreement is intended or shall be construed to give any person, firm or corporation, other than the Underwriters and the Trust and the Company and their respective successors and the controlling persons and officers, directors and trustees referred to in Section 6 and their heirs and legal representatives, any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim under or in respect of this Agreement or any provision herein contained. This Agreement and all conditions and provisions hereof are intended to be for the sole and exclusive benefit of the Underwriters and the Trust and the Company and their respective successors, and said controlling persons and officers, directors and trustees and their heirs and legal representatives, and for the benefit of no other person, firm or corporation. No purchaser of Capital Securities from any Underwriter shall be deemed to be a successor by reason merely of such purchase.

(b) Each of the Company and the Trust acknowledges and agrees that in connection with all aspects of the offering contemplated by this Agreement, the Company and the Trust shall be deemed to have an arms length business relationship with the Underwriters that creates no fiduciary duty on the part of the Underwriters with respect to the interests of Company and the

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Trust. Each of the Company and the Trust expressly disclaims the existence of any such fiduciary relationship resulting from the offering contemplated by this Agreement.

SECTION 11. GOVERNING LAW AND TIME. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York applicable to agreements made and to be performed in said State. Except as otherwise set forth herein, specified times of day refer to New York City time.

SECTION 12. COUNTERPARTS. This Agreement may be executed by any one or more of the parties hereto in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, but all such respective counterparts shall together constitute one and the same instrument.

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If the foregoing is in accordance with your understanding of our agreement, please sign and return to the Company and the Trust a counterpart hereof, whereupon this instrument, along with all counterparts, will become a binding agreement between the Underwriters and the Trust and the Company in accordance with its terms.

Very truly yours,

BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION

By: /s/ KAREN A. GOSNELL

Name: Karen A. Gosnell

Title: Senior Vice President

BAC CAPITAL TRUST VII

By: /s/ JAMES T. HOUGHTON
Name: James T. Houghton
Title: Regular Trustee

By: /s/ KAREN A. GOSNELL
Name: Karen A. Gosnell
Title: Regular Trustee

CONFIRMED AND ACCEPTED,
as of the date first above written:

By: BANC OF AMERICA SECURITIES LIMITED

By: /s/ LISA MCGEE
Name: Lisa McGee
Title:

By: THE ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND PLC
DEUTSCHE BANK AG, LONDON BRANCH
HSBC BANK PLC
ROYAL BANK OF CANADA EUROPE LIMITED
UBS LIMITED

By: /s/ LISA MCGEE
Name: Lisa McGee, as Attorney-in-Fact

SCHEDULE A

<u>NAME OF UNDERWRITERS</u>	<u>NUMBER OF CAPITAL SECURITIES</u>
Banc of America Securities Limited.....	8,414
The Royal Bank of Scotland plc.....	8,414
Deutsche Bank AG, London Branch.....	43
HSBC Bank plc.....	43
Royal Bank of Canada Europe Limited.....	43
UBS Limited.....	<u>43</u>
Total.....	17,000

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SCHEDULE B

Underwriting Agreement dated August 4, 2005

Registration Statement Nos. 333-123714, 333-123714-01, 333-123714-02, 333-123714-03, 333-123714-04, 333-123714-05 and 333-123714-06

Underwriters: Banc of America Securities Limited
The Royal Bank of Scotland plc
Deutsche Bank AG, London Branch
HSBC Bank plc
Royal Bank of Canada Europe Limited
UBS Limited

Address of Underwriters:

c/o Banc of America Securities Limited
5 Canada Square
London E14 5AQ
England

Attention: Ian Harjette

Title, Purchase Price and Description of Securities:

Title: BAC Capital Trust VII 5 1/4% Capital Securities due 2035

1. The initial public offering price per security for the Capital Securities, determined as provided in said Section 2, shall be £49,970.
2. The purchase price per security for the Capital Securities to be paid by the several Underwriters shall be £49,970, being an amount equal to the initial public offering price set forth above.
3. The compensation per Capital Security to be paid by the Company to the several Underwriters in respect of their commitments hereunder shall be £500 per security.

Closing Date, Time and Location: August 10, 2005, 8:00 A.M. New York City time, Office of Morrison & Foerster LLP

Stock Exchange Listing: Application will be made to list the Securities on the London Stock Exchange.

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SCHEDULE C

SELLING RESTRICTIONS

United States

Each Underwriter severally represents and agrees that it will not offer or sell the Securities in the United States or to United States persons except if such offers or sales are made by or through broker-dealers registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

Australia

No Final Prospectus, Basic Prospectus, or any other disclosure document in relation to the Capital Securities has been or will be lodged with the Australian Securities and Investment Commission ("ASIC"). Each of the Underwriters represents and agrees that it:

- (a) has not offered or invited applications, and will not offer or invite applications, for the issue, sale, or purchase of any of the Capital Securities in Australia (including an offer or invitation which is received by a person in Australia); and
- (b) has not distributed or published, and will not distribute or publish, the Final Prospectus, the Basic Prospectus, or any other offering material or advertisement relating to any of the Capital Securities in Australia;

unless (i) the aggregate consideration payable by each offeree is at least A\$500,000, or its equivalent in another currency (disregarding moneys lent by the Corporation or its associates), or the offer otherwise does not require disclosure under Part 6D.2 of the Corporations Act 2001 of Australia, and (ii) such action complies with all applicable laws and regulations and does not require any document to be lodged with ASIC.

Belgium

The Capital Securities have not been and will not be publicly offered in Belgium.

The offering of the Capital Securities will be exclusively conducted under applicable Belgian private placement exemptions, and, therefore, it has not been and will not be notified to, and the Final Prospectus, the Basic Prospectus, or any other offering material relating to the Capital Securities has not been and will not be approved by, the Belgian Banking, Finance and Insurance Commission ("Commission bancaire et financiere et des assurances" / "Commissie voor het Bank, Financie- en Assurantiewezen").

Accordingly, the offering of the Capital Securities may not be advertised, and each of the Underwriters represents, warrants, and agrees that it has not offered, sold, or resold, transferred, or delivered, and will not offer, sell, resell, transfer, or deliver, the Capital Securities and that it has not distributed, and will not distribute, any memorandum, information circular, brochure, or any similar documents, directly or indirectly, to any individual or legal entity in Belgium other than:

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- (a) investors required to invest a minimum of Euro250,000 (or its equivalent in another currency) (per investor and per transaction);
- (b) institutional investors as defined in Article 3, 2, of the Belgian Royal Decree of 4 July 1999 on the public character of financial transactions, acting for their own account; or

- (c) persons for which the acquisition of the Capital Securities subject to the offering is necessary to enable them to exercise their professional activity.

The Final Prospectus and the Basic Prospectus will be issued only for the personal use of the above-qualified investors and exclusively for the purpose of the offering of the Capital Securities. Accordingly, the information contained therein may not be used for any other purpose nor disclosed to any other person in Belgium.

France

The Capital Securities only may be offered or sold to qualified investors and/or to a restricted number of investors in the Republic of France in accordance with Article L.411-2 of the French Code Monétaire et Financier ("Monetary and Financial Code") and with the Decree no. 98-880 dated 1 October 1998 (the "Decree"); neither the Final Prospectus or the Basic Prospectus, which have not been submitted to the Autorité des marchés financiers (the "AMF"), nor any information contained therein or any offering material relating to the Capital Securities, may be distributed or caused to be distributed to the public in France.

Republic of Italy

The offering of the Capital Securities has not been registered pursuant to Italian securities legislation and, accordingly, each of the Underwriters represents and agrees that no action has or will be taken by it which would allow an offering ("sollecitazione all'investimento") of the Capital Securities to the public in the Republic of Italy, and that sales of the Capital Securities to any persons in the Republic of Italy shall be effected in accordance with Italian securities, tax and other applicable laws and regulations.

Subject to the above, the Final Prospectus, the Basic Prospectus and the subsequent offer, if any, is and will be made in compliance with the laws of Italy and is and will be:

- (a) exclusively addressed to Italian professional investors (as defined in article 31 of the Consob Regulation 11522 of July 1, 1998), in accordance with Section 100(A), of Legislative Decree n. 58 of February 24, 1998. Article 31 defines professional investors as follows: "Professional investors shall mean authorised intermediaries, asset management companies, SICAVs, pension funds, insurance companies, foreign persons who, pursuant to the law in force in their home country, carry on the activities carried on by the foregoing persons, companies and entities that issue financial instruments traded in regulated markets, companies entered in the lists referred to in Articles 106, 107 and 113 of Legislative Decree 385 of September 1, 1993, financial salesmen, natural persons who document their possession of the professional qualifications referred to in the

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Consolidated Law for persons performing administrative, managerial or control functions in SIMs, banking foundations, and companies or legal persons possessing specific expertise and experience in matters of transactions in financial instruments expressly declared in writing by their legal representative"; and

- (b) effected in circumstances which are exempted from the rules on solicitation of investments pursuant to Article 30, second paragraph and Article 100 of Legislative Decree no. 58 of February 24, 1998 (the "Financial Services Act") and Article 33, first paragraph, of CONSOB Regulation no. 11971 of May 14, 1999, as amended.

The Netherlands

Bank of America Corporation is not a credit institution registered with the Dutch Central Bank (De Nederlandsche Bank N.V.) pursuant to Section 52(2) of the Netherlands Credit System Supervision Act 1992 (Wet toezicht kredietwezen 1992).

In respect of the Capital Securities, each Underwriter represents and agrees:

- (a) that it has not, directly or indirectly, offered, sold, or transferred and will not, directly or indirectly, offer, sell, or transfer in The Netherlands any Capital Securities (including rights representing an interest in any global Capital Security) other than to professional market parties as defined in Section 1(e) of the Dutch Exemption Regulation pursuant to the Act on the Supervision of the Credit System (Vrijstellingsregeling Wet toezicht kredietwezen 1992) (which includes, among others, (1) banks, insurance companies, securities firms, pension funds, and investment institutions duly registered with the applicable Dutch supervisory authority; (2) the State of The Netherlands, the Dutch Central Bank, international treaty organizations, or supranational public institutions; (3) enterprises and institutions with consolidated total assets of at least Euro500,000,000 (or its equivalent in another currency) as at the end of the preceding calendar year; (4) enterprises, institutions or natural persons (A) with net own funds (total equity) of at least Euro10,000,000 (or its equivalent in another currency) as at the end of the preceding calendar year, and (B) which have been active on the financial markets at least twice a month on average during the last two years; and (5) enterprises with a rating (or which have issued securities having a rating) from Moody's, Standard & Poor's, Fitch or another rating agency accepted by the Dutch Central Bank; and
- (b) it will have sent to each person to which it sells any Capital Securities in The Netherlands (including rights representing an interest in any global Capital Security) a confirmation or other notice setting forth the above restrictions and stating that by purchasing any of the Capital Securities, each purchaser represents and agrees that it will send to any other person to whom it sells any of the Capital Securities a notice containing substantially the same statement as is contained in this sentence.

Singapore

The Final Prospectus and the Basic Prospectus have not been registered as a prospectus with the Monetary Authority of Singapore. Accordingly, the Final Prospectus, the Basic Prospectus and any other document or material in connection with the offer or sale, or invitation for subscription or purchase, of the Capital Securities may not be circulated or distributed, nor may the Capital Securities be offered or sold, or be made the subject of an invitation for subscription or purchase, whether directly or indirectly, to the public or any member of the public in Singapore other than (a) to an institutional investor or other person specified in Section 274 of the Securities and Futures Act 2001 of Singapore ("SFA"), (b) to a sophisticated investor, and in accordance with the conditions, specified in Section 275 of the SFA, or (c) otherwise pursuant to, and in accordance with the conditions of, any other applicable provision of the SFA.

Taiwan

The Capital Securities may not be sold, issued, or publicly offered in Taiwan and may only be made available to Taiwan investors on a private placement basis. No person or entity in Taiwan has been authorized to offer, sell, give advice regarding, or otherwise intermediate the offering and sale of these Capital Securities.

United Arab Emirates

The Capital Securities have not been and will not be registered under the laws of the United Arab Emirates ("UAE") or with the UAE Central Bank, the Dubai Financial Market, the Abu Dhabi Securities Market, or any other UAE Exchange or regulatory body.

United Kingdom

Each Underwriter represents and agrees that:

- (a) it will only communicate or cause to be communicated any invitation or inducement to engage in investment activity (within the meaning of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (the "FSMA")) received by it in connection with the issue or sale of the Capital Securities in circumstances in which Section 21(1) of the FSMA does not apply; and
- (b) it has complied and will comply with all applicable provisions of the FSMA with respect to anything done by it in relation to any Capital Securities in, from or otherwise involving the United Kingdom.

SEVENTH SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE

between

BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION

and

THE BANK OF NEW YORK

Dated as of August 10, 2005

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SEVENTH SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE

THIS SEVENTH SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE, dated as of August 10, 2005 (the "Seventh Supplemental Indenture"), between BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION, a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), and THE BANK OF NEW YORK, as trustee (the "Trustee"), under a Restated Indenture dated as of November 1, 2001 between the Company and the Trustee (the "Indenture").

WHEREAS, the Company desires to establish, under the terms of the Indenture, a series of its securities to be known as its 5¼% Junior Subordinated Notes, due 2035 (the "Notes"), the form and substance of such Notes and the terms, provisions and conditions thereof, to be set forth as provided in the Indenture and this Seventh Supplemental Indenture; and

WHEREAS, under the terms of an Underwriting Agreement dated as of August 4, 2005 (the "Underwriting Agreement"), among the Company, BAC Capital Trust VII (the "Trust") and the Underwriters named therein (the "Underwriters"), the Trust has agreed to sell to the Underwriters £ 850,000,000 aggregate liquidation amount of its 5¼% Capital Securities (such securities being of the type referred to in the Indenture as the "Preferred Securities" and in this Seventh Supplemental Indenture as the "Capital Securities"); and

WHEREAS, under the terms of a Subscription Agreement dated as of August 4, 2005 between the Trust and the Company (the "Subscription Agreement"), the Company has committed to purchase all of the common securities of the Trust (the "Common Securities") which Common Securities shall represent at least 3% of the total capital of the Trust; and

WHEREAS, the Trust proposes to invest the gross proceeds from such offering of Capital Securities, together with the gross proceeds from the issuance and sale by the Trust of the Common Securities, in the Notes, as a result of which the Trust will purchase initially £ 876,500,000 aggregate principal amount of the Notes; and

WHEREAS, the Company has requested that the Trustee execute and deliver this Seventh Supplemental Indenture; and

WHEREAS, all requirements necessary to make this Seventh Supplemental Indenture a valid instrument in accordance with its terms and to make the Notes, when executed by the Company and authenticated and delivered by the Trustee, the valid obligations of the Company, have been performed, and the execution and delivery of this Seventh Supplemental Indenture have been duly authorized in all respects.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the purchase and acceptance of the Notes by the Holders thereof, and for the purpose of setting forth, as provided in the Indenture, the form and substance of the Notes and the terms, provisions and conditions thereof, the Company covenants and agrees with the Trustee as follows:

ARTICLE 1

DEFINITIONS

SECTION 1.1 Definition of Terms.

Unless the context otherwise requires:

- (a) a term defined in the Indenture has the same meaning when used in this Seventh Supplemental Indenture unless otherwise provided herein;
- (b) a term defined anywhere in this Seventh Supplemental Indenture has the same meaning throughout;
- (c) the singular includes the plural and vice versa;
- (d) a reference to a Section or Article is to a Section or Article of this Seventh Supplemental Indenture;
- (e) headings are for convenience of reference only and do not affect interpretation;
- (f) the following terms have the meanings given to them in the Declaration: (i) Business Day; (ii) Capital Security Certificate; (iii) Delaware Trustee; (iv) Property Trustee; and (v) Regular Trustee;
- (g) the following terms have the meanings given to them in this Section 1.1;

"Additional Amounts" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 2.5(d).

"Additional Interest" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 2.5(c).

"Bond Dealer" means any credit institution or financial services institution that regularly deals in bonds or other debt securities.

"Bond Yield" means the rate per annum equal to the annual yield to maturity of the Comparable Bond Issue, assuming a price equal to the Comparable Bond Price, on the third business day preceding the redemption date.

"Capital Treatment Event" means the reasonable determination by the Company that, as a result of the occurrence of any amendment to, or change (including any announced prospective change) in, the laws (or any regulations thereunder) of the United States or any political subdivision thereof, or as a result of any official or administrative pronouncement or action or judicial decision interpreting or applying such laws or regulations, which amendment or change is effective or such pronouncement, action or decision is announced on or after the date of original issuance of the Capital Securities, there is more than an insubstantial risk that the Company will not be entitled to treat an amount equal to the aggregate liquidation amount of the Capital Securities as Tier 1 capital (or the then equivalent thereof) for purposes of the capital

adequacy guidelines of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, as then in effect and applicable to the Company.

"Clearing Agency" means an organization that is acting as securities depository for the Capital Securities and in whose name or in the name of a common depository or of a nominee of that organization shall be registered a Global Security and which shall effect Book-Entry transfers and pledges of the Capital Securities. The initial Clearing Agencies shall be Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V., as operator of the Euroclear System ("Euroclear"), and Clearstream Banking, societe anonyme ("Clearstream, Luxembourg").

"Common Depository" means The Bank of New York, as custodian for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg, or any successor appointed by the Company.

"Comparable Bond Issue" means with respect to any redemption date, the bond selected by the Quotation Agent as having a maturity comparable to the time period from the redemption date to August 10, 2035 that would be utilized, at the time of selection and in accordance with customary financial practice, in pricing new issues of corporate debt securities of comparable maturity to this time period. If no such bond has a maturity which is within a period from three months before to three months after August 10, 2035, the two most closely corresponding bonds shall be used as the Comparable Bond Issue, and the Bond Yield shall be interpolated or extrapolated on a straight-line basis, rounding to the nearest month using such bonds.

"Comparable Bond Price" means (a) the average of five Reference Bond Dealer Quotations for the applicable redemption date, after excluding the highest and lowest of such Reference Bond Dealer Quotations, or (b) if the Quotation Agent obtains fewer than five such Reference Bond Dealer Quotations, the average of all such quotations.

"Compounded Interest" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 4.1.

"Coupon Rate" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 2.5.

"Declaration" means the Amended and Restated Declaration of Trust of BAC Capital Trust VII, a Delaware statutory trust, dated as of August 4, 2005.

"Deferred Interest" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 4.1.

"Dissolution Election" means that, as a result of the election of the Company, as Sponsor, the Trust is to be dissolved in accordance with the Declaration, and the Notes held by the Property Trustee are to be distributed to the holders of the Trust Securities issued by the Trust pro rata or in any other manner specified in the Declaration.

"Exchange Rate Agent" means Banc of America Securities Limited or any successor duly appointed by the Company.

"Extended Interest Payment Period" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 4.1.

"Global Note" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 2.4.

"Holder" means any person in whose name the Notes are registered on the register kept by the Company or the Property Trustee in accordance with the terms hereof.

"Interest Payment Date" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 2.5.

"Investment Company Event" means the receipt by the Trust of an opinion of counsel experienced in such matters to the effect that, as a result of the occurrence of a change in law or regulation or a change in interpretation or application of law or regulation by any legislative body, court, governmental agency or regulatory authority (a "Change in 1940 Act Law"), the Trust is or will be considered an investment company that is required to be registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, which Change in 1940 Act Law becomes effective on or after the date of original issuance of the Capital Securities.

"Maturity Date" means the date on which the Notes mature and on which the principal shall be due and payable together with all accrued

and unpaid interest thereon, including Compounded Interest and Additional Interest, if any.

"Maturity Repayment Price" means the price, at the Maturity Date, equal to the principal amount of, plus accrued interest on, the Notes.

"Non-Book-Entry Capital Securities" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 2.4.

"Optional Prepayment Price" shall mean with respect to the Notes, a prepayment price equal to the greater of (a) 100% of the principal amount of the Notes to be prepaid, or (b) as determined by the Quotation Agent, the present value of scheduled payments of principal and interest from the date of prepayment to August 10, 2035, on the Notes being prepaid, discounted to the date of prepayment on a semi-annual basis at a discount rate equal to the Bond Yield plus a spread of 0.10% and, in the case of (a) or (b), any accrued and unpaid interest thereon up to but excluding the date of such prepayment.

"Optional Prepayment" means prepayment prior to the Maturity Date of the Notes at the option of the Company in whole or in part other than a Special Event Prepayment.

"Quotation Agent" means Banc of America Securities Limited or any successor appointed by the Company.

"Reference Bond Dealer" means (1) the Quotation Agent and (2) any other Bond Dealer selected by the Property Trustee after consultation with the Company.

"Reference Bond Dealer Quotations" means, with respect to each Reference Bond Dealer and any redemption date, the average, as determined by the Quotation Agent, of the bid and asked prices for the Comparable Bond Issue, expressed in each case as a percentage of its principal amount, quoted in writing to the Quotation Agent by such Reference Bond Dealer at 11:00 a.m., London time, on the third business day preceding such redemption date.

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"Special Event" means a Tax Event, Capital Treatment Event or an Investment Company Event.

"Special Event Prepayment" means a prepayment of the Notes, in whole but not in part, pursuant to the occurrence of a Special Event.

"Special Event Prepayment Price" shall mean with respect to the Notes, a prepayment price equal to the greater of (a) 100% of the principal amount of the Notes to be prepaid, or (b) as determined by the Quotation Agent, the present value of scheduled payments of principal and interest from the date of prepayment to August 10, 2035, on the Notes being prepaid, discounted to the date of prepayment on a semi-annual basis at a discount rate equal to the Bond Yield plus a spread of 0.35% and, in the case of (a) or (b), any accrued and unpaid interest thereon up to but excluding the date of prepayment. However, in the case of a Tax Event resulting from the requirement to pay Additional Amounts described herein, the Special Event Prepayment Price shall be limited to 100% of the principal amount and accrued and unpaid interest thereon up to, but excluding, the date of prepayment.

"Tax Event" means that (i) the Company shall have received an opinion of a nationally recognized independent tax counsel experienced in such matters to the effect that, as a result of (a) any amendment to, or change (including any announced prospective change) in, the laws or any regulations thereunder of the United States or any political subdivision or taxing authority thereof or (b) any official administrative pronouncement or judicial decision interpreting or applying such laws or regulations, which amendment or change is effective or such pronouncement or decision is announced on or after the date of original issuance of the Capital Securities, there is more than an insubstantial risk that interest payable on the Notes is not, or within 90 days of the date thereof, will not be deductible, in whole or in part, by the Company for United States federal income tax purposes, (ii) the Regular Trustees have been informed by a nationally recognized independent tax counsel that a No Recognition Opinion cannot be delivered or (iii) the Regular Trustee has been informed that the Company has or will become obligated to pay Additional Amounts as to the Capital Securities or the Notes as a result of any change in, or amendment to, the laws or regulations of the United States or any political subdivision or any authority of the United States having power to tax, or any change in the application or official interpretation of such laws or regulations, which change or amendment becomes effective on or after the date hereof. "No Recognition Opinion" means an opinion of a nationally recognized independent tax counsel experienced in such matters, which opinion may rely on published revenue rulings of the Internal Revenue Service, to the effect that the holders of the Capital Securities and Common Securities will not recognize any gain or loss for United States federal income tax purposes as a result of the dissolution of the Trust and the distribution of the Notes.

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ARTICLE 2

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE NOTES

SECTION 2.1 Designation and Principal Amount.

There is hereby authorized and established under the terms of the Indenture a series of the Company's securities designated the "5¼% Junior Subordinated Notes, due 2035" limited in aggregate principal amount to no more than £ 876,500,000 which amount shall be as set forth in one or more written orders of the Company for the authentication and delivery of the Notes pursuant to Section 2.04 of the Indenture.

SECTION 2.2 Maturity.

SECTION 2.3 Form and Payment.

Except as provided in Section 2.4, the Notes shall be issued in fully registered certificated form without interest coupons. Principal and interest on the Notes issued in certificated form will be payable, the transfer of such Notes will be registrable and such Notes will be exchangeable for Notes bearing identical terms and provisions at the office or agency of the Trustee; provided, however, that payment of interest may be made at the option of the Company by check mailed to the Holder at such address as shall appear in the Security Register. Notwithstanding the foregoing, so long as the Holder of any Notes is the Property Trustee, the payment of the principal of and interest (including Compounded Interest, Additional Interest and Additional Amounts, if any) on such Notes held by the Property Trustee will be made at such place and to such account as may be designated by the Property Trustee.

SECTION 2.4 Global Form.

(a) In connection with a Dissolution Election,

(i) the Notes in certificated form shall be presented to the Trustee by the Property Trustee to be exchanged for one or more fully registered securities representing the aggregate principal amount of all then outstanding Notes as a Global Security to be registered in the name of the Common Depository, or its nominee (a "Global Note"), and delivered by the Trustee to the Common Depository, as custodian for the applicable Clearing Agencies, pursuant to the instructions of the Regular Trustees. Upon any such presentation, the Company shall execute a Global Note in such aggregate principal amount and deliver the same to the Trustee for authentication and delivery in accordance with the Indenture and this Seventh Supplemental Indenture. Payments on the Notes issued as a Global Note will be made to the Common Depository for delivery to the Clearing Agencies; and

(ii) if any Capital Securities are held in certificated form and not in book-entry form, the Notes in certificated form may be presented to the Trustee by the Property Trustee and any Capital Security Certificate which represents Capital Securities other than Capital Securities held by a Clearing Agency or its nominee ("Non-Book-Entry Capital

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Securities") will be deemed to represent beneficial interests in Notes presented to the Trustee by the Property Trustee having an aggregate principal amount equal to the aggregate liquidation amount of the Non-Book-Entry Capital Securities until such Capital Security Certificates are presented to the Security Registrar for transfer or reissuance, at which time such Capital Security Certificates will be canceled and a Note, registered in the name of the holder of the Capital Security Certificate or the transferee of the holder of such Capital Security Certificate, as the case may be, with an aggregate principal amount equal to the aggregate liquidation amount of the Capital Security Certificate canceled, will be executed by the Company and delivered to the Trustee for authentication and delivery in accordance with the Indenture and this Seventh Supplemental Indenture. On issue of such Notes, Notes with an equivalent aggregate principal amount that were presented by the Property Trustee to the Trustee will be deemed to have been canceled.

(b) A Global Note may be transferred, in whole but not in part, only to another nominee of the Common Depository, or to a successor Common Depository selected or approved by the Company or to a nominee of such successor Common Depository.

(c) If at any time the Common Depository or any Clearing Agency notifies the Company that it is unwilling or unable to continue as Common Depository or Clearing Agency, as applicable, or if at any time such Common Depository or Clearing Agency, as applicable, shall no longer be registered or in good standing under the applicable statutes or regulations, and a successor Common Depository or Clearing Agency, as applicable, for such series is not appointed by the Company within 90 days after the Company receives such notice or becomes aware of such condition, as the case may be, the Company will execute, and, subject to Article 2 of the Indenture, the Trustee, upon written notice from the Company, will authenticate and make available for delivery the Notes in definitive registered form without coupons, in authorized denominations, and in an aggregate principal amount equal to the principal amount of the Global Note in exchange for such Global Note. In addition, the Company may at any time determine that the Notes shall no longer be represented by a Global Note. In such event the Company will execute, and subject to Section 2.07 of the Indenture, the Trustee, upon receipt of an Officers' Certificate evidencing such determination by the Company, will authenticate and deliver the Notes in definitive registered form without coupons, in authorized denominations, and in an aggregate principal amount equal to the principal amount of the Global Note in exchange for such Global Note. Upon the exchange of the Global Note for such Notes in definitive registered form without coupons, in authorized denominations, the Global Note shall be canceled by the Trustee. Such Notes in definitive registered form issued in exchange for the Global Note shall be registered in such names and in such authorized denominations as the Common Depository, pursuant to instructions from the applicable Clearing Agencies or otherwise, shall instruct the Trustee. The Trustee shall deliver such Notes to the Common Depository for delivery to the Persons in whose names such Securities are so registered.

SECTION 2.5 Interest.

(a) Each Note will bear interest at the rate of 5¼% per annum (the "Coupon Rate") from August 10, 2005 until the principal thereof becomes due and payable, and on any overdue principal and (to the extent that payment of such interest is enforceable under applicable law) on any overdue installment of interest at the Coupon Rate, compounded semi-annually,

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payable (subject to the provisions of Article 4) semi-annually in arrears on February 10 and August 10 of each year (each, an "Interest Payment Date"), commencing on February 10, 2006, to the Person in whose name such Note or any predecessor Note is registered at the close of business on the regular record date for such interest installment, which, in respect of any Notes of which the Property Trustee is the Holder of a Global Note, shall be the close of business on the Business Day next preceding that Interest Payment Date. Notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, if the Capital Securities are no longer in book-entry only form, the relevant record dates shall be the close of business on the January 15 and July 15 prior to the regular Interest Payment Date.

(b) The amount of interest payable for any period, including for any period shorter than a full semi-annual period, will be computed using a day count fraction of the actual number of days elapsed in the period divided by 365 or 366, as applicable. In the event that any date on which interest is payable on the Notes is not a Business Day, then payment of interest payable on such date will be made on the next succeeding day which is a Business Day (and without any interest or other payment in respect of any such delay), except that, if such Business Day is in the next succeeding calendar year, such payment shall be made on the immediately preceding Business Day, in each case with the same force and effect as if made on such date.

(c) If, at any time while the Property Trustee is the Holder of any Notes, the Trust or the Property Trustee is required to pay any taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges of whatever nature (other than withholding taxes, as provided in subsection (d) below) imposed by the United States, or any other domestic taxing authority, then, in any case, the Company will pay as additional interest ("Additional Interest") on the Notes held by the Property Trustee, such additional amounts as shall be required so that the net amounts received and retained by the Trust and the Property Trustee after paying such taxes, duties, assessments or other governmental charges will be equal to the amounts the Trust and the Property Trustee would have received had no such taxes, duties, assessments or other government charges been imposed.

(d) Subject to the exemptions and limitations set forth below, the Company will pay additional amounts ("Additional Amounts") on the Notes with respect to any beneficial owner of the Capital Securities (or the Notes, following a liquidation of the Trust) that is a non-United States Person in order to ensure that every net payment on such Capital Securities (or Note, following such a liquidation) that it beneficially owns will not be less, due to payment of United States withholding tax, than the amount otherwise then due and payable. The Company will not be obligated to make additional payments that exceed the amount required to do so. For this purpose, a "net payment" on a Capital Security or a Note means a payment by the Trust, Company or any paying agent, including payment of principal and interest, after deduction for any present or future tax, assessment or other governmental charge of the United States. These Additional Amounts will constitute additional interest payments on the Notes.

The Company will not be required to pay additional amounts, however, in any of the circumstances described in items (i) through (xiii) below.

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(i) Additional Amounts will not be payable if a payment on a Capital Security or a Note, as applicable, is reduced as a result of any tax, assessment or other governmental charge that is imposed or withheld solely by reason of the beneficial owner:

- (1) having a relationship with the United States as a citizen, resident or otherwise;
- (2) having had such a relationship in the past; or
- (3) being considered as having had such a relationship.

(ii) Additional Amounts will not be payable if a payment on a Capital Security or a Note, as applicable, is reduced as a result of any tax, assessment or other governmental charge that is imposed or withheld solely by reason of the beneficial owner:

- (1) being treated as present in or engaged in a trade or business in the United States;
- (2) being treated as having been present in or engaged in a trade or business in the United States in the past;
- (3) having or having had a permanent establishment in the United States; or
- (4) having or having had a qualified business unit which has the U.S. dollar as its functional currency.

(iii) Additional Amounts will not be payable if a payment on a Capital Security or a Note, as applicable, is reduced as a result of any tax, assessment or other governmental charge that is imposed or withheld solely by reason of the beneficial owner being or having been a:

- (1) personal holding company;
- (2) foreign personal holding company;
- (3) foreign private foundation or other foreign tax-exempt organization;
- (4) passive foreign investment company;

(5) controlled foreign corporation; or

(6) corporation which has accumulated earnings to avoid U.S. federal income tax.

(iv) Additional Amounts will not be payable if a payment on a Capital Security or a Note, as applicable, is reduced as a result of any tax, assessment or other governmental charge that is imposed or withheld solely by reason of the beneficial owner owning or having owned, actually or constructively, 10% or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of the Company's stock entitled to vote;

(v) Additional Amounts will not be payable if a payment on a Capital Security or a Note, as applicable, is reduced as a result of any tax, assessment or other governmental charge

that is imposed or withheld solely by reason of the beneficial owner being a bank extending credit pursuant to a loan agreement entered into in the ordinary course of business.

For purposes of items (i) through (v) above, "beneficial owner" includes a fiduciary, settlor, partner, member, shareholder or beneficiary of the holder if the holder is an estate, trust, partnership, limited liability company, corporation or other entity, or a person holding a power over an estate or trust administered by a fiduciary holder.

(vi) Additional amounts will not be payable to any beneficial owner of a Capital Security or a Note, as applicable, that is:

(1) a fiduciary;

(2) a partnership;

(3) a limited liability company;

(4) another fiscally transparent entity; or

(5) not the sole beneficial owner of the applicable security, or any portion of the applicable security.

However, this exception to the obligation to pay Additional Amounts will only apply to the extent that a beneficiary or settlor in relation to the fiduciary, or a beneficial owner, partner or member of the partnership, limited liability company or other fiscally transparent entity, would not have been entitled to the payment of an Additional Amount had the beneficiary, settlor, beneficial owner, partner or member received directly its beneficial or distributive share of the payment.

(vii) Additional Amounts will not be payable if a payment on a Capital Security or a Note, as applicable, is reduced as a result of any tax, assessment or other governmental charge that is imposed or withheld by reason of the failure of the beneficial owner or any other person to comply with applicable certification, identification, documentation or other information reporting requirements. This exception to the obligation to pay Additional Amounts will apply only if compliance with such reporting requirements is required as a precondition to exemption from such tax, assessment or other governmental charge by statute or regulations of the United States or by an applicable income tax treaty to which the United States is a party.

(viii) Additional Amounts will not be payable if a payment on a Capital Security or a Note, as applicable, is reduced as a result of any tax, assessment or other governmental charge that is collected or imposed by any method other than by withholding from a payment on the applicable security by the Trust, the Company or any paying agent.

(ix) Additional Amounts will not be payable if a payment on a Capital Security or a Note, as applicable, is reduced as a result of any tax, assessment or other governmental charge that is imposed or withheld by reason of a change in law, regulation, or administrative or judicial interpretation that becomes effective more than 15 days after the payment becomes due or is duly provided for, whichever occurs later.

(x) Additional Amounts will not be payable if a payment on a Capital Security or a Note, as applicable, is reduced as a result of any tax, assessment or other governmental charge that is imposed or withheld by reason of the presentation by the beneficial owner for payment more than 30 days after the date on which such payment becomes due or is duly provided for, whichever occurs later.

(xi) Additional Amounts will not be payable if a payment on a Capital Security or a Note, as applicable, is reduced as result of any:

(1) estate tax;

(2) inheritance tax;

(3) gift tax;

- (4) sales tax;
- (5) excise tax;
- (6) transfer tax;
- (7) wealth tax;
- (8) personal property tax; or
- (9) any similar tax, assessment or other governmental charge.

(xii) Additional Amounts will not be payable if a payment on a Capital Security or a Note, as applicable, is reduced as a result of any tax, assessment or other governmental charge required to be withheld by any paying agent from a payment of principal or interest on the applicable security if such payment can be made without such withholding by any other paying agent.

(xiii) Additional Amounts will not be payable if a payment on a Capital Security or a Note, as applicable, is reduced as a result of any combination of items (i) through (xii) above.

"Non-United States Person" means any holder of a Capital Security or a Note, as applicable, other than a United States person and "United States" means the United States of America, including each state of the United States and the District of Columbia, its territories, its possessions, and other areas within its jurisdiction. A "United States Person" means:

- (1) any individual who is a citizen or resident of the United States;
- (2) any corporation, partnership or other entity created or organized in or under the laws of the United States;
- (3) any estate if the income of such estate falls within the federal income tax jurisdiction of the United States regardless of the source of such income; and

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- (4) any trust if a U.S. court is able to exercise primary supervision over its administration and one or more United States persons have the authority to control all of the substantial decisions of the trust.

ARTICLE 3

PREPAYMENT OF THE NOTES

SECTION 3.1 Special Event Prepayment.

If a Special Event has occurred and is continuing, the Company shall have the right, upon not less than 30 days' nor more than 60 days' notice to the Holders of the Notes, to prepay the Notes, in whole but not in part, for cash within 90 days following the occurrence of such Special Event (the "90 Day Period") at a prepayment price equal to the Special Event Prepayment Price. Notwithstanding the foregoing, to the extent a Tax Event occurs as a result of the requirement to pay Additional Amounts as described in Section 2.5(d) above, the requirement to act within the 90 Day Period does not apply, and the Notes may be prepaid at any time while such Tax Event is continuing.

SECTION 3.2 Optional Prepayment by Company.

Subject to the provisions of Article 14 of the Indenture, the Company shall have the right to prepay the Notes, in whole or in part, at any time and from time to time, at a prepayment price equal to the Optional Prepayment Price. Any prepayment pursuant to this paragraph will be made upon not less than 30 days' nor more than 60 days' notice to the Holders of the Notes. If the Notes are only partially prepaid pursuant to this Section 3.2, the Notes will be prepaid pro rata or by lot or by any other method utilized by the Trustee; provided that if, at the time of prepayment, the Notes are registered as a Global Note, the Common Depository shall determine, in accordance with its procedures, the principal amount of such Notes held by each Holder of a Note to be prepaid.

SECTION 3.3 No Sinking Fund.

The Notes are not entitled to the benefit of any sinking fund.

ARTICLE 4

EXTENSION OF INTEREST PAYMENT PERIOD

SECTION 4.1 Extension of Interest Payment Period.

The Company shall have the right, at any time and from time to time during the term of the Notes, to defer payments of interest and the related Additional Amounts by extending the interest payment period of such Notes for a period not exceeding 10 consecutive semi-

annual periods (the "Extended Interest Payment Period"), during which Extended Interest Payment Period no interest shall be due and payable; provided that no Extended Interest Payment Period may extend beyond the Maturity Date. To the extent permitted by applicable law, interest, the payment of which has been deferred because of the extension of the interest payment period

pursuant to this Section 4.1, will bear interest thereon at the Coupon Rate compounded semi-annually for each semi-annual period of the Extended Interest Payment Period ("Compounded Interest"). At the end of the Extended Interest Payment Period, the Company shall pay all interest accrued and unpaid on the Notes, including any Additional Interest and Compounded Interest (together, "Deferred Interest") that shall be payable to the Holders of the Notes in whose names the Notes are registered in the Security Register on the first record date after the end of the Extended Interest Payment Period. If any Additional Amounts are required to be paid on the Deferred Interest, those Additional Amounts will only be paid at the time that the Deferred Interest is paid. Before the termination of any Extended Interest Payment Period, the Company may further extend such period, provided that such period together with all such previous and further extensions thereof shall not exceed 10 consecutive semi-annual periods, or extend beyond the Maturity Date of the Notes. Upon the termination of any Extended Interest Payment Period and upon the payment of all Deferred Interest then due, the Company may commence a new Extended Interest Payment Period, subject to the foregoing requirements. No interest shall be due and payable during an Extended Interest Payment Period, except at the end thereof, but the Company may prepay at any time all or any portion of the interest accrued during an Extended Interest Payment Period.

SECTION 4.2 Notice of Extension.

(a) If the Property Trustee is the only registered Holder of the Notes at the time the Company selects an Extended Interest Payment Period, the Company shall give written notice to the Regular Trustees, the Property Trustee and the Trustee of its selection of such Extended Interest Payment Period at least one Business Day before the earlier of (i) the next succeeding date on which Distributions on the Trust Securities issued by the Trust are payable, or (ii) the date on which the Trust is required to give notice of the record date, or the date on which such Distributions are payable, to the London Stock Exchange or any other exchange upon which the Notes or Trust Securities may in the future be listed or any other applicable self-regulatory organization or to holders of the Capital Securities issued by the Trust, but in any event at least one Business Day before such record date.

(b) If the Property Trustee is not the only Holder of the Notes at the time the Company selects an Extended Interest Payment Period, the Company shall give the Holders of the Notes and the Trustee written notice of its selection of such Extended Interest Payment Period at least 10 Business Days before the earlier of (i) the next succeeding Interest Payment Date, or (ii) the date the Company is required to give notice of the record or payment date of such interest payment to the London Stock Exchange or any other exchange upon which the Notes or Trust Securities may in the future be listed or any other applicable self-regulatory organization or to Holders of the Notes.

(c) The semi-annual period in which any notice is given pursuant to paragraphs (a) or (b) of this Section 4.2 shall be counted as one of the 10 consecutive semi-annual periods permitted in computing the maximum Extended Interest Payment Period permitted under Section 4.1.

SECTION 4.3 Limitation of Transactions.

If (i) the Company shall exercise its right to defer payment of interest as provided in Section 4.1 and such Extended Interest Payment Period is continuing, or (ii) there shall have occurred and be continuing any Event of Default or Nonpayment, as defined in the Indenture, then (a) the Company shall not declare or pay any dividend on, make any distributions with respect to, or redeem, purchase, acquire or make a liquidation payment with respect to, any of its capital stock (other than (i) purchases or acquisitions of shares of its common stock in connection with the satisfaction by the Company of its obligations under any employee benefit plans, (ii) as a result of a reclassification of its capital stock or the exchange or conversion of one class or series of Company capital stock for another class or series of its capital stock or (iii) the purchase of fractional interests in shares of its capital stock pursuant to an acquisition or the conversion or exchange provisions of such capital stock or security being converted or exchanged) or make any guarantee payment with respect thereto and (b) the Company shall not make any payment of interest, principal or premium, if any, on or repay, repurchase or redeem any debt securities (including guarantees) issued by the Company which rank *pari passu* with or junior to the Notes.

ARTICLE 5

EXPENSES

SECTION 5.1 Payment of Expenses.

In connection with the offering, sale and issuance of the Notes to the Property Trustee and in connection with the sale of the Trust Securities by the Trust, the Company, in its capacity as borrower with respect to the Notes, shall:

(a) pay all costs and expenses relating to the offering, sale and issuance of the Notes, including commissions to the underwriters payable pursuant to the Underwriting Agreement and the compensation of the Trustee under the Indenture in accordance with the provisions of Section 6.06 of the Indenture;

(b) pay all costs and expenses of the Trust (including, but not limited to, costs and expenses relating to the organization,

maintenance and dissolution of the Trust, the offering, sale and issuance of the Trust Securities (including commissions to the underwriters payable pursuant to the Underwriting Agreement), the fees and expenses of the Property Trustee and the Delaware Trustee, the costs and expenses relating to the operation of the Trust, including without limitation, costs and expenses of accountants, attorneys, statistical or bookkeeping services, expenses for printing and engraving and computing or accounting equipment, paying agent(s), registrar(s), transfer agent(s), duplicating, travel and telephone and other telecommunications expenses and costs and expenses incurred in connection with the acquisition, financing, and disposition of Trust assets);

- (c) be primarily and fully liable for any indemnification obligations arising with respect to the Declaration; and

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- (d) pay any and all taxes and all liabilities, costs and expenses with respect to such taxes of the Trust.

SECTION 5.2 Payment Upon Resignation or Removal.

Upon termination of this Seventh Supplemental Indenture or the Indenture or the removal or resignation of the Trustee, unless otherwise stated, the Company shall pay to the Trustee all amounts accrued to the date of such termination, removal or resignation. Upon termination of the Declaration or the removal or resignation of the Delaware Trustee or the Property Trustee, as the case may be, pursuant to Section 5.7 of the Declaration, the Company shall pay to the Delaware Trustee or the Property Trustee, as the case may be, all amounts accrued to the date of such termination, removal or resignation.

ARTICLE 6

COVENANT TO LIST ON EXCHANGE

SECTION 6.1 Listing on an Exchange.

If the Notes are to be issued as a Global Note in connection with the distribution of the Notes to the holders of the Capital Securities upon a Dissolution Election, the Company will use its best efforts to list such Notes on any stock exchanges on which the Capital Securities are then listed.

ARTICLE 7

FORM OF NOTE

SECTION 7.1 Form of Note.

The Notes and the Trustee's Certificate of Authentication to be endorsed thereon are to be substantially in the following forms:

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(FORM OF FACE OF NOTE)

[IF THE NOTE IS TO BE A GLOBAL NOTE, INSERT - This Note is a Global Note within the meaning of the Indenture hereinafter referred to and is registered in the name of The Bank of New York, the Property Trustee (the "Property Trustee") of BAC Capital Trust VII (the "Trust"). This Note is exchangeable for Notes registered in the name of a person other than the Property Trustee, or its nominee, only in the limited circumstances described in the Indenture, and no transfer of this Note may be registered except in limited circumstances.]

Unless this Note is presented by an authorized representative of the Property Trustee to the issuer or its agent for registration of transfer, exchange or payment, and any Note issued is registered in the name of the Property Trustee or such other name as requested by an authorized representative of the Property Trustee (and any payment hereon is made to the Property Trustee or such other entity as is requested by an authorized representative of the Property Trustee), ANY TRANSFER, PLEDGE OR OTHER USE HEREOF FOR VALUE OR OTHERWISE BY A PERSON IS WRONGFUL since the registered owner hereof, the Property Trustee, has an interest herein.

THIS NOTE IS NOT A SAVINGS ACCOUNT OR A BANK DEPOSIT, IS NOT AN OBLIGATION OF OR GUARANTEED BY ANY BANKING AFFILIATE OF BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION AND IS NOT INSURED BY THE FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION OR ANY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY AND INVOLVES INVESTMENT RISKS, INCLUDING POSSIBLE LOSS OF PRINCIPAL.

£ 876,500,000

No. VII-R-1

CUSIP No.

ISIN No.

Common Code

BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION

5¼% JUNIOR SUBORDINATED NOTES,

BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION, a Delaware corporation (the "Company", which term includes any successor corporation under the Indenture hereinafter referred to), for value received, hereby promises to pay to THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS PROPERTY TRUSTEE OF BAC CAPITAL TRUST VII, or registered assigns, the principal sum of _____ POUNDS STERLING (£ _____) on August 10, 2035 (the "Maturity Date"), and to pay interest on said principal sum from August 10, 2005 or from the most recent interest payment date (each such date, an "Interest Payment Date") to which interest has been paid or duly provided for, semi-annually (subject to deferral as set forth herein) in arrears on February 10 and August 10 of each year commencing February 10, 2006, at the rate of 5¼% per annum until the principal hereof shall have become due and payable, and on any overdue principal and premium, if any, and (without duplication and to the extent that payment of such interest is enforceable under applicable law) on any overdue installment of interest at the same rate per annum, compounded semi-annually. The amount of interest payable on any Interest Payment Date shall be computed using a day count fraction of the actual number

of days elapsed divided by 365 or 366, as applicable. In the event that any date on which interest is payable on this Note is not a Business Day, then payment of interest payable on such date will be made on the next succeeding day that is a Business Day (and without any interest or other payment in respect of any such delay), except that, if such Business Day is in the next succeeding calendar year, such payment shall be made on the immediately preceding Business Day, in each case with the same force and effect as if made on such date. The interest installment so payable, and punctually paid or duly provided for, on any Interest Payment Date will, as provided in the Indenture, be paid to the person in whose name this Note (or one or more Predecessor Securities, as defined in the Indenture) is registered at the close of business on the regular record date for such interest installment, which shall be the close of business on the business day next preceding such Interest Payment Date. [IF PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE INDENTURE THE NOTES ARE NO LONGER REPRESENTED BY A GLOBAL NOTE - which shall be the close of business on January 15 and July 15]. Any such interest installment not punctually paid or duly provided for shall forthwith cease to be payable to the registered Holders on such regular record date and may be paid to the Person in whose name this Note (or one or more Predecessor Securities) is registered at the close of business on a special record date to be fixed by the Trustee for the payment of such defaulted interest, notice whereof shall be given to the registered Holders of this series of Notes not less than 10 days prior to such special record date, or may be paid at any time in any other lawful manner not inconsistent with the requirements of any securities exchange on which the Notes may be listed, and upon such notice as may be required by such exchange, all as more fully provided in the Indenture. The principal of (and premium, if any) and the interest on this Note shall be payable at the office or agency of the Trustee maintained for that purpose in pounds sterling; provided, however, that payment of interest may be made at the option of the Company by check mailed to the registered Holder at such address as shall appear in the Security Register. Notwithstanding the foregoing, so long as the Holder of this Note is the Property Trustee, the payment of the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest on this Note will be made at such place and to such account as may be designated by the Property Trustee. As used herein, the term "Business Day" shall mean any weekday that (i) is not a legal holiday in New York, New York, Charlotte, North Carolina, or London, (ii) is not a day on which banking institutions in those cities are authorized or required by law or regulation to be closed and (iii) is a day on which the Trans European Automated Real-Time Gross Settlement Express Transfer ("TARGET") System or any successor system is open for business.

If pounds sterling, or any successor currency of the United Kingdom, are not available to the Company due to circumstances beyond the control of the Company (such as the imposition of exchange controls or a disruption in the currency markets), the Company is entitled to satisfy its obligations to make the payments on this Note in pounds sterling, or any successor currency, by instead making the payments in U.S. dollars on the basis of the exchange rate determined by the Exchange Rate Agent (as defined in the Indenture) in its sole discretion.

The indebtedness evidenced by this Note is, to the extent provided in the Indenture, subordinate and junior in right of payment to the prior payment in full of all Senior Obligations (as defined in the Indenture) and this Note is issued subject to the provisions of the Indenture with respect thereto. Each Holder of this Note, by accepting the same, (a) agrees to and shall be bound by such provisions, (b) authorizes and directs the Trustee on his or her behalf to take such action as may be necessary or appropriate to acknowledge or effectuate the subordination so

provided and (c) appoints the Trustee his or her attorney-in-fact for any and all such purposes. Each Holder hereof, by his or her acceptance hereof, hereby waives all notice of the acceptance of the subordination provisions contained herein and in the Indenture by each holder of Senior Obligations, whether now outstanding or hereafter incurred, and waives reliance by each such holder upon said provisions.

This Note shall not be entitled to any benefit under the Indenture hereinafter referred to, be valid or become obligatory for any purpose until the Certificate of Authentication hereon shall have been signed by or on behalf of the Trustee.

The provisions of this Note are continued on the reverse side hereof and such continued provisions shall for all purposes have the same effect as though fully set forth at this place.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Company has caused this instrument to be executed in its name by its duly authorized officers.

Date: August 10, 2005

BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION

By: _____
Name:

[Seal]

Title:

Attest:

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

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(FORM OF CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION)

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION

This is one of the Securities of the series designated therein referred to in the within-mentioned Indenture.

Dated: August __, 2005

The Bank of New York,
as Trustee

By _____
Authorized Signatory

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(FORM OF REVERSE OF NOTE)

This Note is one of a duly authorized series of Notes of the Company (herein sometimes referred to as the "Notes"), specified in the Indenture, all issued or to be issued in one or more series under and pursuant to an Indenture dated as of November 1, 2001, duly executed and delivered between the Company and The Bank of New York, as Trustee (the "Trustee"), as supplemented by the Seventh Supplemental Indenture dated as of August 10, 2005 (the "Seventh Supplemental Indenture"), between the Company and the Trustee (the Indenture as so supplemented, the "Indenture"), to which Indenture and all indentures supplemental thereto reference is hereby made for a description of the rights, limitations of rights, obligations, duties and immunities thereunder of the Trustee, the Company and the Holders of the Notes. By the terms of the Indenture, the Notes are issuable in series that may vary as to amount, date of maturity, rate of interest and in other respects as provided in the Indenture. This series of Notes is limited in aggregate principal amount as specified in the Seventh Supplemental Indenture.

Because of the occurrence and continuation of a Special Event, as defined in the Indenture, in certain circumstances, this Note may become due and payable at a prepayment price equal to the greater of (a) 100% of the principal amount of the Notes to be prepaid, or (b) as determined by the Quotation Agent (as defined in the Indenture), the present values of scheduled payments of principal and interest from the date of prepayment to August 10, 2035, on the Notes being prepaid, discounted to the date of prepayment on a semi-annual basis at a discount rate equal to the Bond Yield (as defined in the Indenture) plus a spread of 0.35% and, in the case of (a) or (b), any accrued and unpaid interest thereon up to, but excluding, the date of such prepayment (the "Special Event Prepayment Price"). However, in the case of a Tax Event resulting from the requirement to pay Additional Amounts described below, the Special Event Prepayment Price shall be limited to 100% of the principal amount and accrued and unpaid interest thereon up to, but excluding, the date of prepayment. In addition, the Company shall have the right to prepay this Note at the option of the Company, in whole or in part at any time (an "Optional Prepayment"), at a prepayment price equal to the greater of (a) 100% of the principal amount of the Notes to be prepaid, or (b) as determined by the Quotation Agent (as defined in the Indenture), the present value of scheduled payments of principal and interest from the date of prepayment to August 10, 2035, on the Notes being prepaid, discounted to the date of prepayment on a semi-annual basis at a discount rate equal to the Bond Yield (as defined in the Indenture) plus a spread of 0.10% and, in the case of (a) or (b), any accrued and unpaid interest thereon up to but excluding the date of such prepayment (the "Optional Prepayment Price"). Any prepayment pursuant to this paragraph will be made upon not less than 30 days' nor more than 60 days' notice at the Optional Prepayment Price or the Special Event Prepayment Price, as applicable. If the Notes are only partially prepaid by the Company pursuant to an Optional Prepayment, the Notes will be prepaid pro rata or by lot or by any other method utilized by the Trustee; provided that if, at the time of prepayment, the Notes are registered as a Global Note, the Common Depository shall determine the principal amount of such Notes held by each Note holder to be prepaid through the applicable Clearing Agencies in accordance with its procedures.

In the event of prepayment of this Note in part only, a new Note or Notes of this series for the portion hereof not prepaid will be issued in the name of the Holder hereof upon the cancellation hereof.

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Subject to the exemptions and limitations set forth below, the Company will pay additional amounts ("Additional Amounts") to the beneficial

owner of this Note with respect to any beneficial owner of the Capital Securities (or the Notes, following a liquidation of the Trust) that is a non-United States Person in order to ensure that every net payment on such Capital Securities (or Note, following such a liquidation) will not be less, due to payment of United States withholding tax, than the amount then due and payable, as provided in Section 2.5(d) of the Seventh Supplemental Indenture.

In case an Event of Default, as defined in the Indenture, shall have occurred and be continuing, the principal of all of the Notes may be declared, and upon such declaration shall become, due and payable in the manner, with the effect and subject to the conditions provided in the Indenture.

The Indenture contains provisions permitting the Company and the Trustee, with the consent of the Holders of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Notes of each series affected at the time outstanding, as defined in the Indenture, to execute supplemental indentures for the purpose of adding any provisions to or changing in any manner or eliminating any of the provisions of the Indenture or of any supplemental indenture or of modifying in any manner the rights of the Holders of the Notes; provided, however, that no such supplemental indenture shall (i) reduce the principal amount thereof, or reduce the rate or extend the time of payment of interest thereon, or reduce any premium payable upon the redemption thereof, without the consent of the Holder of each Note so affected, or (ii) reduce the aforesaid percentage of Notes, the Holders of which are required to consent to any such supplemental indenture, without the consent of the Holders of each Note then outstanding and affected thereby. The Indenture also contains provisions permitting the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Notes of any series at the time outstanding affected thereby, on behalf of all of the Holders of the Notes of such series, to waive any past default in the performance of any of the covenants contained in the Indenture, or established pursuant to the Indenture with respect to such series, and its consequences. Any such consent or waiver by the registered Holder of this Note (unless revoked as provided in the Indenture) shall be conclusive and binding upon such Holder and upon all future Holders and owners of this Note and of any Note issued in exchange herefor or in place hereof (whether by registration of transfer or otherwise), irrespective of whether or not any notation of such consent or waiver is made upon this Note.

No reference herein to the Indenture and no provision of this Note or of the Indenture shall alter or impair the obligation of the Company, which is absolute and unconditional, to pay the principal of and premium, if any, and interest on this Note at the time and place and at the rate and in the money herein prescribed.

The Company shall have the right at any time during the term of the Notes and from time to time to defer payment of interest by extending the interest payment period of such Notes for a period not exceeding 10 consecutive semi-annual periods (an "Extended Interest Payment Period"), at the end of which period the Company shall pay all interest then accrued and unpaid (together with interest thereon at the rate specified for the Notes to the extent that payment of such interest is enforceable under applicable law); provided that no Extended Interest Payment Period may last beyond the Maturity Date of the Notes. Before the termination of any such Extended Interest Payment Period, the Company may further extend such Extended Interest

Payment Period, provided that such Extended Interest Payment Period together with all such further extensions thereof shall not exceed 10 consecutive semi-annual periods or extend the Maturity Date of the Notes. At the termination of any such Extended Interest Payment Period and upon the payment of all accrued and unpaid interest and any Additional Amounts then due, the Company may commence a new Extended Interest Payment Period, subject to the requirements contained in this paragraph.

As provided in the Indenture and subject to certain limitations therein set forth, this Note is transferable by the registered Holder hereof on the Security Register of the Company, upon surrender of this Note for registration of transfer at the office or agency of the Trustee in the City of London accompanied by a written instrument or instruments of transfer in form satisfactory to the Company or the Trustee duly executed by the registered Holder hereof or his attorney duly authorized in writing, and thereupon one or more new Notes of authorized denominations and for the same aggregate principal amount and series will be issued to the designated transferee or transferees. No service charge will be made for any such transfer, but the Company may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge payable in relation thereto.

Prior to due presentment for registration of transfer of this Note, the Company, the Trustee, any paying agent and the Security Registrar may deem and treat the registered holder hereof as the absolute owner hereof (whether or not this Note shall be overdue and notwithstanding any notice of ownership or writing hereon made by anyone other than the Security Registrar) for the purpose of receiving payment of or on account of the principal hereof and premium, if any, and interest due hereon and for all other purposes, and neither the Company nor the Trustee nor any paying agent nor any Security Registrar shall be affected by any notice to the contrary.

[IF THE NOTES ARE ISSUED BY MEANS OF A BOOK-ENTRY SYSTEM, INSERT THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE-The Notes are being issued by means of a book-entry system with no physical distribution of certificates to be made except as provided in the Indenture. The book-entry system maintained by Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V., as operator of the Euroclear System ("Euroclear"), and Clearstream Banking, société anonyme, Luxembourg ("Clearstream, Luxembourg") will evidence ownership of the Notes, with transfers of ownership effected on the records of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg and their participants pursuant to rules and procedures established by Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg and their participants. The Company will recognize Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg as the owner of the Notes for all purposes, including payment of principal, premium, if any, and interest, notices, and voting.

Transfers of the Notes will be effected through the facilities of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg, in accordance with the rules and procedures established by those clearing agencies. The Company has no responsibility for any aspect of the records kept by Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg or any of their direct or indirect participants. The Company does not supervise these systems in any way.]

No recourse shall be had for the payment of the principal of or the interest on this Note, or for any claim based hereon, or otherwise in respect hereof, or based on or in respect of the

Indenture, against any incorporator, stockholder, officer or director, past, present or future, as such, of the Company or of any predecessor or successor corporation, whether by virtue of any constitution, statute or rule of law, or by the enforcement of any assessment or penalty or otherwise, all such liability being, by the acceptance hereof and as part of the consideration for the issuance hereof, expressly waived and released.

This Global Note is exchangeable for Notes in definitive form only under certain limited circumstances set forth in the Indenture. Notes of this series so issued are issuable only in registered form without coupons in denominations of £ 50,000 and any integral multiple thereof. As provided in the Indenture and subject to certain limitations herein and therein set forth, Notes of this series so issued are exchangeable for a like aggregate principal amount of Notes of this series of a different authorized denomination, as requested by the Holder surrendering the same.

All terms used in this Note that are defined in the Indenture shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Indenture.

THE INTERNAL LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK SHALL GOVERN THE INDENTURE AND THE NOTES WITHOUT REGARD TO CONFLICT OF LAW PROVISIONS THEREOF.

ARTICLE 8

ORIGINAL ISSUE OF NOTES

SECTION 8.1 Original Issue of Notes.

Notes in the aggregate principal amount of £ 876,500,000 may, upon execution of this Seventh Supplemental Indenture, be executed by the Company and delivered to the Trustee for authentication, and the Trustee shall thereupon authenticate and deliver said Notes to or upon the written order of the Company, signed by any Authorized Officer, as defined in the Indenture, without any further action by the Company.

ARTICLE 9

MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION 9.1 Ratification of Indenture.

The Indenture, as supplemented by this Seventh Supplemental Indenture, is in all respects ratified and confirmed, and this Seventh Supplemental Indenture shall be deemed part of the Indenture in the manner and to the extent herein and therein provided.

SECTION 9.2 Trustee Not Responsible for Recitals.

The recitals herein contained are made by the Company and not by the Trustee, and the Trustee assumes no responsibility for the correctness thereof. The Trustee makes no representation as to the validity or sufficiency of this Seventh Supplemental Indenture.

SECTION 9.3 Governing Law.

This Seventh Supplemental Indenture and each Note shall be deemed to be a contract made under the internal laws of the State of New York, and for all purposes shall be construed in accordance with the laws of said State.

SECTION 9.4 Severability.

In case any one or more of the provisions contained in this Seventh Supplemental Indenture or in the Notes shall for any reason be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability shall not affect any other provisions of this Seventh Supplemental Indenture or of the Notes, but this Seventh Supplemental Indenture and the Notes shall be construed as if such invalid or illegal or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein or therein.

SECTION 9.5 Counterparts.

This Seventh Supplemental Indenture may be executed in any number of counterparts each of which shall be an original; but such counterparts shall together constitute but one and the same instrument.

[Signature page follows.]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Seventh Supplemental Indenture to be duly executed by their authorized respective officers as of the day and year first above written.

BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION

By: /s/ KAREN A. GOSNELL

Name: Karen A. Gosnell

Title: Senior Vice President

THE BANK OF NEW YORK
as Trustee

By: /s/ VAN K. BROWN

Name: Van K. Brown

Title: Vice President

AMENDED AND RESTATED DECLARATION
OF TRUST
BAC CAPITAL TRUST VII
Dated as of August 4, 2005

CROSS-REFERENCE TABLE*

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AMENDED AND RESTATED DECLARATION OF TRUST OF BAC CAPITAL TRUST VII

THIS AMENDED AND RESTATED DECLARATION OF TRUST ("Declaration") dated and effective as of August 4, 2005 by the Trustees (as defined herein), the Sponsor (as defined herein) and by the holders, from time to time, of undivided beneficial interests in the assets of the Trust to be issued pursuant to this Declaration;

WHEREAS, the Trustees and the Sponsor established BAC CAPITAL TRUST VII (the "Trust"), a trust under the Statutory Trust Act (as defined herein), pursuant to a Declaration of Trust dated as of March 14, 2003 (the "Original Declaration"), and an accompanying Certificate of Trust filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware, for the sole purpose of issuing and selling securities representing undivided beneficial interests in the assets of the Trust and investing the gross proceeds thereof in Notes of the Note Issuer (each as defined herein);

WHEREAS, as of the date hereof, no interests in the Trust have been issued;

WHEREAS, all of the Trustees and the Sponsor, by this Declaration, amend and restate each and every term and provision of the Original Declaration; and

NOW, THEREFORE, it being the intention of the parties hereto to continue the Trust as a statutory trust under the Statutory Trust Act and that this Declaration constitute the governing instrument of such statutory trust, the Trustees declare that all assets contributed to the Trust will be held in trust for the benefit of the holders, from time to time, of the securities representing undivided beneficial interests in the assets of the Trust issued hereunder, subject to the provisions of this Declaration.

ARTICLE 1 INTERPRETATION AND DEFINITIONS

SECTION 1.1 Definitions.

Unless the context otherwise requires:

- (a) Capitalized terms used in this Declaration but not defined in the preamble above have the respective meanings assigned to them in this Section 1.1;
 - (b) a term defined anywhere in this Declaration has the same meaning throughout;
 - (c) all references to "the Declaration" or "this Declaration" are to this Declaration as modified, supplemented or amended from time to time, and Annex I and Exhibits A-1 and A-2 shall be a part of this Declaration;
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(d) all references in this Declaration to Articles and Sections and Annexes and Exhibits are to Articles and Sections of and Annexes and Exhibits to this Declaration unless otherwise specified;

(e) a term defined in the Trust Indenture Act (as defined herein) has the same meaning when used in this Declaration unless otherwise defined in this Declaration; and

(f) a reference to the singular includes the plural and vice versa.

"Affiliate" has the same meaning as given to that term in Rule 405 of the Securities Act or any successor rule thereunder.

"Authorized Officer" of a Person means the Chief Executive Officer, President, Chief Financial Officer, any Vice President, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer or Associate General Counsel of a Person, a Regular Trustee or any other Person that is authorized to bind such Person.

"Book-Entry" means a book entry by a Clearing Agency as described in Section 9.4.

"Book-Entry Interest" means a beneficial interest in a Global Security, ownership and transfers of which shall be maintained and made through Book Entries by a Clearing Agency as described in Section 9.4.

"Business Day" means any weekday that (1) is not a legal holiday in New York, New York, Charlotte, North Carolina or London, (2) is not a day on which banking institutions in those cities are authorized or required by law or regulation to be closed, and (3) is a day on which the Trans-European Automated Real-Time Gross Settlement Express Transfer ("TARGET") System or any successor system is open for business.

"Capital Securities" shall mean the undivided preferred beneficial interests in the assets of the Trust denominated as "BAC Capital Trust VII 5¼% Capital Securities" (liquidation amount £ 50,000 per Capital Security), the terms of which are further described in Annex I hereto.

"Capital Security Beneficial Owner" means, with respect to a Book-Entry Interest, a Person who is the beneficial owner of such Book-Entry Interest, as reflected on the books of a Clearing Agency, or on the books of a Person maintaining an account with such Clearing Agency (directly as a Clearing Agency Participant or as an Indirect Participant, in each case in accordance with the rules of such Clearing Agency).

"Capital Security Certificate" means a certificate representing a Capital Security substantially in the form of Exhibit A-1.

"Capital Securities Guarantee" means the guarantee agreement to be dated as of August 10, 2005, of the Sponsor in respect of the Capital Securities.

"Capital Treatment Event" means the reasonable determination by the Company that, as a result of the occurrence of any amendment to, or change (including any announced prospective

change) in, the laws (or any regulations thereunder) of the United States or any political subdivision thereof, or as a result of any official or administrative pronouncement or action or judicial decision interpreting or applying such laws or regulations, which amendment or change is effective or such pronouncement, action or decision is announced on or after the date of original issuance of the Capital Securities, there is more than an insubstantial risk that the Company will not be entitled to treat an amount equal to the aggregate liquidation amount of the Capital Securities as Tier 1 capital (or the then equivalent thereof) for purposes of the capital adequacy guidelines of the Federal Reserve Board, as then in effect and applicable to the Company.

"Certificate" means a Common Security Certificate or a Capital Security Certificate.

"Clearing Agency" means an organization that is acting as securities depository for the Capital Securities and in whose name or in the name of a common depository or of a nominee of such common depository shall be registered a Global Security and which shall effect Book-Entry transfers and pledges of the Capital Securities. The initial Clearing Agencies shall be Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V., as operator of the Euroclear System ("Euroclear"), and Clearstream Banking, societe anonyme ("Clearstream, Luxembourg").

"Clearing Agency Participant" means a broker, dealer, bank, other financial institution or other Person for whom from time to time the

Clearing Agency effects Book-Entry transfers and pledges of securities deposited with the Clearing Agency.

"Closing Date" means the "Closing Time" under the Underwriting Agreement.

"Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time, or any successor legislation.

"Commission" means the Securities and Exchange Commission.

"Common Depository" means The Bank of New York, as custodian for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg, or any successor appointed by the Company.

"Common Securities" shall mean the undivided common beneficial interests in the assets of the Trust denominated as "BAC Capital Trust VII 5¼% Common Securities" (liquidation amount £ 50,000 per Security), the terms of which are further described in Annex I hereto.

"Common Securities Guarantee" means the guarantee agreement to be dated as of August 10, 2005, of the Sponsor in respect of the Common Securities.

"Common Security Certificate" means a definitive certificate in fully registered form representing a Common Security substantially in the form of Exhibit A-2 hereto.

"Company" means Bank of America Corporation, a Delaware corporation, or any successor thereto.

"Company Indemnified Person" means (a) any Regular Trustee; (b) any Affiliate of any Regular Trustee; (c) any officers, directors, shareholders, members, partners, employees,

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representatives or agents of any Regular Trustee; or (d) any officer, employee or agent of the Trust or its Affiliates.

"Corporate Trust Office" means the office of the Property Trustee at which the corporate trust business of the Property Trustee shall, at any particular time, be principally administered, which office at the date of execution of this Agreement is located at 101 Barclay Street, Floor 21 West, New York, New York 10286.

"Covered Person" means: (a) any officer, director, shareholder, partner, member, representative, employee or agent of (i) the Trust or (ii) the Trust's Affiliates; and (b) any Holder of Securities.

"Definitive Capital Security Certificates" has the meaning set forth in Section 9.4.

"Delaware Trustee" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.1.

"Designation of Terms" has the meaning set forth in Section 7.1(a).

"Direct Action" has the meaning specified in Section 3.8(e).

"Distribution" means a distribution payable to Holders of Securities in accordance with Section 6.1.

"Event of Default" in respect of the Securities means an Event of Default (as defined in the Indenture) has occurred and is continuing in respect of the Notes.

"Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended from time to time, or any successor legislation.

"Fiduciary Indemnified Person" has the meaning set forth in Section 10.4(b).

"Global Security" has the meaning set forth in Section 9.4.

"Holder" means a Person in whose name a Security is registered (including, in the case of a Book-Entry Security, the Common Depository or its nominee), such Person being a beneficial owner within the meaning of the Statutory Trust Act.

"Indemnified Person" means a Company Indemnified Person or a Fiduciary Indemnified Person.

"Indenture" means collectively the Restated Indenture dated as of November 1, 2001, between the Note Issuer and the Note Trustee and any board resolution or supplemental indenture pursuant to which the Notes are to be issued.

"Indirect Participant" has the meaning set forth in Section 2(c) of Annex I hereto.

"Investment Company" means an investment company as defined in the Investment Company Act.

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"Investment Company Act" means the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended from time to time, or any successor legislation.

"Investment Company Event" means the receipt by the Trust of an opinion of counsel experienced in such matters to the effect that, as a result of the occurrence of a change in law or regulation or a change in interpretation or application of law or regulation by any legislative body, court, governmental agency or regulatory authority (a "Change in 1940 Act Law"), the Trust is or will be considered an investment company that is required to be registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, which Change in 1940 Act Law becomes effective on or after the date of original issuance of the Capital Securities.

"Legal Action" has the meaning set forth in Section 3.6(g).

"Majority in liquidation amount of the Securities" means, except as provided in the terms of the Capital Securities or by the Trust Indenture Act, Holders of outstanding Securities voting together as a single class or, as the context may require, Holders of outstanding Capital Securities or Holders of outstanding Common Securities voting separately as a class, who are the record owners of more than 50% of the aggregate liquidation amount (including the stated amount that would be paid on redemption, liquidation or otherwise, plus accrued and unpaid Distributions to the date upon which the voting percentages are determined) of all outstanding Securities of the relevant class.

"Maturity Redemption Price" shall mean, for a redemption of the Securities at the Stated Maturity of the Notes, a redemption price equal to the principal amount of, plus accrued interest on, the Notes.

"Nonpayment" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.7(a).

"Note Issuer" means Bank of America Corporation, a Delaware corporation, or any successor entity in a merger or consolidation, in its capacity as issuer of the Notes under the Indenture.

"Note Trustee" means The Bank of New York, a New York banking corporation, as trustee under the Indenture until a successor is appointed thereunder, and thereafter means such successor trustee.

"Notes" means the series of junior subordinated notes to be issued by the Note Issuer under the Indenture to be held by the Property Trustee on behalf of the Trust.

"Officers' Certificate" means, with respect to any Person, a certificate signed by two Authorized Officers of such Person. Any Officers' Certificate delivered with respect to compliance with a condition or covenant provided for in this Declaration shall include:

- (a) a statement that each officer signing the certificate has read the covenant or condition and the definitions relating thereto;
- (b) a brief statement of the nature and scope of the examination or investigation undertaken by each officer in rendering the certificate;

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- (c) a statement that each such officer has made such examination or investigation as, in such officer's opinion, is necessary to enable such officer to express an informed opinion as to whether or not such covenant or condition has been complied with; and
 - (d) a statement as to whether, in the opinion of each such officer, such condition or covenant has been complied with.

"Optional Prepayment Price" shall mean with respect to the Notes, a prepayment price equal to the greater of (a) 100% of the principal amount of the Notes to be prepaid, or (b) as determined by the Quotation Agent (as defined in the Indenture), the present value of scheduled payments of principal and interest from the date of prepayment to August 10, 2035, on the Notes being prepaid, discounted to the date of prepayment on a semi-annual basis at a discount rate equal to the Bond Yield (as defined in the Indenture) plus a spread of 0.10% and, in the case of (a) or (b), any accrued and unpaid interest thereon up to, but excluding, the date of such prepayment.

"Optional Redemption Price" shall mean with respect to the Securities to be redeemed, a redemption price equal to the Optional Prepayment Price.

"Paying Agent" has the meaning specified in Section 7.2.

"Payment Amount" has the meaning set forth in Section 6.1.

"Person" means any individual, corporation, estate, partnership, joint venture, association, joint stock company, limited liability company, trust, unincorporated association or government or any agency or political subdivision thereof, or any other entity of whatever nature.

"Property Trustee" means the Trustee with the powers described in Article 3 and elsewhere herein and meeting the eligibility requirements set forth in Section 5.3.

"Property Trustee Account" has the meaning set forth in Section 3.8(c).

"Quorum" means a majority of the Regular Trustees or, if there are only two Regular Trustees, both of them.

"Redemption/Distribution Notice" means a notice of any redemption of, or a notice of any distribution of, Notes in exchange for Securities.

"Redemption Price" shall mean any or all of the Maturity Redemption Price, the Special Event Redemption Price and the Optional

Redemption Price.

"Regular Trustee" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.1.

"Related Party" means, with respect to the Sponsor, any direct or indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Sponsor or any other Person that owns, directly or indirectly, 100% of the outstanding voting securities of the Sponsor.

"Responsible Officer" means, with respect to the Property Trustee, any officer within the Corporate Trust Office of the Property Trustee, including any vice-president, any assistant vice-president, any assistant treasurer or other officer of the Corporate Trust Office of the Property Trustee customarily performing functions similar to those performed by any of the above designated officers and also means, with respect to a particular corporate trust matter, any other officer to whom such matter is referred because of that officer's knowledge of and familiarity with the particular subject.

"Rule 3a-5" means Rule 3a-5 under the Investment Company Act.

"Securities" means the Common Securities and the Capital Securities.

"Securities Act" means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended from time to time, or any successor legislation.

"Securities Guarantees" means the Common Securities Guarantee and the Capital Securities Guarantee.

"Special Event" means a Tax Event, a Capital Treatment Event or an Investment Company Event.

"Special Event Prepayment Price" shall mean with respect to the Notes, a prepayment price equal to the greater of (a) 100% of the principal amount of the Notes to be prepaid, or (b) as determined by the Quotation Agent (as defined in the Indenture), the present value of scheduled payments of principal and interest from the date of prepayment to August 10, 2035, on the Notes being prepaid, discounted to the date of prepayment on a semi-annual basis at a discount rate equal to the Bond Yield (as defined in the Indenture) plus a spread of 0.35% and, in the case of (a) or (b), any accrued and unpaid interest thereon up to but excluding the date of prepayment. However, in the case of a Tax Event resulting from the requirement to pay Additional Amounts (as defined in the Indenture), the Special Event Prepayment Price shall be limited to 100% of the principal amount and accrued and unpaid interest thereon up to, but excluding, the date of prepayment.

"Special Event Redemption Price" shall mean with respect to the Securities, a redemption price equal to the Special Event Prepayment Price.

"Sponsor" means Bank of America Corporation, a Delaware corporation, or any successor entity in a merger or consolidation, in its capacity as sponsor of the Trust.

"Stated Maturity" shall mean August 10, 2035, the date on which the Notes shall mature, unless previously prepaid or redeemed.

"Statutory Trust Act" means Chapter 38 of Title 12 of the Delaware Code, 12 Del. Code Section 3801 et seq., as it may be amended from time to time, or any successor legislation.

"Successor Delaware Trustee" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.7(b)(ii).

"Successor Entity" has the meaning set forth in Section 3.15(b)(i).

"Successor Property Trustee" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.7(b)(i).

"Successor Securities" has the meaning set forth in Section 3.15(b)(i)(B).

"Super Majority" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.6(a)(ii).

"Tax Event" means that (i) the Company shall have received an opinion of a nationally recognized independent tax counsel experienced in such matters to the effect that, as a result of (a) any amendment to, or change (including any announced prospective change) in, the laws or any regulations thereunder of the United States or any political subdivision or taxing authority thereof or (b) any official administrative pronouncement or judicial decision interpreting or applying such laws or regulations, which amendment or change is effective or such pronouncement or decision is announced on or after the date of original issuance of the Capital Securities, there is more than an insubstantial risk that interest payable on the Notes is not, or, within 90 days of the date thereof, will not be deductible, in whole or in part, by the Company for United States federal income tax purposes, (ii) the Regular Trustees have been informed by a nationally recognized independent tax counsel that a No Recognition Opinion cannot be delivered or (iii) the Regular Trustee has been informed that the Company has or will become obligated to pay Additional Amounts as to the Capital Securities or the Notes as a result of any change in, or amendment to, the laws or regulations of the United States or any political subdivision or any authority of the United States having power to tax, or any change in the application or official interpretation of such laws or regulations, which change or amendment becomes effective on or after the date hereof. "No Recognition Opinion" means an opinion of a nationally recognized independent tax counsel experienced in such matters, which opinion may rely on published revenue rulings of the Internal Revenue Service, to the effect that the holders of the Capital Securities

and Common Securities will not recognize any gain or loss for United States federal income tax purposes as a result of the dissolution of the Trust and the distribution of the Notes.

"10% in liquidation amount of the Securities" means, except as provided in the terms of the Capital Securities or by the Trust Indenture Act, Holders of outstanding Securities voting together as a single class or, as the context may require, Holders of outstanding Capital Securities or Holders of outstanding Common Securities voting separately as a class, who are the record owners of 10% or more of the aggregate liquidation amount (including the stated amount that would be paid on redemption, liquidation or otherwise, plus accrued and unpaid Distributions to the date upon which the voting percentages are determined) of all outstanding Securities of the relevant class.

"Treasury Regulations" means the income tax regulations, including temporary and proposed regulations, promulgated under the Code by the United States Treasury, as such regulations may be amended from time to time (including corresponding provisions of succeeding regulations).

"Trustee" or "Trustees" means each Person who has signed this Declaration as a trustee, so long as such Person shall continue in office in accordance with the terms hereof, and all other Persons who may from time to time be duly appointed, qualified and serving as Trustees in

accordance with the provisions hereof, and references herein to a Trustee or the Trustees shall refer to such Person or Persons solely in their capacity as trustees hereunder.

"Trust Indenture Act" means the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended from time to time, or any successor legislation.

"Underwriting Agreement" means the Underwriting Agreement for the offering and sale of the Capital Securities and related Capital Securities Guarantee among the Sponsor, the Trust and the Underwriters named therein.

ARTICLE 2 TRUST INDENTURE ACT

SECTION 2.1 Trust Indenture Act; Application.

- (a) This Declaration is subject to the provisions of the Trust Indenture Act that are required to be part of this Declaration and shall, to the extent applicable, be governed by such provisions.
- (b) The Property Trustee shall be the only Trustee which is a Trustee for the purposes of the Trust Indenture Act.
- (c) If and to the extent that any provision of this Declaration limits, qualifies or conflicts with the duties imposed by Sections 310 to 317, inclusive, of the Trust Indenture Act, such imposed duties shall control.
- (d) The application of the Trust Indenture Act to this Declaration shall not affect the nature of the Securities as equity securities representing undivided beneficial interests in the assets of the Trust.

SECTION 2.2 Lists of Holders of Securities.

- (a) Each of the Sponsor and the Regular Trustees on behalf of the Trust shall provide the Property Trustee (i) within 10 days after each record date for payment of Distributions, a list, in such form as the Property Trustee may reasonably require, of the names and addresses of the Holders of the Securities ("List of Holders") as of such record date, provided that neither the Sponsor nor the Regular Trustees on behalf of the Trust shall be obligated to provide such List of Holders at any time the List of Holders does not differ from the most recent List of Holders given to the Property Trustee by the Sponsor and the Regular Trustees on behalf of the Trust, and (ii) at any other time, within 30 days of receipt by the Trust of a written request for a List of Holders as of a date no more than 10 days before such List of Holders is given to the Property Trustee. The Property Trustee shall preserve, in as current a form as is reasonably practicable, all information contained in Lists of Holders given to it or which it receives in the capacity as Paying Agent (if acting in such capacity) provided that the Property Trustee may destroy any List of Holders previously given to it on receipt of a new List of Holders.

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- (b) The Property Trustee shall comply with its obligations under Sections 311(a), 311(b) and 312(b) of the Trust Indenture Act.

SECTION 2.3 Reports by the Property Trustee.

Within 60 days after March 31 of each year, the Property Trustee shall provide to the Holders of the Capital Securities such reports as are required by Section 313 of the Trust Indenture Act, if any, in the form and in the manner provided by Section 313 of the Trust Indenture Act. The Property Trustee shall also comply with the requirements of Section 313(d) of the Trust Indenture Act.

SECTION 2.4 Periodic Reports to Property Trustee.

Each of the Sponsor and the Regular Trustees on behalf of the Trust shall provide to the Property Trustee such documents, reports and information as required by Section 314 (if any) and the compliance certificate required by Section 314 of the Trust Indenture Act in the form,

in the manner and at the times required by Section 314 of the Trust Indenture Act.

SECTION 2.5 Evidence of Compliance with Conditions Precedent.

Each of the Sponsor and the Regular Trustees on behalf of the Trust shall provide to the Property Trustee such evidence of compliance with any conditions precedent, if any, provided for in this Declaration that relate to any of the matters set forth in Section 314(c) of the Trust Indenture Act. Any certificate or opinion required to be given by an officer pursuant to Section 314(c)(1) may be given in the form of an Officers' Certificate.

SECTION 2.6 Events of Default; Waiver.

- (a) The Holders of a Majority in liquidation amount of Capital Securities, by vote, on behalf of the Holders of all of the Capital Securities, may waive any past Event of Default in respect of the Capital Securities and its consequences, provided that, if the underlying Event of Default under the Indenture:
- (i) is not waivable under the Indenture, the Event of Default under the Declaration shall not be waivable; or
- (ii) requires the consent or vote of greater than a majority in principal amount of the holders of the Notes (a "Super Majority") to be waived under the Indenture, the Event of Default under the Declaration may only be waived by the vote of the Holders of at least the proportion in liquidation amount of the Capital Securities that the relevant Super Majority represents of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes outstanding.

The foregoing provisions of this Section 2.6(a) shall be in lieu of Section 316(a)(1)(B) of the Trust Indenture Act and such Section 316(a)(1)(B) of the Trust Indenture Act is hereby expressly excluded from this Declaration and the Securities, as permitted by the Trust Indenture Act. Upon such waiver, any such default shall cease to exist, and any Event of Default with respect to the Capital Securities arising

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therefrom shall be deemed to have been cured, for every purpose of this Declaration, but no such waiver shall extend to any subsequent or other default or an Event of Default with respect to the Capital Securities or impair any right consequent thereon. Any waiver by the Holders of the Capital Securities of an Event of Default with respect to the Capital Securities also shall be deemed to constitute a waiver by the Holders of the Common Securities of any such Event of Default with respect to the Common Securities for all purposes of this Declaration without any further act, vote or consent of the Holders of the Common Securities.

- (b) The Holders of a Majority in liquidation amount of the Common Securities, by vote, on behalf of the Holders of all of the Common Securities, may waive any past Event of Default with respect to the Common Securities and its consequences, provided that, if the underlying Event of Default under the Indenture:
- (i) is not waivable under the Indenture, except where the Holders of the Common Securities are deemed to have waived such Event of Default under the Declaration as provided below in this Section 2.6(b), the Event of Default under the Declaration shall also not be waivable; or
- (ii) requires the consent or vote of the holders of a Super Majority of the Notes to be waived under the Indenture, except where the Holders of the Common Securities are deemed to have waived such Event of Default under the Declaration as provided below in this Section 2.6(b), the Event of Default under the Declaration only may be waived by the vote of the Holders of at least the proportion in liquidation amount of the Common Securities that the relevant Super Majority represents of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes outstanding;

provided further, each Holder of Common Securities will be deemed to have waived any such Event of Default and all Events of Default with respect to the Common Securities and its consequences until all Events of Default with respect to the Capital Securities have been cured, waived or otherwise eliminated, and until such Events of Default with respect to the Capital Securities have been so cured, waived or otherwise eliminated, the Property Trustee will be deemed to be acting solely on behalf of the Holders of the Capital Securities and only the Holders of the Capital Securities will have the right to direct the Property Trustee in accordance with the terms of the Securities. The foregoing provisions of this Section 2.6(b) shall be in lieu of Sections 316(a)(1)(A) and 316(a)(1)(B) of the Trust Indenture Act and such Sections 316(a)(1)(A) and 316(a)(1)(B) of the Trust Indenture Act are hereby expressly excluded from this Declaration and the Securities, as permitted by the Trust Indenture Act. Subject to the foregoing provisions of this Section 2.6(b), upon such waiver by the Holders of the Common Securities, any such default shall cease to exist and any Event of Default with respect to the Common Securities arising therefrom shall be deemed to have been cured for every purpose of this Declaration, but no such waiver shall extend to any subsequent or other default or Event of Default with respect to the Common Securities or impair any right consequent thereon.

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- (c) A waiver of an Event of Default under the Indenture by the Property Trustee at the direction of the Holders of the Capital Securities constitutes a waiver of the corresponding Event of Default under this Declaration. The foregoing provisions of this Section 2.6(c) shall be in lieu of Section 316(a)(1)(B) of the Trust Indenture Act and such Section 316(a)(1)(B) of the Trust Indenture Act is hereby expressly excluded from this Declaration and the Securities, as permitted by the Trust Indenture Act.

SECTION 2.7 Event of Default or Nonpayment Notice.

- (a) The Property Trustee shall, within 90 days after the occurrence of an Event of Default or a nonpayment of principal, premium, if any, or interest, when due, on the Notes ("Nonpayment"), transmit by mail, first class postage prepaid, to the Holders of the Securities, notices of all Events of Default or Nonpayments with respect to the Securities actually known to a Responsible Officer of the Property Trustee, unless such Events of Default or Nonpayments have been cured before the giving of such notice;
- (b) The Property Trustee shall not be deemed to have knowledge of any default except:
 - (i) an Event of Default under the Indenture or a Nonpayment; or
 - (ii) any default as to which a Responsible Officer of the Property Trustee shall have received written notice or of which a Responsible Officer of the Property Trustee charged with the administration of the Declaration shall have actual knowledge.

ARTICLE 3 ORGANIZATION

SECTION 3.1 Name.

The Trust is named "BAC Capital Trust VII," as such name may be modified from time to time by the Regular Trustees following written notice to the Holders of Securities. The Trust's activities may be conducted under the name of the Trust or any other name deemed advisable by the Regular Trustees.

SECTION 3.2 Office.

The address of the principal office of the Trust is c/o Bank of America Corporation, Attention: Corporate Treasury, Bank of America Corporate Center, NC1-007-07-06, 100 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, North Carolina 28255. On 10 Business Days' written notice to the Holders of Securities, the Regular Trustees may designate another principal office.

SECTION 3.3 Purpose.

The exclusive purposes and functions of the Trust are (a) to issue and sell Securities and use the proceeds from such sale to acquire the Notes, and (b) except as otherwise limited herein, to engage in only those other activities necessary or incidental thereto. The Trust shall not borrow

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money, issue debt or reinvest proceeds derived from investments, pledge any of its assets or otherwise undertake (or permit to be undertaken) any activity that would cause the Trust not to be classified for United States federal income tax purposes as a grantor trust.

SECTION 3.4 Authority.

Subject to the limitations provided in this Declaration and to the specific duties of the Property Trustee, the Regular Trustees shall have exclusive and complete authority to carry out the purposes of the Trust. An action taken by the Regular Trustees in accordance with their powers shall constitute the act of and serve to bind the Trust, and an action taken by the Property Trustee on behalf of the Trust in accordance with its powers shall constitute the act of and serve to bind the Trust. In dealing with the Trustees acting on behalf of the Trust, no person shall be required to inquire into the authority of the Trustees to bind the Trust. Persons dealing with the Trust are entitled to rely conclusively on the power and authority of the Trustees as set forth in this Declaration.

SECTION 3.5 Title to Property of the Trust

Except as provided in Section 3.8 with respect to the Notes and the Property Trustee Account or as otherwise provided in this Declaration, legal title to all assets of the Trust shall be vested in the Trust. The Holders shall not have legal title to any part of the assets of the Trust, but shall have an undivided beneficial interest in the assets of the Trust.

SECTION 3.6 Powers and Duties of the Regular Trustees.

The Regular Trustees shall have the exclusive power, duty and authority to cause the Trust to engage in the following activities:

- (a) to issue and sell the Capital Securities and the Common Securities in accordance with this Declaration; provided, however, that the Trust may issue no more than one series of Capital Securities and no more than one series of Common Securities, and, provided further, that there shall be no interests in the Trust other than the Securities, and the issuance of Securities shall be limited to a simultaneous issuance of both Capital Securities and Common Securities on the Closing Date;
- (b) in connection with the issue and sale of the Capital Securities, at the direction of the Sponsor, to:
 - (i) execute and file with the Commission one or more registration statements on Form S-3 prepared by the Sponsor, including any amendments thereto, pertaining to the Capital Securities;
 - (ii) execute and file any documents prepared by the Sponsor, or take any acts as determined by the Sponsor to be necessary in order to qualify or register all or part of the Capital Securities in any state or jurisdiction in which the Sponsor has determined to qualify or register such Capital Securities for sale;

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- (iii) to determine whether to list Capital Securities and to execute and file applications, prepared by the Sponsor, to any national or international stock exchange or the Nasdaq National Market for listing upon notice of issuance of any Capital Securities;
 - (iv) (a) execute and file with the Commission registration statements on Form 8-A, if required, including any amendments thereto, prepared by the Sponsor, relating to the registration of the Capital Securities under Section 12(b) or 12(g) of the Exchange Act, (b) execute and file with the Commission any other filings which may be required under the Exchange Act and (c) to execute and file any comparable documents or agreements as may be required to list the Capital Securities as provided in the preceding clauses (i), (ii) and (iii); and
 - (v) from time to time execute and enter into underwriting agreements providing for the sale of the Capital Securities, including the Underwriting Agreement;
 - (c) to purchase the Notes with the proceeds of the sale of the Capital Securities and the Common Securities;
 - (d) to give the Sponsor and the Property Trustee prompt written notice of the occurrence of a Special Event;
 - (e) to establish a record date with respect to all actions to be taken hereunder that require a record date be established, including and with respect to, for the purposes of Section 316(c) of the Trust Indenture Act, Distributions, voting rights, redemptions and exchanges, and to issue relevant notices to the Holders of Capital Securities and Holders of Common Securities as to such actions and applicable record dates;
 - (f) to take all actions and perform such duties as may be required of the Regular Trustees pursuant to the terms of the Securities;
 - (g) to bring or defend, pay, collect, compromise, arbitrate, resort to legal action, or otherwise adjust claims or demands of or against the Trust ("Legal Action");
 - (h) to employ or otherwise engage employees and agents (who may be designated as officers with titles) and managers, contractors, advisors and consultants and pay reasonable compensation for such services;
 - (i) to cause the Trust to comply with the Trust's obligations under the Trust Indenture Act;
 - (j) to give the certificate required by Section 314(a)(4) of the Trust Indenture Act to the Property Trustee, which certificate may be executed by any Regular Trustee;

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- (k) to incur expenses that are necessary or incidental to carry out any of the purposes of the Trust;
 - (l) to act as, or appoint another Person to act as, registrar and transfer agent for the Securities;
 - (m) to give prompt written notice to the Holders of the Securities of any notice received from the Note Issuer of its election to defer payments of interest on the Notes by extending the interest payment period under the Indenture;
 - (n) to execute all documents or instruments, perform all duties and powers, and do all things for and on behalf of the Trust in all matters necessary or incidental to the foregoing;
 - (o) to take all action that may be necessary or appropriate for the preservation and the continuation of the Trust's valid existence, rights, franchises and privileges as a statutory trust under the laws of the State of Delaware and of each other jurisdiction in which such existence is necessary to protect the limited liability of the Holders of the Capital Securities or to enable the Trust to effect the purposes for which the Trust was created;
 - (p) to take any action, not inconsistent with this Declaration or with applicable law, that the Regular Trustees determine in their discretion to be necessary or desirable in carrying out the activities of the Trust as set out in this Section 3.6, including, but not limited to:
 - (i) causing the Trust not to be deemed to be an Investment Company required to be registered under the Investment Company Act;
 - (ii) causing the Trust to be classified for United States federal income tax purposes as a grantor trust; and
 - (iii) cooperating with the Note Issuer to ensure that the Notes will be treated as indebtedness of the Note Issuer for United States federal income tax purposes,

provided that such action does not adversely affect the interests of Holders; and

- (q) to take all action necessary to cause all applicable tax returns and tax information reports that are required to be filed with respect to the Trust to be duly prepared and filed by the Regular Trustees, on behalf of the Trust.

The Regular Trustees must exercise the powers set forth in this Section 3.6 in a manner that is consistent with the purposes and functions of the Trust set out in Section 3.3, and the Regular Trustees shall not take any action that is inconsistent with the purposes and functions of the Trust set forth in Section 3.3.

Subject to this Section 3.6, the Regular Trustees shall have none of the powers or the authority of the Property Trustee set forth in Section 3.8.

Any expenses incurred by the Regular Trustees pursuant to this Section 3.6 shall be reimbursed by the Note Issuer.

SECTION 3.7 Prohibition of Actions by the Trust and the Trustees.

- (a) The Trust shall not, and the Trustees (including the Property Trustee) shall not, engage in any activity other than as required or authorized by this Declaration. In particular, the Trust shall not and the Trustees (including the Property Trustee) shall cause the Trust not to:

- (i) invest any proceeds received by the Trust from holding the Notes, but shall distribute all such proceeds to Holders of Securities pursuant to the terms of this Declaration and of the Securities;
- (ii) acquire any assets other than as expressly provided herein;
- (iii) possess Trust property for other than a Trust purpose;
- (iv) make any loans or incur any indebtedness other than loans represented by the Notes;
- (v) possess any power or otherwise act in such a way as to vary the Trust assets or the terms of the Securities in any way whatsoever;
- (vi) issue any securities or other evidences of beneficial ownership of, or beneficial interest in, the Trust other than the Securities; or
- (vii) other than as provided in this Declaration, (A) direct the time, method and place of exercising any trust or power conferred upon the Note Trustee with respect to the Notes, (B) waive any past default that is waivable under the Indenture, (C) exercise any right to rescind or annul any declaration that the principal of all the Notes shall be due and payable, or (D) consent to any amendment, modification or termination of the Indenture or the Notes where such consent shall be required unless the Trust shall have received an opinion of counsel to the effect that such modification will not cause more than an insubstantial risk that for United States federal income tax purposes the Trust will not be classified as a grantor trust.

SECTION 3.8 Powers and Duties of the Property Trustee.

- (a) The legal title to the Notes shall be owned by and held of record in the name of the Property Trustee in trust for the benefit of the Holders of the Securities. The right, title and interest of the Property Trustee to the Notes shall vest automatically in each Person who may hereafter be appointed as Property Trustee in accordance with

Section 5.7. Such vesting and cessation of title shall be effective whether or not conveyancing documents with regard to the Notes have been executed and delivered.

- (b) The Property Trustee shall not transfer its right, title and interest in the Notes to the Regular Trustees or to the Delaware Trustee (if the Property Trustee does not also act as Delaware Trustee).

- (c) The Property Trustee shall:

- (i) establish and maintain a segregated non-interest bearing trust account (the "Property Trustee Account") in the name of and under the exclusive control of the Property Trustee on behalf of the Holders of the Securities and, upon the receipt of payments of funds made in respect of the Notes held by the Property Trustee, deposit such funds into the Property Trustee Account and make payments to the Holders of the Capital Securities and Holders of the Common Securities from the Property Trustee Account in accordance with Section 6.1. Funds in the Property Trustee Account shall be held uninvested until disbursed in accordance with this Declaration. The Property Trustee Account shall be an account that is maintained with a banking institution the rating of whose long-term unsecured indebtedness is at least equal to the rating assigned to the Capital Securities by a "nationally recognized statistical rating organization," as that term is defined for purposes of Rule 436(g)(2) under the Securities Act;

- (ii) engage in such ministerial activities as shall be necessary or appropriate to effect the redemption of the Capital Securities and the Common Securities to the extent the Notes are prepaid or mature; and
 - (iii) upon written notice of distribution issued by the Regular Trustees in accordance with the terms of the Securities, engage in such ministerial activities as shall be necessary or appropriate to effect the distribution of the Notes to Holders of Securities upon the occurrence of a Special Event or other specified circumstances pursuant to the terms of the Securities.
- (d) The Property Trustee shall take all actions and perform such duties as may be specifically required of the Property Trustee pursuant to the terms of the Securities.
- (e) The Property Trustee shall take any Legal Action which arises out of or in connection with an Event of Default of which a Responsible Officer of the Property Trustee has actual knowledge or the Property Trustee's duties and obligations under this Declaration or the Trust Indenture Act; provided however, that if a Nonpayment has occurred and is continuing, a Holder of Capital Securities may institute directly a proceeding for enforcement of payment to such Holder of the principal of, premium, if any, or interest on the Notes having a principal amount equal to the aggregate liquidation amount of the Capital Securities of such Holder (a "Direct Action") after the respective due date specified in the Notes. In connection with such Direct Action, the rights of the Holders of the Common Securities will be subrogated to the rights of such Holder of
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- Capital Securities to the extent of any payment made by the Note Issuer to such Holder of Capital Securities in such Direct Action.
- (f) The Property Trustee shall not resign as a Trustee unless either:
- (i) the Trust has been completely liquidated and the proceeds of the liquidation distributed to the Holders of Securities pursuant to the terms of the Securities; or
 - (ii) a Successor Property Trustee has been appointed and has accepted that appointment in accordance with Section 5.7.
- (g) The Property Trustee shall have the legal power to exercise all of the rights, powers and privileges of a holder of Notes under the Indenture and, if an Event of Default actually known to a Responsible Officer of the Property Trustee occurs and is continuing, the Property Trustee shall, for the benefit of Holders of the Securities, enforce its rights as holder of the Notes subject to the rights of the Holders pursuant to the terms of such Securities.
- (h) The Property Trustee may authorize one or more Paying Agents to pay Distributions, redemption payments or liquidation payments on behalf of the Trust with respect to all Securities and any such Paying Agent shall comply with Section 317(b) of the Trust Indenture Act. Any Paying Agent may be removed by the Property Trustee at any time and a successor Paying Agent or additional Paying Agents may be appointed at any time by the Property Trustee.
- (i) Subject to this Section 3.8, the Property Trustee shall have none of the duties, liabilities, powers or the authority of the Regular Trustees set forth in Section 3.6.

The Property Trustee must exercise the powers set forth in this Section 3.8 in a manner that is consistent with the purposes and functions of the Trust set out in Section 3.3, and the Property Trustee shall not take any action that is inconsistent with the purposes and functions of the Trust set out in Section 3.3.

SECTION 3.9 Certain Duties and Responsibilities of the Property Trustee.

- (a) The Property Trustee, before the occurrence of any Event of Default and after the curing of all Events of Default that may have occurred, shall undertake to perform only such duties as are specifically set forth in this Declaration and no implied covenants shall be read into this Declaration against the Property Trustee. In case an Event of Default has occurred (that has not been cured or waived pursuant to Section 2.6) of which a Responsible Officer of the Property Trustee has actual knowledge, the Property Trustee shall exercise such of the rights and powers vested in it by this Declaration, and use the same degree of care and skill in their exercise, as a prudent person would exercise or use under the circumstances in the conduct of his or her own affairs.

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- (b) No provision of this Declaration shall be construed to relieve the Property Trustee from liability for its own negligent action, its own negligent failure to act, or its own willful misconduct, except that:

- (i) prior to the occurrence of an Event of Default and after the curing or waiving of all such Events of Default that may have occurred:

- (A) the duties and obligations of the Property Trustee shall be determined solely by the express provisions of this Declaration and the Property Trustee shall not be liable except for the performance of such duties and obligations as are specifically set forth in this Declaration, and no implied covenants or obligations shall be read into this Declaration against the Property Trustee; and

(B) in the absence of bad faith on the part of the Property Trustee, the Property Trustee may conclusively rely, as to the truth of the statements and the correctness of the opinions expressed therein, upon any certificates or opinions furnished to the Property Trustee and conforming to the requirements of this Declaration; but in the case of any such certificates or opinions that by any provision hereof are specifically required to be furnished to the Property Trustee, the Property Trustee shall be under a duty to examine the same to determine whether or not they conform to the requirements of this Declaration;

- (ii) the Property Trustee shall not be liable for any error of judgment made in good faith by a Responsible Officer of the Property Trustee, unless it shall be proved that the Property Trustee was negligent in ascertaining the pertinent facts;
- (iii) the Property Trustee shall not be liable with respect to any action taken or omitted to be taken by it in good faith in accordance with the direction of the Holders of not less than a Majority in liquidation amount of the Securities relating to the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Property Trustee, or exercising any trust or power conferred upon the Property Trustee under this Declaration;
- (iv) no provision of this Declaration shall require the Property Trustee to expend or risk its own funds or otherwise incur personal financial liability in the performance of any of its duties or in the exercise of any of its rights or powers, if it shall have reasonable grounds for believing that the repayment of such funds or liability is not reasonably assured to it under the terms of this Declaration or indemnity reasonably satisfactory to the Property Trustee against such risk or liability is not reasonably assured to it;
- (v) the Property Trustee's sole duty with respect to the custody, safekeeping and physical preservation of the Notes and the Property Trustee Account shall be to deal with such property in a similar manner as the Property

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Trustee deals with similar property for its own account, subject to the protections and limitations on liability afforded to the Property Trustee under this Declaration and the Trust Indenture Act;

- (vi) the Property Trustee shall have no duty or liability for or with respect to the value, genuineness, existence or sufficiency of the Notes or the payment of any taxes or assessments levied thereon or in connection therewith;
- (vii) the Property Trustee shall not be liable for any interest on any money received by it except as it may otherwise agree in writing with the Sponsor. Money held by the Property Trustee need not be segregated from other funds held by it except in relation to the Property Trustee Account maintained by the Property Trustee pursuant to Section 3.8(c)(i) and except to the extent otherwise required by law; and
- (viii) the Property Trustee shall not be responsible for monitoring the compliance by the Regular Trustees or the Sponsor with their respective duties under this Declaration, nor shall the Property Trustee be liable for any default or misconduct of the Regular Trustees or the Sponsor.

SECTION 3.10 **Certain Rights of Property Trustee**

- (a) Subject to the provisions of Section 3.9:

- (i) the Property Trustee may conclusively rely and shall be fully protected in acting or refraining from acting upon any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, direction, consent, order, bond, debenture, note, other evidence of indebtedness or other paper or document believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed, sent or presented by the proper party or parties;
- (ii) any direction or act of the Sponsor or the Regular Trustees contemplated by this Declaration shall be sufficiently evidenced by an Officers' Certificate;
- (iii) whenever, in the administration of this Declaration, the Property Trustee shall deem it desirable that a matter be proved or established before taking, suffering or omitting any action hereunder, the Property Trustee (unless other evidence is herein specifically prescribed) may, in the absence of bad faith on its part, request and conclusively rely upon an Officers' Certificate which, upon receipt of such request, shall be promptly delivered by the Sponsor or the Regular Trustees;
- (iv) the Property Trustee shall have no duty to see to any recording, filing or registration of any instrument (including any financing or continuation statement or any filing under tax or securities laws) or any rerecording, refiling or registration thereof;

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- (v) the Property Trustee may consult with counsel or other experts of its selection and the advice or opinion of such counsel and experts with respect to legal matters or advice within the scope of such experts' area of expertise shall be full and complete authorization and protection in respect of any action taken, suffered or omitted by it hereunder in good faith and in accordance with such advice or opinion, and such counsel may be counsel to the Sponsor or any of its Affiliates, and may include any of its employees. The Property Trustee shall have the right at any time to seek instructions concerning the administration of

this Declaration from any court of competent jurisdiction;

(vi) the Property Trustee shall be under no obligation to exercise any of the rights or powers vested in it by this Declaration at the request or direction of any Holder, unless such Holder shall have provided to the Property Trustee security and indemnity, reasonably satisfactory to the Property Trustee, against the costs, expenses (including attorneys' fees and expenses and the expenses of the Property Trustee's agents, nominees or custodians) and liabilities that might be incurred by it in complying with such request or direction, including such reasonable advances as may be requested by the Property Trustee, provided, that, nothing contained in this Section 3.10(a)(vi) shall be taken to relieve the Property Trustee, upon the occurrence of an Event of Default, of its obligation to exercise the rights and powers vested in it by this Declaration;

(vii) the Property Trustee shall not be bound to make any investigation into the facts or matters stated in any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, direction, consent, order, bond, debenture, note, other evidence of indebtedness or other paper or document, but the Property Trustee, in its discretion, may make such further inquiry or investigation into such facts or matters as it may see fit;

(viii) the Property Trustee may execute any of the trusts or powers hereunder or perform any duties hereunder either directly or by or through agents, custodians, nominees or attorneys;

(ix) any action taken by the Property Trustee or its agents hereunder shall bind the Trust and the Holders of the Securities, and the signature of the Property Trustee or its agents alone shall be sufficient and effective to perform any such action and no third party shall be required to inquire as to the authority of the Property Trustee to so act or as to its compliance with any of the terms and provisions of this Declaration, both of which shall be conclusively evidenced by the Property Trustee's or its agent's taking such action;

(x) whenever in the administration of this Declaration the Property Trustee shall deem it desirable to receive instructions with respect to enforcing any remedy or right or taking any other action hereunder, the Property Trustee (i) may request instructions from the Holders of the Securities which instructions may only be given by the Holders of the same proportion in liquidation amount of the Securities as would be entitled to direct the Property Trustee under the terms

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of the Securities in respect of such remedy, right or action, (ii) may refrain from enforcing such remedy or right or taking such other action until such instructions are received, and (iii) shall be protected in conclusively relying on or acting in accordance with such instructions;

(xi) except as otherwise expressly provided by this Declaration, the Property Trustee shall not be under any obligation to take any action that is discretionary under the provisions of this Declaration; and

(xii) the Property Trustee shall not be liable for any action taken, suffered, or omitted to be taken by it in good faith and reasonably believed by it to be authorized or within the discretion or rights or powers conferred upon it by this Declaration.

(b) No provision of this Declaration shall be deemed to impose any duty or obligation on the Property Trustee to perform any act or acts or exercise any right, power, duty or obligation conferred or imposed on it, in any jurisdiction in which it shall be illegal, or in which the Property Trustee shall be unqualified or incompetent in accordance with applicable law, to perform any such act or acts, or to exercise any such right, power, duty or obligation. No permissive power or authority available to the Property Trustee shall be construed to be a duty.

SECTION 3.11 Delaware Trustee.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Declaration other than Section 5.2, the Delaware Trustee shall not be entitled to exercise any powers, nor shall the Delaware Trustee have any of the duties and responsibilities of the Regular Trustees or the Property Trustee described in this Declaration. Except as set forth in Section 5.2, the Delaware Trustee shall be a Trustee for the sole and limited purpose of fulfilling the requirements of Section 3807 of the Statutory Trust Act.

SECTION 3.12 Execution of Documents.

Unless otherwise determined by the Regular Trustees, and except as otherwise required by the Statutory Trust Act, any Regular Trustee is authorized to execute on behalf of the Trust any documents that the Regular Trustees have the power and authority to execute pursuant to Section 3.6; provided that any registration statement referred to in Section 3.6(b), including any amendments thereto, shall be signed by a majority of the Regular Trustees holding office at the time of such signing.

SECTION 3.13 Not Responsible for Recitals or Issuance of Securities.

The recitals contained in this Declaration and the Securities shall be taken as the statements of the Sponsor, and the Trustees do not assume any responsibility for their correctness. The Trustees make no representations as to the value or condition of the property of the Trust or any part thereof. The Trustees make no representations as to the validity or sufficiency of this Declaration or the Securities.

SECTION 3.14 Duration of Trust.

The Trust, unless terminated pursuant to the provisions of Article 8, shall have existence until January 1, 2058.

SECTION 3.15 Mergers.

- (a) The Trust may not consolidate, amalgamate or merge with or into, or be replaced by, or convey, transfer or lease its properties and assets substantially as an entirety to any corporation or other body, except as described in Section 3.15(b) and (c).
- (b) The Trust may, with the consent of a majority of the Regular Trustees and without the consent of the Holders of the Securities, the Delaware Trustee or the Property Trustee, consolidate, amalgamate, merge with or into, or be replaced by a trust organized as such under the laws of any state; provided that:
- (i) if the Trust is not the survivor, such successor entity (the "Successor Entity") either:
 - (A) expressly assumes all of the obligations of the Trust under the Securities; or
 - (B) substitutes for the Securities other securities having substantially the same terms as the Securities (the "Successor Securities") so long as the Successor Securities rank the same as the Securities rank with respect to Distributions and payments upon liquidation, redemption and otherwise;
 - (ii) the Note Issuer expressly acknowledges a trustee of the Successor Entity that possesses the same powers and duties as the Property Trustee as the Holder of the Notes;
 - (iii) the Capital Securities or any Successor Securities which are Capital Securities are listed, or any Successor Securities of the Capital Securities will be listed upon notification of issuance, on any national or international securities exchange or with another organization, if any, on which the Capital Securities are then listed or quoted;
 - (iv) such merger, consolidation, amalgamation or replacement does not cause the Capital Securities (including any Successor Securities of the Capital Securities) to be downgraded by any nationally recognized statistical rating organization;
 - (v) such merger, consolidation, amalgamation or replacement does not adversely affect the rights, preferences and privileges of the Holders of the Securities (including any Successor Securities) in any material respect (other than with respect to any dilution of such Holders' interests in the new or successor entity as a result of such merger, consolidation or replacement);

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- (vi) such Successor Entity has a purpose identical to that of the Trust;
 - (vii) prior to such merger, consolidation, amalgamation or replacement, the Sponsor has received an opinion of a nationally recognized independent counsel to the Trust experienced in such matters to the effect that:
 - (A) such merger, consolidation, amalgamation or replacement does not adversely affect the rights, preferences and privileges of the Holders of the Securities (including any Successor Securities) in any material respect (other than with respect to any dilution of the Holders' interest in the new entity);
 - (B) following such merger, consolidation, amalgamation or replacement, neither the Trust nor the Successor Entity will be required to register as an Investment Company; and
 - (C) following such merger, consolidation, amalgamation or replacement, the Trust (or the Successor Entity) will continue to be classified as a grantor trust for United States federal income tax purposes; and
 - (viii) the Sponsor guarantees the obligations of such Successor Entity under the Successor Securities at least to the extent provided by the Capital Securities Guarantee and the Common Securities Guarantee.
- (c) Notwithstanding Section 3.15(b), the Trust shall not, except with the consent of Holders of 100% in liquidation amount of the Securities, consolidate, amalgamate, merge with or into, or be replaced by any other entity or permit any other entity to consolidate, amalgamate, merge with or into, or replace it if such consolidation, merger, amalgamation or replacement would cause the Trust or Successor Entity to be classified as other than a grantor trust for United States federal income tax purposes.

ARTICLE 4 SPONSOR

SECTION 4.1 Sponsor's Purchase of Common Securities.

On the Closing Date, the Trust will issue, and the Sponsor will purchase, the Common Securities issued by the Trust in an amount at least equal to 3% of the capital of the Trust at the same time as any Capital Securities are sold.

SECTION 4.2 Responsibilities of the Sponsor.

In connection with the issuance and sale of the Capital Securities, the Sponsor shall have the exclusive right and responsibility to engage in the following activities:

(a) to prepare for filing by the Trust (i) with the Commission one or more registration statements on Form S-3 in relation to the Capital Securities, including any

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amendments thereto, and (ii) with the United Kingdom Listing Authority an offering circular relating to the Capital Securities, including any amendments thereto;

(b) to determine the states and foreign jurisdictions in which to take appropriate action to qualify or register for sale all or part of the Capital Securities and to do any and all such acts, other than actions which must be taken by the Trust, and advise the Trust of actions it must take, and prepare for execution and filing any documents to be executed and filed by the Trust, as the Sponsor deems necessary or advisable in order to comply with the applicable laws of any such states and foreign jurisdictions;

(c) to prepare for filing when required by the Trust an application to any national or international stock exchange or the Nasdaq National Market for listing upon notice of issuance of any Capital Securities if the Capital Securities are to be listed;

(d) to prepare for filing by the Trust with the Commission (i) any required registration statements on Form 8-A relating to the registration of the Capital Securities under Section 12(b) or 12(g) of the Exchange Act, including any amendments thereto and (ii) any other filings required under the Exchange Act; and

(e) to negotiate the terms of the Underwriting Agreement providing for the sale of the Capital Securities and the Capital Securities Guarantee.

In addition, the Sponsor shall have the right at any time to cause the Trust to be dissolved and the Notes held by the Trust to be distributed to Holders of the Securities.

SECTION 4.3 Covenants of the Sponsor.

For so long as the Capital Securities remain outstanding, the Sponsor will covenant (i) to maintain 100% direct or indirect ownership of the Common Securities, (ii) to use its reasonable best efforts to cause the Trust (a) to remain a statutory trust, except as permitted by this Declaration in connection with the Trust's liquidation, merger or consolidation, and (b) to not be classified as an association taxable as a corporation or a publicly traded partnership taxable as a corporation for United States federal income tax purposes and (iii) to use its reasonable best efforts to cause each Holder of Securities to be treated as owning an undivided beneficial ownership interest in the assets of the Trust.

ARTICLE 5 TRUSTEES

SECTION 5.1 Number of Trustees.

The number of Trustees of this Trust shall be four, and:

(a) at any time before the issuance of any Securities, the Sponsor may, by written instrument, increase or decrease the number of Trustees; and

(b) after the issuance of any Securities, the number of Trustees may be increased or decreased by vote of the Holders of a majority in liquidation amount of the

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Common Securities voting as a class at a meeting of the Holders of the Common Securities; provided, however, that, the number of Trustees shall in no event be less than two; provided further that (1) one Trustee, in the case of a natural person, shall be a person who is a resident of the State of Delaware or that, if not a natural person, is an entity which has its principal place of business in the State of Delaware (the "Delaware Trustee"); (2) there shall be at least one Trustee who is an employee or officer of, or is affiliated with the Sponsor (a "Regular Trustee"); and (3) one Trustee shall be the Property Trustee for so long as this Declaration is required to qualify as an indenture under the Trust Indenture Act, and such Trustee may also serve as Delaware Trustee if it meets the applicable requirements.

SECTION 5.2 Qualifications of Delaware Trustee.

If required by the Statutory Trust Act, the Delaware Trustee shall be:

(a) a natural person who is a resident of the State of Delaware; or

(b) if not a natural person, an entity which has its principal place of business in the State of Delaware, and otherwise meets the requirements of applicable law,

provided that, if the Property Trustee has its principal place of business in the State of Delaware and otherwise meets the requirements of applicable law, then the Property Trustee shall also be the Delaware Trustee and Section 3.11 shall have no application.

SECTION 5.3 Property Trustee; Eligibility.

- (a) There shall at all times be one Trustee which shall act as Property Trustee which shall:
 - (i) not be an Affiliate of the Sponsor; and
 - (ii) be a corporation organized and doing business under the laws of the United States of America or any state or territory thereof or of the District of Columbia, or a corporation or Person permitted by the Commission to act as a Property Trustee under the Trust Indenture Act, authorized under such laws to exercise corporate trust powers, having a combined capital and surplus of at least \$50,000,000, and subject to supervision or examination by Federal, state, territorial or District of Columbia authority. If such corporation publishes reports of condition at least annually, pursuant to law or to the requirements of the supervising or examining authority referred to above, then for the purposes of this Section 5.3(a)(ii), the combined capital and surplus of such corporation shall be deemed to be its combined capital and surplus as set forth in its most recent report of condition so published.
- (b) If at any time the Property Trustee shall cease to be eligible to so act under Section 5.3(a), the Property Trustee shall immediately resign in the manner and with the effect set forth in Section 5.7(c).

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- (c) If the Property Trustee has or shall acquire any "conflicting interest" within the meaning of Section 310(b) of the Trust Indenture Act, the Property Trustee and the Holder of the Common Securities (as if it were the obligor referred to in Section 310(b) of the Trust Indenture Act) shall in all respects comply with the provisions of Section 310(b) of the Trust Indenture Act.
 - (d) The Capital Securities Guarantee shall be deemed to be specifically described in this Declaration for purposes of clause (i) of the first provision contained in Section 310(b) of the Trust Indenture Act.
 - (e) The initial Property Trustee shall be The Bank of New York.

SECTION 5.4 Certain Qualifications of Regular Trustees and Delaware Trustee Generally.

Each Regular Trustee and the Delaware Trustee (unless the Property Trustee also acts as Delaware Trustee) shall either be a natural person who is at least 21 years of age or a legal entity that shall act through one or more Authorized Officers.

SECTION 5.5 Regular Trustees.

As of the date of this Declaration, the Regular Trustees shall be Karen A. Gosnell and James T. Houghton.

- (a) Except as expressly set forth in this Declaration and except if a meeting of the Regular Trustees is called with respect to any matter over which the Regular Trustees have power to act, any power of the Regular Trustees may be exercised by, or with the consent of, any one such Regular Trustee.
- (b) Unless otherwise determined by the Regular Trustees, and except as otherwise required by the Statutory Trust Act or applicable law, any Regular Trustee is authorized to execute on behalf of the Trust any documents which the Regular Trustees have the power and authority to cause the Trust to execute pursuant to Section 3.6, provided, that, the registration statement referred to in Section 3.6, including any amendments thereto, shall be signed by a majority of the Regular Trustees; and
- (c) A Regular Trustee may, by power of attorney consistent with applicable law, delegate to any other natural person over the age of 21 his or her power for the purposes of signing any documents which the Regular Trustees have power and authority to cause the Trust to execute pursuant to Section 3.6.

SECTION 5.6 Appointment of Delaware Trustee.

The initial Delaware Trustee shall be The Bank of New York (Delaware).

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SECTION 5.7 Appointment, Removal and Resignation of Trustees.

- (a) Subject to Section 5.7(b), Trustees may be appointed or removed without cause at any time:
 - (i) until the issuance of any Securities, by written instrument executed by the Sponsor; and
 - (ii) after the issuance of any Securities, by vote of the Holders of a Majority in liquidation amount of the Common Securities voting as a class at a meeting of the Holders of the Common Securities or by unanimous written

consent of the Holders of the Common Securities.

- (b) (i) the Property Trustee shall not be removed in accordance with Section 5.7(a) until a successor trustee possessing the qualifications to act as Property Trustee under Section 5.3 (a "Successor Property Trustee") has been appointed and has accepted such appointment by written instrument executed by such Successor Property Trustee and delivered to the Regular Trustees and the Sponsor; and
- (ii) the Delaware Trustee shall not be removed in accordance with Section 5.7(a) until a successor Trustee possessing the qualifications to act as Delaware Trustee under Sections 5.2 and 5.4 (a "Successor Delaware Trustee") has been appointed and has accepted such appointment by written instrument executed by such Successor Delaware Trustee and delivered to the Regular Trustees and the Sponsor.

(c) A Trustee appointed to office shall hold office until his successor shall have been appointed or until his death, removal or resignation. Any Trustee may resign from office (without need for prior or subsequent accounting) by an instrument in writing signed by the Trustee and delivered to the Sponsor and the Trust, which resignation shall take effect upon such delivery or upon such later date as is specified therein; provided, however, that:

- (i) No such resignation of the Property Trustee shall be effective:
 - (A) until a Successor Property Trustee has been appointed and has accepted such appointment by instrument executed by such Successor Property Trustee and delivered to the Trust, the Sponsor and the resigning Property Trustee; or
 - (B) until the assets of the Trust have been completely liquidated and the proceeds thereof distributed to the holders of the Securities; and
- (ii) no such resignation of the Delaware Trustee shall be effective until a Successor Delaware Trustee has been appointed and has accepted such appointment by instrument executed by such Successor Delaware Trustee and delivered to the Trust, the Sponsor and the resigning Delaware Trustee.

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(d) The Holders of the Common Securities shall use their best efforts to promptly appoint a Successor Delaware Trustee or Successor Property Trustee as the case may be if the Property Trustee or the Delaware Trustee delivers an instrument of resignation in accordance with this Section 5.7.

(e) If no Successor Property Trustee or Successor Delaware Trustee shall have been appointed and accepted appointment as provided in this Section 5.7 within 60 days after delivery of an instrument of resignation or removal, the Property Trustee or Delaware Trustee resigning or being removed, as applicable, may petition any court of competent jurisdiction for appointment of a Successor Property Trustee or Successor Delaware Trustee. Such court may thereupon, after prescribing such notice, if any, as it may deem proper and prescribe, appoint a Successor Property Trustee or Successor Delaware Trustee, as the case may be.

(f) No Property Trustee or Delaware Trustee shall be liable for the acts or omissions to act of any Successor Property Trustee or successor Delaware Trustee, as the case may be.

SECTION 5.8 **Vacancies Among Trustees.**

If a Trustee ceases to hold office for any reason and the number of Trustees is not reduced pursuant to Section 5.1, or if the number of Trustees is increased pursuant to Section 5.1, a vacancy shall occur. A resolution certifying the existence of such vacancy by the Regular Trustees or, if there are more than two, a majority of the Regular Trustees shall be conclusive evidence of the existence of such vacancy. The vacancy shall be filled with a Trustee appointed in accordance with Section 5.7.

SECTION 5.9 **Effect of Vacancies.**

The death, resignation, retirement, removal, bankruptcy, dissolution, liquidation, incompetence or incapacity to perform the duties of a Trustee shall not operate to annul the Trust. Whenever a vacancy in the number of Regular Trustees shall occur, until such vacancy is filled by the appointment of a Regular Trustee in accordance with Section 5.7, the Regular Trustees in office, regardless of their number, shall have all the powers granted to the Regular Trustees and shall discharge all the duties imposed upon the Regular Trustees by this Declaration.

SECTION 5.10 **Meetings.**

If there is more than one Regular Trustee, meetings of the Regular Trustees shall be held from time to time upon the call of any Regular Trustee. Regular meetings of the Regular Trustees may be held at a time and place fixed by resolution of the Regular Trustees. Notice of any in-person meetings of the Regular Trustees shall be hand delivered or otherwise delivered in writing (including by facsimile, with a hard copy by overnight courier) not less than 48 hours before such meeting. Notice of any telephonic meetings of the Regular Trustees or any committee thereof shall be hand delivered or otherwise delivered in writing (including by facsimile, with a hard copy by overnight courier) not less than 24 hours before a meeting. Notices shall contain a brief statement of the time, place and anticipated purposes of the meeting.

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The presence (whether in person or by telephone) of a Regular Trustee at a meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting except where a Regular Trustee attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any activity on the ground that the meeting has not been lawfully called or convened. Unless provided otherwise in this Declaration, any action of the Regular Trustees may be taken at a meeting by vote of a majority of the Regular Trustees present (whether in person or by telephone) and eligible to vote with respect to such matter, provided that a Quorum is present, or without a meeting by the unanimous written consent of the Regular Trustees. Any and all actions of the Regular Trustees also may be evidenced by a written consent of such Regular Trustee.

SECTION 5.11 **Delegation of Power.**

- (a) Any Regular Trustee may, by power of attorney consistent with applicable law, delegate to any other natural person over the age of 21 his or her power for the purpose of executing any documents contemplated in Section 3.6, including any registration statement or amendment thereto filed with the Commission, or making any other governmental filing; and
- (b) The Regular Trustees shall have power to delegate from time to time to such of their number or to officers of the Trust the doing of such things and the execution of such instruments either in the name of the Trust or the names of the Regular Trustees or otherwise as the Regular Trustees may deem expedient, to the extent such delegation is not prohibited by applicable law or contrary to the provisions of the Trust, as set forth herein.

SECTION 5.12 **Merger, Conversion, Consolidation, Amalgamation or Succession to Business.**

Any Person into which the Property Trustee or the Delaware Trustee, as the case may be, may be merged or converted or with which either may be consolidated, or any Person resulting from any merger, conversion, consolidation or amalgamation to which the Property Trustee or the Delaware Trustee, as the case may be, shall be a party, or any Person succeeding to all or substantially all the corporate trust business of the Property Trustee or the Delaware Trustee, as the case may be, shall be the successor of the Property Trustee or the Delaware Trustee, as the case may be, hereunder, provided such Person shall be otherwise qualified and eligible under this Article, without the execution or filing of any paper or any further act on the part of any of the parties hereto.

ARTICLE 6 DISTRIBUTIONS

SECTION 6.1 **Distributions.**

Holders shall receive Distributions at the times and in accordance with the applicable terms of the relevant Holder's Securities. If and to the extent that the Note Issuer makes a payment of interest (including Compounded Interest, as defined in the Indenture) and Additional Interest (as defined in the Indenture), Additional Amounts (as defined in the Indenture), premium, if any, or principal on the Notes held by the Property Trustee (the amount of any such

payment being a "Payment Amount"), the Property Trustee shall and is directed, to the extent funds are available for that purpose and without further action by the Regular Trustees, to make a Distribution of the Payment Amount to Holders. The term "Distributions" as used herein includes such cash distributions and any such interest payable unless otherwise stated. Distributions shall be made on the Capital Securities and the Common Securities in accordance with the preferences set forth in their respective terms.

ARTICLE 7 ISSUANCE OF SECURITIES

SECTION 7.1 **General Provisions Regarding Securities.**

- (a) The Regular Trustees shall on behalf of the Trust issue the Capital Securities which shall have such terms as are set forth in a completed Designation of Terms in the form attached hereto as Annex I, in the amounts, at the times and with such additions, deletions, modifications and completions as may be approved by the Regular Trustees (the "Designation of Terms"), and one class of Common Securities representing undivided beneficial interests in the assets of the Trust in the amounts, at the times and having such terms as are set forth in a completed Designation of Terms. The Trust shall issue no securities or other interests in the assets of the Trust other than the Capital Securities and the Common Securities.
- (b) The Regular Trustees shall negotiate the terms of the Underwriting Agreement relating to the Capital Securities.
- (c) The Securities are subject to redemption as provided in the Designation of Terms.
- (d) The Certificates shall be signed on behalf of the Trust by a Regular Trustee. Such signature shall be the manual signature of any present or any future Regular Trustee. In case any Regular Trustee of the Trust who shall have signed any of the Certificates shall cease to be such Regular Trustee before the Certificates so signed shall be delivered by the Trust, such Certificates nevertheless may be delivered as though the person who signed such Certificates had not ceased to be such Regular Trustee. Any Certificate may be signed on behalf of the Trust by such persons who, at the actual date of execution of such Security, shall be the Regular Trustees of the Trust, although at the date of the execution and delivery of the Declaration any such person was not such a Regular Trustee. Certificates shall be typed, printed, lithographed or engraved or may be produced in any other manner as is reasonably acceptable to the Regular Trustees, as evidenced by their execution thereof, and may have such letters, numbers or other marks of identification or designation and such legends or endorsements as the

Regular Trustees may deem appropriate, or as may be required to comply with any law or with any rule or regulation of any stock exchange on which Securities may be listed, or to conform to usage.

- (e) The consideration received by the Trust for the issuance of the Securities shall constitute a contribution to the capital of the Trust and shall not constitute a loan to the Trust.
- (f) Upon issuance of the Securities as provided in this Declaration, the Securities so issued shall be deemed to be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable.
- (g) Every Person, by virtue of having become a Holder or a Capital Security Beneficial Owner in accordance with the terms of this Declaration, shall be deemed to have expressly assented and agreed to the terms of, and shall be bound by, this Declaration, including the Designation of Terms.
- (h) The Securities are not, and shall not be deemed to be, savings accounts or bank deposits or an obligation of or guaranteed by any banking affiliate of the Note Issuer and are not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other governmental agency.

SECTION 7.2 Paying Agent.

In the event that the Capital Securities are not in Book-Entry only form, the Trust shall maintain in London, an office or agency where the Capital Securities may be presented for payment ("Paying Agent"). The Trust may appoint the Paying Agent and may appoint one or more additional paying agents in such other locations as it shall determine and shall make such appointment in any other location required by law or the rules of any securities exchange on which the Capital Securities may be listed. The term "Paying Agent" includes any additional paying agent. The Trust may change any Paying Agent without prior notice to any Holder. The Trust shall notify the Property Trustee of the name and address of any Paying Agent not a party to this Declaration. If the Trust fails to appoint or maintain another entity as Paying Agent, the Property Trustee shall act as such. The Trust or any of its Affiliates may act as Paying Agent. The Property Trustee shall initially act as Paying Agent for the Capital Securities and the Trust shall initially act as Paying Agent for the Common Securities.

ARTICLE 8 TERMINATION OF TRUST

SECTION 8.1 Termination of Trust.

- (a) The Trust shall dissolve:
 - (i) upon the bankruptcy of the Sponsor;
 - (ii) upon the filing of a certificate of dissolution or its equivalent with respect to the Sponsor; upon the consent of a Majority in liquidation amount of the Securities voting together as a single class to dissolve the Trust; or upon the revocation of the Sponsor's charter and the expiration of 90 days after the date of revocation without a reinstatement thereof;

- (iii) upon the entry of a decree of judicial dissolution of the Holder of the Common Securities, the Sponsor or the Trust;
 - (iv) when all of the Securities shall have been called for redemption and the amounts necessary for redemption thereof shall have been paid to the Holders in accordance with the terms of the Securities;
 - (v) at the election of the Sponsor at any time pursuant to which the Trust shall have been dissolved in accordance with the terms of the Securities and all of the Notes shall have been distributed to the Holders of Securities in exchange for all of the Securities; or
 - (vi) before the issuance of any Securities, with the consent of all of the Regular Trustees and the Sponsor.
- (b) As soon as is practicable after the occurrence of an event referred to in Section 8.1(a), the Trustees shall, after satisfaction of all obligations of the Trust, file a certificate of cancellation with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware and the Trust shall terminate.
- (c) The provisions of Section 3.9 and Article 10 shall survive the termination of the Trust.

ARTICLE 9 TRANSFER OF INTERESTS

SECTION 9.1 Transfer of Securities.

- (a) Securities may only be transferred, in whole or in part, in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in this Declaration and in the terms of the Securities. Any transfer or purported transfer of any Security not made in accordance with this Declaration shall be null and void.

(b) Subject to this Article 9 and Section 4.3, the Sponsor and any Related Party may only transfer Common Securities to the Sponsor or a Related Party of the Sponsor; provided that any such transfer is subject to the condition precedent that the transferor obtain the written opinion of a nationally recognized independent counsel experienced in such matters that such transfer would not cause more than an insubstantial risk that:

- (i) the Trust would not be classified for United States federal income tax purposes as an association or a publicly traded partnership taxable as a corporation; and
- (ii) the Trust would be an Investment Company or the transferee would become an Investment Company.

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SECTION 9.2 Transfer of Certificates.

The Regular Trustees shall provide for the registration of Certificates and of transfers of Certificates, which will be effected without charge but only upon payment (with such indemnity as the Regular Trustees may require) in respect of any tax or other government charges that may be imposed in relation to it. Upon surrender for registration of transfer of any Certificate, the Regular Trustees shall cause one or more new Certificates to be issued in the name of the designated transferee or transferees. Every Certificate surrendered for registration of transfer shall be accompanied by a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the Regular Trustees duly executed by the Holder or such Holder's attorney duly authorized in writing. Each Certificate surrendered for registration of transfer shall be canceled by the Regular Trustees. A transferee of a Certificate shall be entitled to the rights and subject to the obligations of a Holder hereunder upon the receipt by such transferee of a Certificate. By acceptance of a Certificate, each transferee shall be deemed to have agreed to be bound by this Declaration.

SECTION 9.3 Deemed Security Holders.

The Trustees may treat the Person in whose name any Certificate shall be registered on the books and records of the Trust as the sole holder of such Certificate and of the Securities represented by such Certificate for purposes of receiving Distributions and for all other purposes whatsoever and, accordingly, shall not be bound to recognize any equitable or other claim to or interest in such Certificate or in the Securities represented by such Certificate on the part of any Person, whether or not the Trust shall have actual or other notice thereof.

SECTION 9.4 Book-Entry Interests.

Unless otherwise specified in the terms of the Capital Securities, the Capital Securities Certificates, on original issuance, will be issued in the form of one or more fully registered, global Capital Security Certificates, to be delivered to the Common Depository, as custodian for the initial Clearing Agencies (each a "Global Security"), by, or on behalf of, the Trust. Such Global Securities shall initially be registered on the books and records of the Trust in the name of The Bank of New York Depository (Nominees) Limited, the nominee of the Common Depository, and no Capital Security Beneficial Owner will receive a definitive Capital Security Certificate representing such Capital Security Beneficial Owner's interests in such Global Securities, except as provided in Section 9.7. Unless and until definitive, fully registered Capital Security Certificates (the "Definitive Capital Security Certificates") have been issued to the Capital Security Beneficial Owners pursuant to Section 9.7:

- (a) the provisions of this Section 9.4 shall be in full force and effect;
- (b) the Trust and the Trustees shall be entitled to deal with the Common Depository, as custodian for the Clearing Agencies, for all purposes of this Declaration (including the payment of Distributions on the Global Securities and receiving approvals, votes or consents hereunder) as the sole Holder of the Capital Securities and shall have no obligation to the Capital Security Beneficial Owners;
- (c) to the extent that the provisions of this Section 9.4 conflict with any other provisions of this Declaration, the provisions of this Section 9.4 shall control; and

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- (d) the rights of the Capital Security Beneficial Owners shall be exercised only through the Common Depository, as custodian for the Clearing Agencies, and shall be limited to those established by law and agreements between such Capital Security Beneficial Owners and the applicable Clearing Agency and/or the Clearing Agency Participants. Each Clearing Agency will make Book-Entry transfers among its Participants and receive and transmit payments of Distributions on the Global Securities from the Common Depository to such Clearing Agency Participants.

SECTION 9.5 Notices to Clearing Agencies.

Whenever a notice or other communication to the Capital Security Holders is required under this Declaration, unless and until Definitive Capital Security Certificates shall have been issued to the Capital Security Beneficial Owners pursuant to Section 9.7, the Regular Trustees shall give all such notices and communications specified herein to be given to the Capital Security Holders to the Clearing Agencies, and shall have no notice obligations to the Capital Security Beneficial Owners.

SECTION 9.6 Appointment of Successor Common Depository or Clearing Agency.

If the Common Depository or any Clearing Agency elects to discontinue its services as such with respect to the Capital Securities, the Regular Trustees may, in their sole discretion, appoint a successor Common Depository or Clearing Agency, as applicable, with respect to such Capital Securities.

SECTION 9.7 Definitive Capital Security Certificates.

If:

(a) a Clearing Agency elects to discontinue its services as securities depository with respect to the Capital Securities and a successor Clearing Agency is not appointed within 90 days after such discontinuance pursuant to Section 9.6; or

(b) the Regular Trustees elect after consultation with the Sponsor to terminate the Book-Entry system through the Clearing Agency with respect to the Capital Securities;

then:

(c) Definitive Capital Security Certificates shall be prepared by the Regular Trustees on behalf of the Trust with respect to such Capital Securities; and

(d) upon surrender of the Global Securities by the Common Depository, as custodian for the applicable Clearing Agency, accompanied by registration instructions, the Regular Trustees shall cause Definitive Capital Security Certificates to be delivered to Capital Security Beneficial Owners in accordance with the instructions of the applicable Clearing Agency. Neither the Trustees nor the Trust shall be liable for any delay in delivery of such instructions and each of them may conclusively rely on and shall be protected in relying on, said instructions of such Clearing Agency. The Definitive

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Capital Security Certificates shall be typed, printed, lithographed or engraved or may be produced in any other manner as is reasonably acceptable to the Regular Trustees, as evidenced by their execution thereof, and may have such letters, numbers or other marks of identification or designation and such legends or endorsements as the Regular Trustees may deem appropriate, or as may be required to comply with any law or with any rule or regulation made pursuant thereto or with any rule or regulation of any stock exchange on which Capital Securities may be listed, or to conform to usage.

Otherwise, Definitive Capital Security Certificates will not be issued.

SECTION 9.8 Mutilated, Destroyed, Lost or Stolen Certificates.

If:

(a) any mutilated Certificates should be surrendered to the Regular Trustees, or if the Regular Trustees shall receive evidence to their satisfaction of the destruction, loss or theft of any Certificate; and

(b) there shall be delivered to the Regular Trustees such security or indemnity as may be required by them to keep each of them harmless,

then, in the absence of notice that such Certificate shall have been acquired by a bona fide purchaser, any Regular Trustee on behalf of the Trust shall execute and deliver, in exchange for or in lieu of any such mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Certificate, a new Certificate of like denomination. In connection with the issuance of any new Certificate under this Section 9.8, the Regular Trustees may require the payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in connection therewith. Any duplicate Certificate issued pursuant to this Section shall constitute conclusive evidence of an ownership interest in the relevant Securities, as if originally issued, whether or not the lost, stolen or destroyed Certificate shall be found at any time.

**ARTICLE 10
LIMITATION OF LIABILITY OF
HOLDERS OF SECURITIES, TRUSTEES OR OTHERS**

SECTION 10.1 Liability.

(a) Except as expressly set forth in this Declaration, the Securities Guarantees and the terms of the Securities, the Sponsor shall not:

(i) be personally liable for the return of any portion of the capital contributions (or any return thereon) of the Holders of the Securities which shall be made solely from assets of the Trust; and

(ii) be required to pay to the Trust or to any Holder of Securities any deficit upon dissolution of the Trust or otherwise.

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(b) Pursuant to Section 3803(a) of the Statutory Trust Act, the Holders of the Capital Securities shall be entitled to the same limitation of personal liability extended to stockholders of private corporations organized for profit under the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware.

SECTION 10.2 **Exculpation.**

(a) No Indemnified Person shall be liable, responsible or accountable in damages or otherwise to the Trust or any Covered Person for any loss, damage or claim incurred by reason of any act or omission performed or omitted by such Indemnified Person in good faith on behalf of the Trust and in a manner such Indemnified Person reasonably believed to be within the scope of the authority conferred on such Indemnified Person by this Declaration or by law, except that an Indemnified Person shall be liable for any such loss, damage or claim incurred by reason of such Indemnified Person's gross negligence (or negligence in the case of the Property Trustee) or willful misconduct with respect to such acts or omissions.

(b) An Indemnified Person shall be fully protected in relying in good faith upon the records of the Trust and upon such information, opinions, reports or statements presented to the Trust by any Person as to matters the Indemnified Person reasonably believes are within such other Person's professional or expert competence and who has been selected with reasonable care by or on behalf of the Trust, including information, opinions, reports or statements as to the value and amount of the assets, liabilities, profits, losses, or any other facts pertinent to the existence and amount of assets from which Distributions to Holders of Securities might properly be paid.

SECTION 10.3 **Fiduciary Duty.**

(a) To the extent that, at law or in equity, an Indemnified Person has duties (including fiduciary duties) and liabilities relating thereto to the Trust or to any other Covered Person, an Indemnified Person acting under this Declaration shall not be liable to the Trust or to any other Covered Person for its good faith reliance on the provisions of this Declaration. The provisions of this Declaration, to the extent that they restrict the duties and liabilities of an Indemnified Person otherwise existing at law or in equity (other than the duties imposed on the Property Trustee under the Trust Indenture Act), are agreed by the parties hereto to replace such other duties and liabilities of such Indemnified Person.

(b) Unless otherwise expressly provided herein:

- (i) whenever a conflict of interest exists or arises between any Covered Persons; or
- (ii) whenever this Declaration or any other agreement contemplated herein or therein provides that an Indemnified Person shall act in a manner that is, or provides terms that are, fair and reasonable to the Trust or any Holder of Securities;

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the Indemnified Person shall resolve such conflict of interest, take such action or provide such terms, considering in each case the relative interest of each party (including its own interest) to such conflict, agreement, transaction or situation and the benefits and burdens relating to such interests, any customary or accepted industry practices, and any applicable generally accepted accounting practices or principles. In the absence of bad faith by the Indemnified Person, the resolution, action or term so made, taken or provided by the Indemnified Person shall not constitute a breach of this Declaration or any other agreement contemplated herein or of any duty or obligation of the Indemnified Person at law or in equity or otherwise.

(c) Whenever in this Declaration an Indemnified Person is permitted or required to make a decision:

- (i) in its "discretion" or under a grant of similar authority, the Indemnified Person shall be entitled to consider such interests and factors as it desires, including its own interests, and shall have no duty or obligation to give any consideration to any interest of or factors affecting the Trust or any other Person; or
- (ii) in its "good faith" or under another express standard, the Indemnified Person shall act under such express standard and shall not be subject to any other or different standard imposed by this Declaration or by applicable law.

SECTION 10.4 **Indemnification.**

(a) (i) The Note Issuer shall indemnify, to the full extent permitted by law, any Company Indemnified Person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of the Trust) by reason of the fact that he is or was a Company Indemnified Person against expenses (including attorneys' fees and expenses), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with such action, suit or proceeding if he acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Trust, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful. The termination of any action, suit or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction, or upon a plea of *nolo contendere* or its equivalent, shall not, of itself, create a presumption that the Company Indemnified Person did not act in good faith and in a manner which he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Trust, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had reasonable cause to believe that his conduct was unlawful.

- (ii) The Note Issuer shall indemnify, to the full extent permitted by law, any Company Indemnified Person

who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action or suit by or in the right of the Trust to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that he is or was a Company Indemnified Person against expenses (including

attorneys' fees and expenses) actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with the defense or settlement of such action or suit if he acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Trust and except that no such indemnification shall be made in respect of any claim, issue or matter as to which such Company Indemnified Person shall have been adjudged to be liable to the Trust unless and only to the extent that the Court of Chancery of Delaware or the court in which such action or suit was brought shall determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all the circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses which such Court of Chancery or such other court shall deem proper.

(iii) To the extent that a Company Indemnified Person shall be successful on the merits or otherwise (including dismissal of an action without prejudice or the settlement of an action without admission of liability) in defense of any action, suit or proceeding referred to in paragraphs (i) and (ii) of this Section 10.4(a), or in defense of any claim, issue or matter therein, he shall be indemnified, to the full extent permitted by law, against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection therewith.

(iv) Any indemnification under paragraphs (i) and (ii) of this Section 10.4(a) (unless ordered by a court) shall be made by the Note Issuer only as authorized in the specific case upon a determination that indemnification of the Company Indemnified Person is proper in the circumstances because he has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in paragraphs (i) and (ii). Such determination shall be made (1) by the Regular Trustees by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of such Regular Trustees who were not parties to such action, suit or proceeding, (2) if such a quorum is not obtainable, or, even if obtainable, if a quorum of disinterested Regular Trustees so directs, by independent legal counsel in a written opinion, or (3) by the Holders of the Common Securities.

(v) Expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses) incurred by a Company Indemnified Person in defending a civil, criminal, administrative or investigative action, suit or proceeding referred to in paragraphs (i) and (ii) of this Section 10.4(a) shall be paid by the Note Issuer in advance of the final disposition of such action, suit or proceeding upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of such Company Indemnified Person to repay such amount if it shall ultimately be determined that he is not entitled to be indemnified by the Note Issuer as authorized in this Section 10.4(a). Notwithstanding the foregoing, no advance shall be made by the Note Issuer if a determination is reasonably and promptly made (i) by the Regular Trustees by a majority vote of a quorum of disinterested Regular Trustees, (ii) if such a quorum is not obtainable, or, even if obtainable, if a quorum of disinterested Regular Trustees so directs, by independent legal counsel in a written opinion or (iii) the Common Security Holder of the Trust, that, based upon the facts known to the Regular Trustees, counsel or the Common Security Holder at the time such determination is made, such Company Indemnified Person acted in bad faith or in a manner that such

person did not believe to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Trust, or, with respect to any criminal proceeding, that such Company Indemnified Person believed or had reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful. In no event shall any advance be made in instances where the Regular Trustees, independent legal counsel or Common Security Holder reasonably determine that such person deliberately breached his duty to the Trust or to the Holders of the Common or Capital Securities.

(vi) The indemnification and advancement of expenses provided by, or granted pursuant to, the other paragraphs of this Section 10.4(a) shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which those seeking indemnification and advancement of expenses may be entitled under any agreement, vote of stockholders or disinterested directors of the Note Issuer or Capital Security Holders of the Trust or otherwise, both as to action in his official capacity and as to action in another capacity while holding such office. All rights to indemnification under this Section 10.4(a) shall be deemed to be provided by a contract between the Note Issuer and each Company Indemnified Person who serves in such capacity at any time while this Section 10.4(a) is in effect. Any repeal or modification of this Section 10.4(a) shall not affect any rights or obligations then existing.

(vii) The Note Issuer or the Trust may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a Company Indemnified Person against any liability asserted against him and incurred by him in any such capacity, or arising out of his status as such, whether or not the Note Issuer would have the power to indemnify him against such liability under the provisions of this Section 10.4(a).

(viii) For purposes of this Section 10.4(a), references to "the Trust" shall include, in addition to the resulting or surviving entity, any constituent entity (including any constituent of a constituent) absorbed in a consolidation or

merger, so that any person who is or was a director, trustee, officer or employee of such constituent entity, or is or was serving at the request of such constituent entity as a director, trustee, officer, employee or agent of another entity, shall stand in the same position under the provisions of this Section 10.4(a) with respect to the resulting or surviving entity as he would have with respect to such constituent entity if its separate existence had continued.

(ix) The indemnification and advancement of expenses provided by, or granted pursuant to, this Section 10.4(a) shall, unless otherwise provided when authorized or ratified, continue as to a person who has ceased to be a Company Indemnified Person and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors and administrators of such a person.

(b) The Note Issuer agrees to indemnify the (i) Property Trustee, (ii) the Delaware Trustee, (iii) any Affiliate of the Property Trustee or the Delaware Trustee, and (iv) any officers, directors, shareholders, members, partners, employees, representatives,

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custodians, nominees or agents of the Property Trustee or the Delaware Trustee (each of the Persons in (i) through (iv) being referred to as a "Fiduciary Indemnified Person") for, and to hold each Fiduciary Indemnified Person harmless against, any and all loss, liability, damage, claim or expense including taxes (other than taxes based on the income of such Fiduciary Indemnified Person) incurred without negligence or bad faith on its part, arising out of or in connection with the acceptance or administration of the trust or trusts hereunder, including the costs and expenses (including reasonable legal fees and expenses) of defending itself against or investigating any claim or liability in connection with the exercise or performance of any of its powers or duties hereunder. The obligation to indemnify as set forth in this Section 10.4(b) shall survive the satisfaction and discharge of this Declaration.

SECTION 10.5 **Outside Businesses.**

Any Covered Person, the Sponsor, the Delaware Trustee and the Property Trustee may engage in or possess an interest in other business ventures of any nature or description, independently or with others, similar or dissimilar to the business of the Trust, and the Trust and the Holders of Securities shall have no rights by virtue of this Declaration in and to such independent ventures or the income or profits derived therefrom, and the pursuit of any such venture, even if competitive with the business of the Trust, shall not be deemed wrongful or improper. No Covered Person, the Sponsor, the Delaware Trustee, or the Property Trustee shall be obligated to present any particular investment or other opportunity to the Trust even if such opportunity is of a character that, if presented to the Trust, could be taken by the Trust, and any Covered Person, the Sponsor, the Delaware Trustee and the Property Trustee shall have the right to take for its own account (individually or as a partner or fiduciary) or to recommend to others any such particular investment or other opportunity. Any Covered Person, the Delaware Trustee and the Property Trustee may engage or be interested in any financial or other transaction with the Sponsor or any Affiliate of the Sponsor, or may act as depositary for, trustee or agent for, or act on any committee or body of holders of, securities or other obligations of the Sponsor or its Affiliates.

ARTICLE 11 ACCOUNTING

SECTION 11.1 **Fiscal Year.**

The fiscal year ("Fiscal Year") of the Trust shall be the calendar year or such other year as is required by the Code.

SECTION 11.2 **Certain Accounting Matters.**

(a) At all times during the existence of the Trust, the Regular Trustees shall keep, or cause to be kept, full books of account, records and supporting documents, which shall reflect in reasonable detail each transaction of the Trust.

(b) The Regular Trustees shall cause to be duly prepared and delivered to each of the Holders of Securities any annual United States federal income tax information statement, required by the Code, containing such information with regard to the

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Securities held by each Holder as is required by the Code and the Treasury Regulations. The Regular Trustees shall endeavor to deliver all such statements within such period after the end of each Fiscal Year of the Trust as required by the Treasury Regulations; and

(c) The Regular Trustees shall cause to be duly prepared and filed with the appropriate taxing authority, an annual United States federal income tax return, on a Form 1041 or such other form required by United States federal income tax law, and any other annual income tax returns required to be filed by the Regular Trustees on behalf of the Trust with any state or local taxing authority.

SECTION 11.3 **Banking.**

The Trust shall maintain one or more bank accounts in the name and for the sole benefit of the Trust; provided, however, that all payments of

funds in respect of the Notes held by the Property Trustee shall be made directly to the Property Trustee Account and no other funds of the Trust shall be deposited in the Property Trustee Account. The sole signatories for such accounts shall be designated by the Regular Trustees; provided, however, that the Property Trustee shall designate the signatories for the Property Trustee Account.

SECTION 11.4 **Withholding.**

The Trust and the Regular Trustees shall comply with all withholding requirements under United States federal, state and local law. The Trust shall request, and the Holders shall provide to the Trust, such forms or certificates as are necessary to establish an exemption from withholding with respect to each Holder, and any representations and forms as shall reasonably be requested by the Trust to assist it in determining the extent of, and in fulfilling, its withholding obligations. The Regular Trustees shall file required forms with applicable jurisdictions and, unless an exemption from withholding is properly established by a Holder, shall remit amounts withheld with respect to the Holder to applicable jurisdictions. To the extent that the Trust is required to withhold and pay over any amounts to any authority with respect to distributions or allocations to any Holder, the amount withheld shall be deemed to be a distribution in the amount of the withholding to the Holder. In the event of any claim over withholding, the Holders shall be limited to an action against the applicable jurisdiction. If the amount required to be withheld was not withheld from actual Distributions made, the Trust may reduce subsequent Distributions by the amount of such withholding.

ARTICLE 12 AMENDMENTS AND MEETINGS

SECTION 12.1 **Amendments.**

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this Declaration or by any applicable terms of the Securities, this Declaration may only be amended by a written instrument approved and executed by:

(i) the Regular Trustees (or, if there are more than two Regular Trustees a majority of the Regular Trustees);

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(ii) if the amendment affects the rights, powers, duties, obligations or immunities of the Property Trustee, the Property Trustee; and

(iii) if the amendment affects the rights, powers, duties, obligations or immunities of the Delaware Trustee, the Delaware Trustee.

(b) No amendment shall be made, and any such purported amendment shall be void and ineffective:

(i) unless, in the case of any proposed amendment, the Property Trustee shall have first received an Officers' Certificate from each of the Trust and the Sponsor that such amendment is permitted by, and conforms to, the terms of this Declaration (including the terms of the Securities);

(ii) unless, in the case of any proposed amendment which affects the rights, powers, duties, obligations or immunities of the Property Trustee, the Property Trustee shall have first received:

(A) an Officers' Certificate from each of the Trust and the Sponsor that such amendment is permitted by, and conforms to, the terms of this Declaration (including the terms of the Securities); and

(B) an opinion of counsel (who may be counsel to the Sponsor or the Trust) that such amendment is permitted by, and conforms to, the terms of this Declaration (including the terms of the Securities); and

(iii) to the extent the result of such amendment would be to:

(A) cause the Trust to fail to continue to be classified for purposes of United States federal income taxation as a grantor trust;

(B) reduce or otherwise adversely affect the powers of the Property Trustee in contravention of the Trust Indenture Act; or

(C) cause the Trust to be deemed to be an Investment Company required to be registered under the Investment Company Act.

(c) At such time after the Trust has issued any Securities that remain outstanding, any amendment that would adversely affect the rights, privileges or preferences of any Holder of Securities may be effected only with such additional requirements as may be set forth in the terms of such Securities.

(d) Section 10.1(b) and this Section 12.1 shall not be amended without the consent of all of the Holders of the Securities.

(e) Article 4 shall not be amended without the consent of the Holders of a Majority in liquidation amount of the Common Securities.

(f) The rights of the holders of the Common Securities under Article 5 to increase or decrease the number of, and appoint and remove Trustees, shall not be amended without the consent of the Holders of a Majority in liquidation amount of the Common Securities.

(g) Notwithstanding Section 12.1(c), this Declaration may be amended without the consent of the Holders of the Securities to:

- (i) cure any ambiguity;
- (ii) correct or supplement any provision in this Declaration that may be defective or inconsistent with any other provision of this Declaration;
- (iii) add to the covenants, restrictions or obligations of the Sponsor;
- (iv) conform to any change in Rule 3a-5 or any written change in interpretation or application of Rule 3a-5 by any legislative body, court, government agency or regulatory authority which amendment does not have a material adverse effect on the right, preferences or privileges of the Holders;
- (v) modify, eliminate and add to any provision of the Declaration to such extent as may be necessary to carry out its provisions, including making any redemption of the Notes or dissolution of the Trust and distribution of the Notes to the Holders of the Securities in exchange for all of the Securities; and
- (vi) evidence and provide for the appointment of Successor Trustees hereunder.

SECTION 12.2 **Meetings of the Holders of Securities; Action by Written Consent**

(a) Meetings of the Holders of any class of Securities may be called at any time by the Regular Trustees (or as provided in the terms of the Securities) to consider and act on any matter on which Holders of such class of Securities are entitled to act under the terms of this Declaration, the terms of the Securities or the rules of any stock exchange on which the Capital Securities are listed or admitted for trading. The Regular Trustees shall call a meeting of the Holders of such class if directed to do so by the Holders of at least 10% in liquidation amount of such class of Securities. Such direction shall be given by delivering to the Regular Trustees one or more calls in a writing stating that the signing Holders of Securities wish to call a meeting and indicating the general or specific purpose for which the meeting is to be called. Any Holders of Securities calling a meeting shall specify in writing the Security Certificates held by the Holders of Securities exercising the right to call a meeting and only those Securities specified shall be counted for purposes of determining whether the required percentage set forth in the second sentence of this paragraph has been met.

(b) Except to the extent otherwise provided in the terms of the Securities, the following provisions shall apply to meetings of Holders of Securities:

(i) notice of any such meeting shall be given to all the Holders of Securities having a right to vote thereat at least seven days and not more than 60 days before the date of such meeting. Whenever a vote, consent or approval of the Holders of Securities is permitted or required under this Declaration or the rules of any stock exchange on which the Capital Securities are listed or admitted for trading, such vote, consent or approval may be given at a meeting of the Holders of Securities. Any action that may be taken at a meeting of the Holders of Securities may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing setting forth the action so taken is signed by the Holders of Securities owning not less than the minimum amount of Securities in liquidation amount that would be necessary to authorize or take such action at a meeting at which all Holders of Securities having a right to vote thereon were present and voting. Prompt notice of the taking of action without a meeting shall be given to the Holders of Securities entitled to vote who have not consented in writing. The Regular Trustees may specify that any written ballot submitted to the Security Holder for the purpose of taking any action without a meeting shall be returned to the Trust within the time specified by the Regular Trustees;

(ii) each Holder of a Security may authorize any Person to act for it by proxy on all matters in which a Holder of Securities is entitled to participate, including waiving notice of any meeting, or voting or participating at a meeting. No proxy shall be valid after the expiration of 11 months from the date thereof unless otherwise provided in the proxy. Every proxy shall be revocable at the pleasure of the Holder of Securities executing it. Except as otherwise provided herein, all matters relating to the giving, voting or validity of proxies shall be governed by the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware relating to proxies, and judicial interpretations thereunder, as if the Trust were a Delaware corporation and the Holders of the Securities were stockholders of a Delaware corporation;

(iii) each meeting of the Holders of the Securities shall be conducted by the Regular Trustees or by such other

Person that the Regular Trustees may designate; and

(iv) unless the Statutory Trust Act, this Declaration, the terms of the Securities, the Trust Indenture Act or the listing rules of any stock exchange on which the Capital Securities are then listed or trading otherwise provide, the Regular Trustees, in their sole discretion, shall establish all other provisions relating to meetings of Holders of Securities, including notice of the time, place or purpose of any meeting at which any matter is to be voted on by any Holders of Securities, waiver of any such notice, action by consent without a meeting, the establishment of a record date, quorum requirements, voting in person or by proxy or any other matter with respect to the exercise of any such right to vote.

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ARTICLE 13
REPRESENTATIONS OF PROPERTY TRUSTEE
AND DELAWARE TRUSTEE

SECTION 13.1 Representations and Warranties of Property Trustee.

The Trustee that acts as initial Property Trustee represents and warrants to the Trust and to the Sponsor at the date of this Declaration, and each Successor Property Trustee represents and warrants to the Trust and the Sponsor at the time of the Successor Property Trustee's acceptance of its appointment as Property Trustee, that:

- (a) the Property Trustee is a state or federal banking corporation with trust powers and the authority to execute and deliver, and to carry out and perform its obligations under the terms of, this Declaration;
- (b) the execution, delivery and performance by the Property Trustee of the Declaration has been duly authorized by all necessary corporate action on the part of the Property Trustee. The Declaration has been duly executed and delivered by the Property Trustee, and it constitutes a legal, valid and binding obligation of the Property Trustee, enforceable against it in accordance with its terms, subject to applicable bankruptcy, reorganization, moratorium, insolvency, and other similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally and to general principles of equity and the discretion of the court (regardless of whether the enforcement of such remedies is considered in a proceeding in equity or at law);
- (c) the execution, delivery and performance of this Declaration by the Property Trustee does not conflict with or constitute a breach of the charter or by-laws of the Property Trustee; and
- (d) no consent, approval or authorization of, or registration with or notice to, any New York State or federal banking authority is required for the execution, delivery or performance by the Property Trustee of this Declaration.

SECTION 13.2 Representations and Warranties of Delaware Trustee.

The Trustee that acts as initial Delaware Trustee represents and warrants to the Trust and to the Sponsor at the date of this Declaration, and each Successor Delaware Trustee represents and warrants to the Trust and the Sponsor at the time of the Successor Delaware Trustee's acceptance of its appointment as Delaware Trustee, that:

- (a) the Delaware Trustee is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of Delaware, with trust powers and the authority to execute and deliver, and to carry out and perform its obligations under the terms of, this Declaration;
- (b) the Delaware Trustee has been authorized to perform its obligations under the Certificate of Trust and the Declaration. The Declaration under Delaware law constitutes a legal, valid and binding obligation of the Delaware Trustee, enforceable

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against it in accordance with its terms, subject to applicable bankruptcy, reorganization, moratorium, insolvency, and other similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally and to general principles of equity and the discretion of the court (regardless of whether the enforcement of such remedies is considered in a proceeding in equity or at law);

- (c) no consent, approval or authorization of, or registration with or notice to, any federal banking authority is required for the execution, delivery or performance by the Delaware Trustee of this Declaration; and
- (d) the Delaware Trustee is an entity which has its principal place of business in the State of Delaware.

ARTICLE 14
MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION 14.1 Notices.

All notices provided for in this Declaration shall be in writing, duly signed by the party giving such notice, and shall be delivered, telecopied

or mailed by first class mail, as follows:

- (a) if given to the Trust, in care of the Regular Trustees at the Trust's mailing address set forth below (or such other address as the Trust may give notice of to the Holders of the Securities):

BAC Capital Trust VII
c/o Bank of America Corporation
Attention: Corporate Treasury
Bank of America Corporate Center
100 North Tryon Street
NC1-007-07-06
Charlotte, North Carolina 28255
Facsimile: (704) 386-0270

- (b) if given to the Delaware Trustee, at the mailing address set forth below (or such other address as the Delaware Trustee may give notice of to the Holders of the Securities):

The Bank of New York (Delaware)
502 White Clay Center, Route 273
Newark, Delaware 19711
Attention: Corporate Trust Trustee Administration

- (c) if given to the Property Trustee, at the Property Trustee's mailing address set forth below (or such other address as the Property Trustee may give notice of to the Holders of the Securities):

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The Bank of New York
101 Barclay Street, 8 West
New York, New York 10286
Attention: Corporate Trust Trustee Administration

- (d) if given to the Holder of the Common Securities, at the mailing address of the Sponsor set forth below (or such other address as the Holder of the Common Securities may give notice to the Trust):

Bank of America Corporation
Bank of America Corporate Center
100 North Tryon Street
NC1-007-07-06
Charlotte, North Carolina 28255
Attention: Corporate Treasury

- (e) if given to any other Holder, at the address set forth on the books and records of the Trust.

All such notices shall be deemed to have been given when received in person, faxed with receipt confirmed, or mailed by first class mail, postage prepaid except that if a notice or other document is refused delivery or cannot be delivered because of a changed address of which no notice was given, such notice or other document shall be deemed to have been delivered on the date of such refusal or inability to deliver.

SECTION 14.2 **Governing Law.**

This Declaration and the rights of the parties hereunder shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Delaware and all rights and remedies shall be governed by such laws without regard to principles of conflict of laws.

SECTION 14.3 **Intention of the Parties.**

It is the intention of the parties hereto that the Trust be classified for United States federal income tax purposes as a grantor trust. The provisions of this Declaration shall be interpreted to further this intention of the parties.

SECTION 14.4 **Headings.**

Headings contained in this Declaration are inserted for convenience of reference only and do not affect the interpretation of this Declaration or any provision hereof.

SECTION 14.5 **Successors and Assigns.**

Whenever in this Declaration any of the parties hereto is named or referred to, the successors and assigns of such party shall be deemed to be included, and all covenants and agreements in this Declaration by the Sponsor and the Trustees shall bind and inure to the benefit of their respective successors and assigns, whether so expressed.

SECTION 14.6 **Partial Enforceability.**

If any provision of this Declaration, or the application of such provision to any Person or circumstance, shall be held invalid, the remainder of this Declaration, or the application of such provision to persons or circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid, shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 14.7 **Counterparts; Acceptance.**

This Declaration may contain more than one counterpart of the signature page and this Declaration may be executed by the affixing of the signature of each of the Trustees to one of such counterpart signature pages. All of such counterpart signature pages shall be read as though one, and they shall have the same force and effect as though all of the signers had signed a single signature page.

Each Trustee, by its execution of a counterpart of this Declaration, acknowledges and accepts its appointment as Trustee.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused these presents to be executed as of the day and year first above written.

/S/ KAREN A. GOSNELL
Karen A. Gosnell, as Regular Trustee

/S/ JAMES T. HOUGHTON
James T. Houghton, as Regular Trustee

THE BANK OF NEW YORK (DELAWARE), as
Delaware Trustee

By: /s/ KRISTINE K. GULLO
Name: Kristine K. Gullo
Title: Vice President

THE BANK OF NEW YORK,
as Property Trustee

By: /s/ VAN K. BROWN
Name: Van K. Brown
Title: Vice President

BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION, as Sponsor

By: /S/ KAREN A. GOSNELL
Name: Karen A. Gosnell
Title: Senior Vice President

ANNEX I

**BAC CAPITAL TRUST VII
DESIGNATION OF TERMS OF
5¼% CAPITAL SECURITIES AND
5¼% COMMON SECURITIES**

Pursuant to Section 7.1 of the Amended and Restated Declaration of Trust, dated as of August 4, 2005 (as amended from time to time, the "Declaration"), the designation, rights, privileges, restrictions, preferences and other terms and provisions of the Capital Securities and the Common Securities are set out below (each capitalized term used but not defined herein has the meaning set forth in the Declaration);

1. **Designation and Number.**

(a) **Capital Securities.** The Capital Securities of the Trust (liquidation amount £ 50,000 per Capital Security) are hereby designated for purposes of identification only as "BAC Capital Trust VII 5¼% Capital Securities" (the "Capital Securities"). The Trust shall issue 17,000 Capital Securities with an aggregate liquidation amount of £ 850,000,000. The Capital Security Certificates evidencing the Capital Securities shall be substantially in the form of Exhibit A-1 to the Declaration, with such changes and additions thereto or deletions therefrom as may be required by ordinary usage, custom or practice or to conform to the rules of any stock exchange on which the Capital Securities are listed.

(b) Common Securities. The Common Securities of the Trust (liquidation amount £ 50,000 per Security) are hereby designated for purposes of identification only as "BAC Capital Trust VII 5¼% Common Securities" (the "Common Securities"). The Trust shall issue 530 Common Securities with an aggregate liquidation amount of £ 26,500,000. The Common Security Certificates evidencing the Common Securities shall be substantially in the form of Exhibit A-2 to the Declaration, with such changes and additions thereto or deletions therefrom as may be required by ordinary usage, custom or practice.

2. Distributions.

(a) Distributions payable on each Security will be fixed at a rate per annum of 5¼% (the "Coupon Rate") of the stated liquidation amount of £ 50,000 per Security, such rate being the interest rate payable on the Notes to be held by the Property Trustee. Distributions in arrears for more than one semi-annual period will bear interest thereon compounded semi-annually at the Coupon Rate (to the extent permitted by applicable law). A Distribution is payable only to the extent that payments are made in respect of the Notes held by the Property Trustee and to the extent the Property Trustee has funds available therefor. The amount of Distributions payable for any distribution period, including any period shorter than a full semi-annual period, will be computed using a day count fraction equal to the number of days in the distribution period divided by 365 or 366, as applicable.

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(b) Distributions on the Securities will be cumulative, will accrue from August 10, 2005 and will be payable semi-annually in arrears, on February 10 and August 10 of each year, commencing on February 10, 2006, except as otherwise described below. The Note Issuer has the right under the Indenture to defer payments of interest on the Notes and Additional Amounts (if any) on such payments of interest by extending the interest payment period from time to time on the Notes for a period not exceeding 10 consecutive semi-annual periods (each an "Extension Period"), during which Extension Period no interest shall be due and payable on the Notes, provided that no Extension Period may extend beyond the Stated Maturity. As a consequence of such deferral, Distributions also will be deferred on the Capital Securities for the same period. Despite such deferral, semi-annual Distributions will continue to accrue with interest thereon (to the extent permitted by applicable law) at the Coupon Rate compounded semi-annually during any such Extension Period. Prior to the termination of any such Extension Period, the Note Issuer may extend further such Extension Period; provided that such Extension Period together with all such previous and further extensions thereof may not exceed 10 consecutive semi-annual periods or extend beyond the Stated Maturity. Payments of accrued Distributions will be payable to Holders as they appear on the books and records of the Trust or the applicable Clearing Agency, as the case may be, on the first record date after the end of the Extension Period. Upon the termination of any Extension Period and the payment of all amounts then due, the Note Issuer may commence a new Extension Period, subject to the above requirements. No interest shall be due and payable during an Extension Period, except at the end thereof, but the Note Issuer may repay at any time all or any portion of the interest accrued during an Extension Period. If any Additional Amounts are required to be paid on the accrued Distributions, those Additional Amounts will only be paid at the time the Distributions are paid.

(c) Distributions on the Securities will be payable to the Holders thereof as they appear on the books and records of the Trust on the relevant record dates. While the Capital Securities remain in Book-Entry only form, the relevant record dates shall be one Business Day prior to the relevant payment dates, which payment dates correspond to the interest payment dates on the Notes. Payment of Distributions on the Securities held in Book-Entry only form will be made to the Common Depository in immediately available funds for delivery to the applicable Clearing Agency. Each Clearing Agency will credit the accounts of the Clearing Agency Participants on the relevant payment date in accordance with their respective standard procedures, which could change at any time. Payments by (i) Clearing Agency Participants and (ii) securities brokers and dealers, banks and trust companies and other entities that clear transactions through or maintain a direct or indirect custodial relationship with a Clearing Agency Participant (an "Indirect Participant") to Capital Security Beneficial Owners will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices and will be the responsibility of such Clearing Agency Participants and Indirect Participants and not of the Common Depository, the Clearing Agency, the Trust or the Company, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Payment of distributions to the Common Depository for remittance to the applicable Clearing Agency is the responsibility of the Trust, disbursement of such payments to Clearing Agency Participants is the responsibility of the applicable Clearing Agency, and disbursement of such payments to the Capital Security Beneficial Owners is the responsibility of the Clearing Agency Participants and Indirect Participants. The relevant record dates for the Common Securities shall be the same record date as for the Capital Securities. If the Capital Securities shall no longer remain in Book-Entry only form, the regular record dates for the Capital Securities shall be the close of business on the January 15 and July 15 prior to the

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relevant payment dates, which payment dates correspond to the interest payment dates on the Notes. Distributions payable on any Securities that are not punctually paid on any Distribution payment date, as a result of the Note Issuer having failed to make a payment under the Notes, will cease to be payable to the Person in whose name such Securities are registered on the relevant record date, and such defaulted Distribution will instead be payable to the Person in whose name such Securities are registered on the special record date or other specified date determined in accordance with the Indenture. If any date on which Distributions are payable on the Securities is not a Business Day, then payment of the Distribution payable on such date will be made on the next succeeding day that is a Business Day (and without any interest or other payment in respect of any such delay) except that, if such Business Day is in the next succeeding calendar year, such payment shall be made on the immediately preceding Business Day, in each case with the same force and effect as if made on such date.

(d) In the event that there is any money or other property held by or for the Trust that is not accounted for hereunder, such property shall be distributed Pro Rata (as defined herein) among the Holders of the Securities.

3. Liquidation Distribution Upon Dissolution.

In the event of any voluntary or involuntary dissolution, winding-up or termination of the Trust, the Holders on the date of the dissolution, winding-up or termination, as the case may be, will be entitled to receive out of the assets of the Trust available for distribution to Holders after satisfaction of liabilities of creditors an amount equal to the aggregate of the stated liquidation amount of £ 50,000 per Security plus accrued and unpaid Distributions thereon to the date of payment (such amount being the "Liquidation Distribution"), unless, in connection with such dissolution, winding-up or termination, Notes in an aggregate stated principal amount equal to the aggregate stated liquidation amount of such Securities, with an interest rate equal to the Coupon Rate of, and bearing accrued and unpaid interest in an amount equal to the accrued and unpaid Distributions on, such Securities, shall be distributed on a Pro Rata basis to the Holders of the Securities in exchange for such Securities.

If, upon any such dissolution, the Liquidation Distribution can be paid only in part because the Trust has insufficient assets available to pay in full the aggregate Liquidation Distribution, then the amounts payable directly by the Trust on the Securities shall be paid on a Pro Rata basis. Holders of the Common Securities will be entitled to receive distributions upon any such dissolution Pro Rata with Holders of the Capital Securities, except that if an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Capital Securities shall have a preference over the Common Securities with respect to such distributions.

4. Redemption and Distribution.

(a) The Securities are subject to redemption at the Stated Maturity and prior to the Stated Maturity, in whole or in part, on one or more occasions, at any time at the election of the Sponsor or in whole, but not in part, in certain circumstances, following the occurrence of a Special Event as follows:

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(i) Upon payment of the Notes at a payment price equal to the principal amount of the Notes, plus any accrued and unpaid interest thereon at the Stated Maturity, the proceeds from such payment shall be applied simultaneously to redeem the Securities at the Maturity Redemption Price.

(ii) In the event of a Special Event Prepayment, the proceeds from such Special Event Prepayment shall be applied simultaneously to redeem the Capital Securities at the Special Event Redemption Price.

(iii) The Securities also may be redeemed, in whole or in part, contemporaneously with an optional prepayment of the Notes at the Optional Redemption Price. If fewer than all the outstanding Securities are to be so redeemed, the Common Securities and the Capital Securities will be redeemed Pro Rata and the Capital Securities to be redeemed will be as described in Section 4(d)(ii) below.

(b) If the Sponsor has given a notice of its election to terminate the Trust, the Regular Trustees shall dissolve the Trust and, after satisfaction of creditors, cause Notes held by the Property Trustee, having an aggregate principal amount equal to the aggregate stated liquidation amount of the Securities, with an interest rate equal to the Coupon Rate of, and bearing accrued and unpaid interest in an amount equal to the accrued and unpaid Distributions on, and having the same record date for payment as, the Securities, to be distributed to the Holders of the Securities in liquidation of such Holders' interests in the Securities within 90 days following receipt of the Sponsor's notice of election.

(c) On and from the date fixed by the Regular Trustees for any distribution of Notes and dissolution of the Trust: (i) the Securities will no longer be deemed to be outstanding, (ii) the Common Depository or its nominee as the record Holder of the Capital Securities, will receive a registered Global Security or Securities representing the Notes to be delivered upon such distribution and any certificates representing Securities, except for certificates representing Capital Securities held by the Common Depository or its nominee (or any successor Common Depository or its nominee), will be deemed to represent beneficial interests in the Notes having an aggregate principal amount equal to the aggregate stated liquidation amount of, with an identical interest rate, and accrued and unpaid interest equal to accrued and unpaid Distributions on such Securities until such certificates are presented to the Note Issuer or its agent for transfer or reissue. The Trust may not redeem fewer than all the outstanding Securities unless all accrued and unpaid Distributions have been paid on all Securities for all semi-annual Distribution periods terminating on or before the date of redemption. If the Notes are distributed to holders of the Securities, pursuant to the terms of the Indenture, the Note Issuer will use its best efforts to have the Notes listed on the securities exchange, if any, on which the Capital Securities were listed immediately prior to the distribution of the Notes.

(d) Redemption or Distribution Procedures shall be as follows:

(i) A Redemption/Distribution Notice for the Securities to be redeemed or exchanged will be given by the Trust by mail to each Holder not fewer than 15 nor more than 60 days before the redemption date or exchange date which, in the case of a redemption, will be the date fixed for redemption of the Notes. For purposes of the

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calculation of the redemption date or exchange date and the dates on which notices are given pursuant to this Section 4(d)(i), a Redemption/ Distribution Notice shall be deemed to be given on the day such notice is first mailed by first-class mail, postage prepaid, to Holders of Securities. Each Redemption/Distribution Notice shall be addressed to the Holders of Securities at the

address of each such Holder appearing in the books and records of the Trust. No defect in the Redemption/Distribution Notice or in the mailing of either with respect to any Holder shall affect the validity of the redemption or exchange proceedings with respect to any other Holder.

(ii) In the event that fewer than all the outstanding Securities are to be redeemed, the Securities to be redeemed shall be redeemed Pro Rata from each Holder of Capital Securities, it being understood that, in respect of Capital Securities registered in the name of and held of record by the Common Depository or its nominee (or any successor Common Depository or its nominee) or any nominee, the distribution of the redemption proceeds will be made to each Clearing Agency for further distribution to each Clearing Agency Participant (or Person on whose behalf such nominee holds such securities) in accordance with the procedures applied by such agency or nominee.

(iii) If Securities are to be redeemed and the Trust gives a Redemption/Distribution Notice, which notice may only be issued if the Notes are repaid as set out in this Section 4 (which notice will be irrevocable), then (A) while the Capital Securities are in Book-Entry only form, with respect to the Capital Securities, on the redemption date, provided that the Note Issuer has paid the Property Trustee a sufficient amount of cash in connection with the related prepayment or maturity of the Notes, the Property Trustee will deposit irrevocably with the Common Depository or its nominee (or successor Common Depository or its nominee) for delivery to the applicable Clearing Agency funds sufficient to pay the applicable Redemption Price with respect to the Capital Securities and will give the Common Depository irrevocable instructions and authority to pay the Redemption Price through the applicable Clearing Agency to the Holders of the Capital Securities, and (B) with respect to Capital Securities issued in definitive form and Common Securities, provided that the Note Issuer has paid the Property Trustee a sufficient amount of cash in connection with the related prepayment or maturity of the Notes, the Property Trustee will pay the relevant Redemption Price to the Holders of such Securities by check mailed to the address of the relevant Holder appearing on the books and records of the Trust on the redemption date. If a Redemption/Distribution Notice shall have been given and funds deposited as required, if applicable, then immediately prior to the close of business on the date of such deposit, or on the redemption date, as applicable, Distributions will cease to accrue on the Securities so called for redemption and all rights of Holders of such Securities so called for redemption will cease, except the right of the Holders of such Securities to receive the Redemption Price, but without interest on such Redemption Price. Neither the Regular Trustees nor the Trust shall be required to register or cause to be registered the transfer of any Securities that have been so called for redemption. If any date fixed for redemption of Securities is not a Business Day, then payment of the Redemption Price payable on such date will be made on the next succeeding day that is a Business Day (and without any interest or other payment in respect of any such delay) except that, if such Business Day falls in the next calendar year, such payment will be made on the immediately

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preceding Business Day, in each case with the same force and effect as if made on such date fixed for redemption. If payment of the Redemption Price in respect of any Securities is improperly withheld or refused and not paid either by the Property Trustee or by the Sponsor as guarantor pursuant to the relevant Securities Guarantee, Distributions on such Securities will continue to accrue from the original redemption date to the actual date of payment, in which case the actual payment date will be considered the date fixed for redemption for purposes of calculating the Redemption Price.

(iv) Redemption/Distribution Notices shall be sent by the Regular Trustees on behalf of the Trust to (A) in respect of the Capital Securities, the Common Depository or its nominee (or any successor Common Depository or its nominee) for delivery to the applicable Clearing Agency if the Global Securities have been issued or, if Definitive Capital Security Certificates have been issued, to the Holder thereof, and (B) in respect of the Common Securities to the Holder thereof.

(v) Subject to the foregoing and applicable law (including, without limitation, United States federal securities laws), provided the acquiror is not the Holder of the Common Securities or the obligor under the Indenture, the Sponsor or any of its subsidiaries may at any time and from time to time purchase outstanding Capital Securities by tender, in the open market or by private agreement.

5. Voting Rights - Capital Securities.

(a) Except as provided under Sections 5(b) and 7 of this Designation of Terms and as otherwise required by law and the Declaration, the Holders of the Capital Securities will have no voting rights.

(b) Subject to the requirements set forth in this paragraph, the Holders of a Majority in aggregate liquidation amount of the Capital Securities, voting separately as a class may direct the time, method, and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Property Trustee, or exercising any trust or power conferred upon the Property Trustee under the Declaration, including the right to direct the Property Trustee, as holder of the Notes, to (i) exercise the remedies available under the Indenture by conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Note Trustee, or exercising any trust or power conferred on the Note Trustee with respect to the Notes, (ii) waive any past Event of Default and its consequences that is waivable under Section 5.01 of the Indenture, (iii) exercise any right to rescind or annul a declaration that the principal of all the Notes shall be due and payable or (iv) consent to any amendment, modification or termination of the Indenture as a holder of the Notes provided, however, that, where a consent or action under the Indenture would require the consent or act of the Holders of a Super Majority affected thereby the Property Trustee may only give such consent or take such action at the written direction of the Holders of at least the proportion in liquidation amount of the Capital Securities which the relevant Super Majority represents of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes outstanding. The Property Trustee shall not revoke any action previously authorized or approved by a vote of the Holders of the Capital Securities. Other than with respect to directing the time, method and place of conducting any remedy

available to the Property Trustee or the Note Trustee as set forth above, the Property Trustee shall not take any action in accordance with the directions of the Holders of the Capital

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Securities under this paragraph unless the Property Trustee has obtained an opinion of tax counsel to the effect that for the purposes of United States federal income tax the Trust will not be classified as other than a grantor trust on account of such action. If a Nonpayment occurs on the date such interest or principal is otherwise payable (or in the case of redemption, on the redemption date), and such Nonpayment is continuing, a Holder of Capital Securities may institute a Direct Action after the respective due date specified in the Notes. In connection with such Direct Action, the rights of the Holders of the Common Securities will be subrogated to the rights of such Holder of Capital Securities to the extent of any payment made by the Note Issuer to such Holder of Capital Securities in such Direct Action. If the Property Trustee fails to enforce its rights under the Declaration, any Holder of Capital Securities may, to the extent permitted by applicable law, institute a legal proceeding directly against any Person to enforce the Property Trustee's rights under the Declaration, without first instituting a legal proceeding against the Property Trustee or any other Person.

Except as provided in this Section, the Holders of Capital Securities will not be able to exercise directly any other remedy available to the holders of the Notes.

Any approval or direction of Holders of Capital Securities may be given at a separate meeting of Holders of Capital Securities convened for such purpose, at a meeting of all of the Holders of Securities or pursuant to written consent. The Regular Trustees will cause a notice of any meeting at which Holders of Capital Securities are entitled to vote, or of any matter upon which action by written consent of such Holders is to be taken, to be mailed to each Holder of record of Capital Securities. Each such notice will include a statement setting forth (i) the date of such meeting or the date by which such action is to be taken, (ii) a description of any resolution proposed for adoption at such meeting on which such Holders are entitled to vote or of such matter upon which written consent is sought, and (iii) instructions for the delivery of proxies or consents.

No vote or consent of the Holders of the Capital Securities will be required for the Trust to redeem and cancel Capital Securities or to distribute the Notes in accordance with the Declaration and the terms of the Securities.

Notwithstanding that Holders of Capital Securities are entitled to vote or consent under any of the circumstances described above, any of the Capital Securities that are owned by the Sponsor or any Affiliate of the Sponsor shall not be entitled to vote or consent and shall, for purposes of such vote or consent, be treated as if they were not outstanding.

6. Voting Rights - Common Securities.

(a) Except as provided under Sections 6(b) and (c), 7(a) and (b) and 8 of this Designation of Terms or as otherwise required by law and the Declaration, the Holders of the Common Securities will have no voting rights.

(b) The Holders of the Common Securities are entitled, in accordance with Article 5 of the Declaration, to vote to appoint, remove or replace any Trustee or to increase or decrease the number of Trustees.

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(c) Subject to Section 2.6 of the Declaration and only after the Event of Default with respect to the Capital Securities has been cured, waived, or otherwise eliminated and subject to the requirements of the second to last sentence of this paragraph, the Holders of a Majority in liquidation amount of the Common Securities, voting separately as a class, may direct the time, method, and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Property Trustee, or exercising any trust or power conferred upon the Property Trustee under the Declaration, including (i) directing the time, method, place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Note Trustee, or exercising any trust or power conferred on the Note Trustee with respect to the Notes, (ii) waive any past default and its consequences that is waivable under Section 5.01 of the Indenture or (iii) exercise any right to rescind or annul a declaration that the principal of all the Notes shall be due and payable, provided that, where a consent or action under the Indenture would require the consent or act of the Holders of a Super Majority, the Property Trustee only may give such consent or take such action at the written direction of the Holders of at least the proportion in liquidation amount of the Common Securities which the relevant Super Majority represents of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes outstanding. Pursuant to this Section 6(c), the Property Trustee shall not revoke any action previously authorized or approved by a vote of the Holders of the Capital Securities. Other than with respect to directing the time, method and place of conducting any remedy available to the Property Trustee or the Note Trustee as set forth above, the Property Trustee shall not take any action in accordance with the directions of the Holders of the Common Securities under this paragraph unless the Property Trustee has obtained an opinion of tax counsel to the effect that for purposes of United States federal income tax the Trust will not be classified as other than a grantor trust on account of such action. If the Property Trustee fails to enforce its rights under the Declaration, any Holder of Common Securities may, to the extent permitted by applicable law, institute a legal proceeding directly against any Person to enforce the Property Trustee's rights under the Declaration, without first instituting a legal proceeding against the Property Trustee or any other Person.

Any approval or direction of Holders of Common Securities may be given at a separate meeting of Holders of Common Securities convened for such purpose, at a meeting of all of the Holders in the Trust or pursuant to written consent. The Regular Trustees will cause a notice of any meeting at which Holders of Common Securities are entitled to vote, or of any matter upon which action by written consent of such Holders is to be taken, to be mailed to each Holder of record of Common Securities. Each such notice will include a statement setting forth (i) the date of such meeting or the date by which such action is to be taken, (ii) a description of any resolution proposed for adoption at such

meeting on which such Holders are entitled to vote or of such matter upon which written consent is sought and (iii) instructions for the delivery of proxies or consents.

No vote or consent of the Holders of the Common Securities will be required for the Trust to redeem and cancel Common Securities or to distribute the Notes in accordance with the Declaration and the terms of the Securities.

7. Amendments to Declaration and Indenture.

(a) In addition to any requirements under Section 12.1 of the Declaration, if any proposed amendment to the Declaration provides for, or the Regular Trustees otherwise propose

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to effect, (i) any action that would adversely affect the powers, preferences or special rights of the Securities, whether by way of amendment to the Declaration or otherwise, or (ii) the dissolution, winding-up or termination of the Trust, other than as described in Section 8.1 of the Declaration, then the Holders of outstanding Securities voting together as a single class, will be entitled to vote on such amendment or proposal (but not on any other amendment or proposal) and such amendment or proposal shall not be effective except with the approval of the Holders of at least a Majority in liquidation amount of the Securities, affected thereby, provided, however, if any amendment or proposal referred to in clause (i) above would adversely affect only the Capital Securities or only the Common Securities, then only the affected class will be entitled to vote on such amendment or proposal and such amendment or proposal shall not be effective except with the approval of a Majority in liquidation amount of such class of Securities.

(b) In the event the consent of the Property Trustee as the holder of the Notes is required under the Indenture with respect to any amendment, modification or termination of the Indenture or the Notes, the Property Trustee shall request the written direction of the Holders of the Securities with respect to such amendment, modification or termination and shall vote with respect to such amendment, modification or termination as directed by a Majority in liquidation amount of the Securities voting together as a single class; provided, however, that where a consent under the Indenture would require the consent of the holders of a Super Majority, the Property Trustee may only give such consent at the direction of the Holders of at least the proportion in liquidation amount of the Securities which the relevant Super Majority represents of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes outstanding; provided further, that the Property Trustee shall not take any action in accordance with the directions of the Holders of the Securities under this Section 7(b) unless the Property Trustee has obtained an opinion of tax counsel to the effect that for the purposes of United States federal income tax the Trust will not be classified as other than a grantor trust on account of such action.

8. Pro Rata.

A reference in these terms of the Securities to any payment, distribution or treatment as being "Pro Rata" shall mean pro rata to each Holder according to the aggregate liquidation amount of the Securities held by the relevant Holder in relation to the aggregate liquidation amount of all Securities outstanding unless, in relation to a payment, an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, in which case any funds available to make such payment shall be paid first to each Holder of the Capital Securities pro rata according to the aggregate liquidation amount of Capital Securities held by the relevant Holder relative to the aggregate liquidation amount of all Capital Securities outstanding, and, only after satisfaction of all amounts owed to the Holders of the Capital Securities, to each Holder of Common Securities pro rata according to the aggregate liquidation amount of Common Securities held by the relevant Holder relative to the aggregate liquidation amount of all Common Securities outstanding.

9. Ranking.

The Capital Securities rank pari passu and payment thereon shall be made pro rata with the Common Securities except that, where an Event of Default occurs and is continuing, the rights of Holders of the Common Securities to payment in respect of Distributions and payments

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upon liquidation, redemption and otherwise are subordinated to the rights to payment of the Holders of the Capital Securities.

10. Listing.

An application was made to admit for trading the Capital Securities on the London Stock Exchange. Unless otherwise determined by the Regular Trustees, the Capital Securities shall not be listed for quotation on any other stock exchange.

11. Acceptance of Securities Guarantee and Indenture.

Each Holder of Capital Securities and Common Securities, by the acceptance thereof, agrees to the provisions of the Capital Securities Guarantee and the Common Securities Guarantee, respectively, including the subordination provisions therein and to the provisions of the Indenture.

12. No Preemptive Rights.

The Holders of the Securities shall have no preemptive rights to subscribe for any additional securities.

13. Currency. Distributions and payment of principal will generally be made in pounds sterling, or any successor currency of the United Kingdom. If pounds sterling, or any successor currency of the United Kingdom, are not available to the Company or the Trust due to circumstances beyond the control of the Company or the Trust (such as the imposition of exchange controls or a disruption in the currency markets), the Company and the Trust are entitled to satisfy their obligations to make the payments on the Capital Securities and the Notes in pounds sterling, or any successor currency of the United Kingdom, by instead making the payments in U.S. dollars on the basis of the exchange rate determined by the Exchange Rate Agent (as defined in the Indenture) in its sole discretion.

14. Miscellaneous.

These terms constitute a part of the Declaration.

The Sponsor will provide a copy of the Declaration and the Capital Securities Guarantee or the Common Securities Guarantee (as may be appropriate), and the Indenture to a Holder without charge on written request to the Sponsor at its principal place of business.

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Dated: August 4, 2005

BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION
as Sponsor

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: Senior Vice President

Accepted:

BAC Capital Trust VII

James T. Houghton
Regular Trustee

Karen A. Gosnell
Regular Trustee

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EXHIBIT A-1

FORM OF CAPITAL SECURITY CERTIFICATE

This Capital Security is a Global Security within the meaning of the Declaration hereinafter referred to and is registered in the name of The Bank of New York, the common depository (the "Common Depository") of Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, or a nominee of the Common Depository. This Capital Security is exchangeable for Capital Securities registered in the name of a person other than the Common Depository or its nominee only in the limited circumstances described in the Declaration and no transfer of this Capital Security (other than a transfer of this Capital Security as a whole by the Common Depository to a nominee of the Common Depository or by a nominee of the Common Depository to the Common Depository or to another nominee of the Common Depository) may be registered except in limited circumstances.

Unless this Capital Security is presented by an authorized representative of the Common Depository to the Trust or its agent for registration of transfer, exchange or payment, and any Capital Security issued is registered in the name of the Common Depository or such other name as requested by an authorized representative of the Common Depository and any payment hereon is made to its nominee or to such other entity as is requested by an authorized representative of the Common Depository, ANY TRANSFER, PLEDGE OR OTHER USE HEREOF FOR VALUE OR OTHERWISE BY A PERSON IS WRONGFUL since the registered owner hereof, a nominee of the Common Depository, has an interest herein.

THIS INSTRUMENT IS NOT A SAVINGS ACCOUNT OR A BANK DEPOSIT, IS NOT AN OBLIGATION OF OR GUARANTEED BY ANY BANKING AFFILIATE OF BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION AND IS NOT INSURED BY THE FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION OR ANY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY AND INVOLVES INVESTMENT RISKS, INCLUDING POSSIBLE LOSS OF PRINCIPAL.

Certificate Number

BAC CAPITAL TRUST VII

17,000

5¼% Capital Securities

(liquidation amount £ 50,000 per Capital Security)

BAC CAPITAL TRUST VII, a statutory trust formed under the laws of the State of Delaware (the "Trust"), hereby certifies that The Bank of New York Depository (Nominees) Limited (the "Holder") is the registered owner of 17,000 Capital Securities of the Trust representing undivided preferred beneficial interests in the assets of the Trust designated the 5-1/4% Capital Securities (liquidation amount £ 50,000 per Capital Security) (the

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"Capital Securities"). The Capital Securities are transferable on the books and records of the Trust, in person or by a duly authorized attorney, upon surrender of this certificate duly endorsed and in proper form for transfer. The designation, rights, privileges, restrictions, preferences and other terms and provisions of the Capital Securities represented hereby are issued and shall in all respects be subject to the provisions of the Amended and Restated Declaration of Trust of the Trust dated as of August 4, 2005, as the same may be amended from time to time (the "Declaration"), including the designation of the terms of the Capital Securities as set forth in Annex I to the Declaration. Capitalized terms used herein but not defined shall have the meaning given them in the Declaration. The Holder is entitled to the benefits of the Capital Securities Guarantee to the extent provided therein. The Declaration permits the Sponsor to dissolve the Trust at any time. The Sponsor will provide a copy of the Declaration, the Capital Securities Guarantee and the Indenture to a Holder without charge upon written request to the Sponsor at its principal place of business.

Upon receipt of this certificate, the Holder is bound by the Declaration and is entitled to the benefits thereunder.

By acceptance, the Holder agrees to treat, for United States federal income tax purposes, the Notes as indebtedness and the Capital Securities as evidence of indirect beneficial ownership of the Notes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Trust has executed this certificate as of August __, 2005.

BAC CAPITAL TRUST VII

By: _____

Name: Title: Regular Trustee

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CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION

This certificate represents the Capital Securities referred to in the within-mentioned Declaration.

Dated: August __, 2005

THE BANK OF NEW YORK
as Property Trustee

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

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[FORM OF REVERSE OF SECURITY]

Distributions payable on each Capital Security will be fixed at a rate per annum of 5-1/4% (the "Coupon Rate") of the stated liquidation amount of £ 50,000 per Capital Security, such rate being the rate of interest payable on the Notes to be held by the Property Trustee on behalf

of the Trust. Distributions in arrears for more than one semi-annual period will bear interest thereon compounded semi-annually at the Coupon Rate (to the extent permitted by applicable law). A Distribution is payable only to the extent that payments are made in respect of the Notes held by the Property Trustee and to the extent the Property Trustee has funds available therefor. The amount of Distributions payable for any period, including for any period shorter than a full semi-annual period, will be computed using a day count fraction of the actual number of days in the period divided by 365 or 366, as applicable.

Except as otherwise described below, Distributions on the Capital Securities will be cumulative, will accrue from the date of original issuance and will be payable semi-annually in arrears on February 10 and August 10 of each year, commencing on February 10, 2006, to the person in whose name the Capital Security is registered at the close of business on the regular record date for such installment, which shall be the close of business on the Business Day next preceding such payment date - [IF PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF THE DECLARATION, THE SECURITIES ARE NO LONGER REPRESENTED BY A GLOBAL SECURITY - which shall be the close of business on January 15 and July 15 prior to the relevant payment date.] The Note Issuer has the right under the Indenture to defer payments of interest by extending the interest payment period from time to time on the Notes for a period not exceeding 10 consecutive semi-annual periods (each an "Extension Period"), provided that no Extension Period shall last beyond the date of the maturity of the Notes. As a consequence of such deferral, Distributions will also be deferred hereunder for the same period. Despite such deferral, semi-annual Distributions will continue to accrue with interest thereon (to the extent permitted by applicable law) at the Coupon Rate compounded semi-annually during any such Extension Period. Prior to the termination of any such Extension Period, the Note Issuer may further extend such Extension Period; provided that such Extension Period together with all such previous and further extensions thereof may not exceed 10 consecutive semi-annual periods or extend beyond the maturity date of the Notes. Payments of accrued Distributions will be payable to Holders as they appear on the books and records of the Trust on the first record date after the end of the Extension Period. Upon the termination of any Extension Period and the payment of all amounts then due, the Note Issuer may commence a new Extension Period, subject to the above requirements.

Distributions and payment of principal will generally be made in pounds sterling, or any successor currency of the United Kingdom. If pounds sterling, or any successor currency of the United Kingdom, are not available to the Company or the Trust due to circumstances beyond the control of the Company or the Trust (such as the imposition of exchange controls or a disruption in the currency markets), the Company and the Trust are entitled to satisfy their obligations to make the payments on the Capital Securities and the Notes in pounds sterling, or any successor currency of the United Kingdom, by instead making the payments in U.S. dollars on the basis of the exchange rate determined by the Exchange Rate Agent (as defined in the Indenture) in its sole discretion.

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The Property Trustee will make additional Distributions on the Capital Securities to any beneficial owner of the Capital Securities that is a non-United States Person (as defined in the Indenture) in order to ensure that every net payment on such Capital Securities will not be less, due to payment of United States withholding tax, than the amount otherwise then due and payable. The Property Trustee will not be obligated to make additional payments that exceed the amount required to do so. For this purpose, a "net payment" on a Capital Security means a payment by the Trust or any paying agent, including payment of principal and interest, after deduction for any present or future tax, assessment or other governmental charge of the United States. Such additional Distributions are only required to be paid to the extent that the Company is required to pay "Additional Amounts" (as defined in the Indenture) under the Notes pursuant to Section 2.5(d) of the supplemental indenture relating to the Notes with respect to such beneficial owner, and then only to the extent that such payments are made in respect of the Notes held by the Property Trustee and to the extent the Property Trustee has funds available therefor.

The Capital Securities are being issued by means of a book-entry system with no physical distribution of certificates to be made except as provided in the Amended and Restated Declaration of Trust. The book-entry system maintained by Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V., as operator of the Euroclear System ("Euroclear"), and Clearstream Banking, société anonyme, Luxembourg ("Clearstream, Luxembourg") will evidence ownership of the Capital Securities, with transfers of ownership effected on the records of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg and their participants pursuant to rules and procedures established by Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg and their participants. The Trust will recognize Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg as the owner of the Capital Securities for all purposes, including payment of Distributions, principal, premium, if any, and notices and voting.

Transfers of the Capital Securities will be effected through the facilities of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg, in accordance with the rules and procedures established by those clearing agencies. The Trust has no responsibility for any aspect of the records kept by Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg or any of their direct or indirect participants. The Trust does not supervise these systems in any way.

THE CAPITAL SECURITIES SHALL BE REDEEMABLE AS PROVIDED IN THE DECLARATION.

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ASSIGNMENT

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned assigns and transfers this Capital Security Certificate to:

Insert assignee's social security or tax identification number)

(Insert address and zip code of assignee)

and irrevocably appoints

_____ agent to transfer this
Capital Security Certificate on the books of the Trust. The agent may substitute another to act for him or her.

Date: _____

Signature: _____

(Sign exactly as your name appears on the other side of this Capital Security Certificate)

Signature Guarantee*: _____

* Signature must be guaranteed by an "eligible guarantor institution" that is a bank, stockbroker, savings and loan association or credit union meeting the requirements of the Registrar, which requirements include membership or participation in the Securities Transfer Agents Medallion Program ("STAMP") or such other "signature guarantee program" as may be determined by the Registrar in addition to, or in substitution for, STAMP, all in accordance with the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

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EXHIBIT A-2

FORM OF COMMON SECURITY CERTIFICATE

THE SECURITIES REPRESENTED BY THIS CERTIFICATE HAVE NOT BEEN REGISTERED UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE "ACT"), AND ARE "RESTRICTED SECURITIES" AS THAT TERM IS DEFINED IN RULE 144A UNDER THE ACT. THE SECURITIES MAY NOT BE OFFERED FOR SALE, SOLD OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED EXCEPT PURSUANT TO AN EFFECTIVE REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE ACT OR PURSUANT TO AN EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION UNDER THE ACT, THE AVAILABILITY OF WHICH IS TO BE ESTABLISHED TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE TRUST.

THE COMMON SECURITIES REPRESENTED BY THIS CERTIFICATE ARE BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY A PERSON WHO MAY BE AN "AFFILIATE" WITHIN THE MEANING OF RULE 144 UNDER THE ACT. CONSEQUENTLY, THE SECURITIES MAY NOT BE TRANSFERRED UNLESS SUCH TRANSFER IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH SAID RULE OR UNLESS MADE PURSUANT TO AN EFFECTIVE REGISTRATION STATEMENT FOR SUCH SECURITIES UNDER THE ACT OR AN OPINION OF COUNSEL FOR THE TRUST THAT REGISTRATION IS NOT REQUIRED UNDER THE ACT.

THIS INSTRUMENT IS NOT A SAVINGS ACCOUNT OR A BANK DEPOSIT, IS NOT AN OBLIGATION OF OR GUARANTEED BY ANY BANKING AFFILIATE OF BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION AND IS NOT INSURED BY THE FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION OR ANY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY AND INVOLVES INVESTMENT RISKS, INCLUDING POSSIBLE LOSS OF PRINCIPAL.

Certificate Number

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BAC CAPITAL TRUST VII

5¼% Common Securities
(liquidation amount £ 50,000 per Common Security)

BAC CAPITAL TRUST VII, a statutory trust formed under the laws of the State of Delaware (the "Trust"), hereby certifies that BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION (the "Holder") is the registered owner of 530 common securities of the Trust representing undivided common beneficial interests in the assets of the Trust designated the 5-1/4% Common Securities (liquidation amount £ 50,000 per Common Security) (the "Common Securities"). The Common Securities are transferable on the books and records of the Trust, in person or by a duly authorized attorney, upon surrender of this certificate duly endorsed and in proper form for transfer. The designation, rights, privileges, restrictions, preferences and other terms and

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provisions of the Common Securities represented hereby are issued and shall in all respects be subject to the provisions of the Amended and Restated Declaration of Trust of the Trust dated as of August 4, 2005, as the same may be amended from time to time (the "Declaration"), including the designation of the terms of the Common Securities as set forth in Annex I to the Declaration. Capitalized terms used herein but not defined shall have the meaning given them in the Declaration. The Holder is entitled to the benefits of the Common Securities Guarantee to the extent provided therein. The Declaration permits the Sponsor to dissolve the Trust at any time. The Sponsor will provide a copy of the Declaration, the Common Securities Guarantee and the Indenture to a Holder without charge upon written request to the Sponsor at its principal place of business.

Upon receipt of this certificate, the Sponsor is bound by the Declaration and is entitled to the benefits thereunder.

By acceptance, the Holder agrees to treat, for United States federal income tax purposes, the Notes as indebtedness and the Common Securities as evidence of indirect beneficial ownership in the Notes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Trust has executed this certificate as of August __, 2005.

BAC CAPITAL TRUST VII

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: Regular Trustee

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CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION

This certificate represents the Common Securities referred to in the within-mentioned Declaration.

Dated: August __, 2005

THE BANK OF NEW YORK
as Property Trustee

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____

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[FORM OF REVERSE OF SECURITY]

Distributions payable on each Common Security will be fixed at a rate per annum of 5 1/4% (the "Coupon Rate") of the stated liquidation amount of £ 50,000 per Common Security, such rate being the rate of interest payable on the Notes to be held by the Property Trustee. Distributions in arrears will continue to accumulate at the same rate compounded semi-annually. A Distribution is payable only to the extent that payments are made in respect of the Notes held by the Property Trustee and to the extent the Property Trustee has funds available therefor. The amount of Distributions payable for any period, including for any period shorter than a full semi-annual period, will be computed using a day count fraction of the actual number of days in the period divided by 365 or 366, as applicable.

Except as otherwise described below, Distributions on the Common Securities will be cumulative, will accrue from the date of original issuance and will be payable semi-annually in arrears on February 10 and August 10 of each year, commencing on February 10, 2006, to Holders of record 15 days prior to such payment dates, which payment dates shall correspond to the interest payment dates on the Notes. The Note Issuer has the right under the Indenture to defer payments of interest by extending the interest payment period from time to time on the Notes for a period not exceeding 10 consecutive semi-annual periods (each an "Extension Period"), provided that no Extension Period shall last beyond the date of the maturity of the Notes. As a consequence of such deferral, Distributions will also be deferred hereunder for the same period. Despite such deferral, semi-annual Distributions will continue to accrue with interest thereon (to the extent permitted by

applicable law) at the Coupon Rate compounded semi-annually during any such Extension Period. Prior to the termination of any such Extension Period, the Note Issuer may further extend such Extension Period; provided that such Extension Period together with all such previous and further extensions thereof may not exceed 10 consecutive semi-annual periods or extend beyond the maturity date of the Notes. Payments of accrued Distributions will be payable to Holders as they appear on the books and records of the Trust on the first record date after the end of the Extension Period. Upon the termination of any Extension Period and the payment of all amounts then due, the Note Issuer may commence a new Extension Period, subject to the above requirements.

Distributions and payment of principal will generally be made in pounds sterling, or any successor currency of the United Kingdom. If pounds sterling are not available to the Trust due to circumstances beyond the control of the Trust (such as the imposition of exchange controls or a disruption in the currency markets), the Trust is entitled to satisfy its obligations to make the payments on the Common Securities in pounds sterling by instead making the payments in U.S. dollars on the basis of the exchange rate determined by the Exchange Rate Agent (as defined in the Indenture) in its sole discretion

THE COMMON SECURITIES SHALL BE REDEEMABLE AS PROVIDED IN THE DECLARATION.

ASSIGNMENT

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned assigns and transfers this Common Security Certificate to:

(Insert assignee's social security or tax identification number)

(Insert address and zip code of assignee)

and irrevocably appoints _____

_____ agent to transfer this Common Security Certificate on the books of the Trust. The agent may substitute another to act for him or her.

Date: _____

Signature: _____

(Sign exactly as your name appears on the other side of this Common Security Certificate)

Signature Guarantee:[1] _____

[1] Signature must be guaranteed by an "eligible guarantor institution" that is a bank, stockbroker, savings and loan association or credit union meeting the requirements of the Registrar, which requirements include membership or participation in the Securities Transfer Agents medallion Program ("STAMP") or such other "signature guarantee program" as may be determined by the Registrar in addition to, or in substitution for, STAMP, all in accordance with the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

CAPITAL SECURITIES GUARANTEE AGREEMENT

BAC Capital Trust VII 5¼% Capital Securities

Dated as of August 10, 2005

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315(d).....	3.1(d)

*This Cross-Reference Table does not constitute part of the Capital Securities Guarantee and shall not affect the interpretation of any of its terms or provisions.

CAPITAL SECURITIES GUARANTEE AGREEMENT

This GUARANTEE AGREEMENT (the "Capital Securities Guarantee"), dated as of August 10, 2005, is executed and delivered by BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION, a Delaware corporation (the "Guarantor"), and THE BANK OF NEW YORK, a New York banking corporation, as trustee (the "Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee"), for the benefit of the Holders (as defined herein) from time to time of the Capital Securities (as defined herein) of BAC Capital Trust VII, a Delaware statutory trust (the "Issuer").

WHEREAS, pursuant to an Amended and Restated Declaration of Trust (the "Declaration"), dated as of August 4, 2005, among the trustees of the Issuer named therein, the Guarantor, as sponsor, and the holders from time to time of undivided beneficial interests in the assets of the Issuer, the Issuer is issuing on the date hereof 17,000 Capital Securities representing undivided preferred beneficial interests in the assets of the Issuer, designated the BAC Capital Trust VII 5¼% Capital Securities (the "Capital Securities"), initially in the aggregate liquidation amount of £ 850,000,000; and

WHEREAS, as incentive for the Holders to purchase the Capital Securities, the Guarantor desires irrevocably and unconditionally to agree, to the extent set forth in this Capital Securities Guarantee, to pay to the Holders of the Capital Securities the Guarantee Payments (as defined herein) and to make certain other payments on the terms and conditions set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, the Guarantor also is executing and delivering a guarantee agreement (the "Common Securities Guarantee") for the benefit of the holders of the Common Securities (as defined herein);

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the purchase by each Holder of Capital Securities, which purchase the Guarantor hereby agrees shall benefit the Guarantor, the Guarantor executes and delivers this Capital Securities Guarantee for the benefit of the Holders.

ARTICLE 1
DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

SECTION 1.1 Definitions and Interpretation.

In this Capital Securities Guarantee, unless the context otherwise requires:

(a) Capitalized terms used in this Capital Securities Guarantee but not defined in the preamble above have the respective meanings assigned to them in this Section 1.1;

(b) terms defined in the Declaration as at the date of execution of this Capital Securities Guarantee have the same meaning when used in this Capital Securities Guarantee;

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(c) a term defined anywhere in this Capital Securities Guarantee has the same meaning throughout;

(d) all references to "the Capital Securities Guarantee" or "this Capital Securities Guarantee" are to this Capital Securities Guarantee as modified, supplemented or amended from time to time;

(e) all references in this Capital Securities Guarantee to Articles and Sections are to Articles and Sections of this Capital Securities Guarantee, unless otherwise specified;

(f) a term defined in the Trust Indenture Act has the same meaning when used in this Capital Securities Guarantee, unless otherwise defined in this Capital Securities Guarantee or unless the context otherwise requires; and

(g) a reference to the singular includes the plural and vice versa.

"Affiliate" has the same meaning as given to that term in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or any successor rule thereunder.

"Authorized Officer" means the Chief Executive Officer, President, Chief Financial Officer, any Vice President, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Associate General Counsel or other Person authorized to bind a Person.

"Business Day" means any weekday that (1) is not a legal holiday in New York, New York, Charlotte, North Carolina or London, (2) is not a day on which banking institutions in those cities are authorized or required by law or regulation to be closed, and (3) is a day on which the Trans-European Automated Real-Time Gross Settlement Express Transfer ("TARGET") System or any successor system is open for business.

"Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee" means The Bank of New York, a New York banking corporation, until a Successor Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee has been appointed and has accepted such appointment pursuant to the terms of this Capital Securities Guarantee and thereafter means each such Successor Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee.

"Capital Securities" means the total number of BAC Capital Trust VII 5¼% Capital Securities (liquidation amount £ 50,000 per Capital Security) issued pursuant to the Declaration representing undivided preferred beneficial interests in the assets of the Issuer.

"Common Securities" means the securities representing undivided common beneficial interests in the assets of the Issuer.

"Corporate Trust Office" means the office of the Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee at which the corporate trust business of the Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee shall, at any particular time, be principally administered, which office at the date of execution of this Agreement is located at 101 Barclay Street, 8 West, New York, New York 10286.

"Covered Person" means any Holder or beneficial owner of Capital Securities.

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"Event of Default" means a default by the Guarantor on any of its payments or other obligations under this Capital Securities Guarantee.

"Guarantee Payments" means the following payments or distributions, without duplication, with respect to the Capital Securities, to the extent not paid or made by the Issuer: (i) any accrued and unpaid Distributions that are required to be paid on such Capital Securities to the extent the Issuer shall have funds available therefor, (ii) any Additional Amounts (as defined in the Indenture) that are required to be paid on such Capital Securities under Section 6.1 of the Declaration to the extent the Issuer shall have funds available therefor, (iii) the applicable Redemption Price to the extent the Issuer has funds available therefor, with respect to any Capital Securities called for redemption by the Issuer, and (iv) upon a voluntary or involuntary dissolution, winding-up or termination of the Issuer (other than in connection with the distribution of Notes to the Holders in exchange for Capital Securities as provided in the Declaration), the lesser of (a) the aggregate of the liquidation amount and all accrued and unpaid Distributions on the Capital Securities to the date of payment, to the extent the Issuer shall have funds available therefor, and (b) the amount of assets of the Issuer remaining available for distribution to Holders in liquidation of the Issuer (in either case, the "Liquidation Distribution"). If an Event of Default under, and as defined in, the Indenture has occurred and is

continuing, the rights of holders of the Common Securities to receive payments under the Common Securities Guarantee are subordinated to the rights of Holders of Capital Securities to receive Guarantee Payments under the Capital Securities Guarantee.

"Holder" shall mean any holder, as registered on the books and records of the Issuer, of any Capital Securities; provided, however, that in determining whether the holders of the requisite percentage of Capital Securities have given any request, notice, consent or waiver hereunder, "Holder" shall not include the Guarantor or any Affiliate of the Guarantor.

"Indemnified Person" means the Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee, any Affiliate of the Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee, or any officers, directors, shareholders, members, partners, employees, representatives, nominees, custodians or agents of the Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee.

"Indenture" means the Restated Indenture dated as of November 1, 2001 between the Guarantor (the "Note Issuer") and The Bank of New York, as trustee, together with any Board Resolution (as defined in the Indenture) or any indenture supplemental thereto, pursuant to which certain subordinated debt securities of the Note Issuer are to be issued to the Property Trustee (as defined in the Declaration) of the Issuer.

"Majority in liquidation amount of the Securities" means, except as provided by the Trust Indenture Act, a vote by Holder(s) of Capital Securities, voting separately as a class, of more than 50% of the liquidation amount (including the stated amount that would be paid on redemption, liquidation, dissolution or otherwise, plus accrued and unpaid Distributions to the date upon which the voting percentages are determined) of all Capital Securities.

"Notes" means the series of junior subordinated debt securities of the Guarantor designated the 5¼% Junior Subordinated Notes, due 2035, held by the Property Trustee of the Issuer on behalf of the Trust.

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"Officers' Certificate" means, with respect to any Person, a certificate signed by an Authorized Officer of such Person. Any Officers' Certificate delivered with respect to compliance with a condition or covenant provided for in this Capital Securities Guarantee shall include:

- (a) a statement that each officer signing the Officers' Certificate has read the covenant or condition and the definition relating thereto;
- (b) a brief statement of the nature and scope of the examination or investigation undertaken by each officer in rendering the Officers' Certificate;
- (c) a statement that each such officer has made such examination or investigation as, in such officer's opinion, is necessary to enable such officer to express an informed opinion as to whether or not such covenant or condition has been complied with; and
- (d) a statement as to whether, in the opinion of each such officer, such condition or covenant has been complied with.

"Person" means a legal person, including any individual, corporation, estate, partnership, joint venture, association, joint stock company, limited liability company, trust, unincorporated association, or government or any agency or political subdivision thereof, or any other entity of whatever nature.

"Responsible Officer" means, with respect to the Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee, any officer within the Corporate Trust Office of the Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee, including any vice president, any assistant vice president, any assistant treasurer or other officer of the Corporate Trust Office of the Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee customarily performing functions similar to those performed by any of the above designated officers and also means, with respect to a particular corporate trust matter, any other officer to whom such matter is referred because of that officer's knowledge of and familiarity with the particular subject.

"Successor Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee" means a successor Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee possessing the qualifications to act as Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee under Section 4.1.

"Trust Indenture Act" means the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended.

"Trust Securities" means the Common Securities and the Capital Securities.

ARTICLE 2 TRUST INDENTURE ACT

SECTION 2.1 Trust Indenture Act; Application.

- (a) This Capital Securities Guarantee is subject to the provisions of the Trust Indenture Act that are required to be part of this Capital Securities Guarantee and shall, to the extent applicable, be governed by such provisions; and

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- (b) If and to the extent that any provision of this Capital Securities Guarantee limits, qualifies or conflicts with the duties imposed by Sections 310 to 317, inclusive, of the Trust Indenture Act, such imposed duties shall control.

SECTION 2.2Lists of Holders of Securities.

(a) The Guarantor shall provide the Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee with a list, in such form as the Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee may reasonably require, of the names and addresses of the Holders of the Capital Securities ("List of Holders") as of such date, (i) within 10 days after each record date, and (ii) at any other time within 30 days of receipt by the Guarantor of a written request for a List of Holders as of a date no more than 10 days before such List of Holders is given to the Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee; provided that the Guarantor shall not be obligated to provide such List of Holders at any time the List of Holders does not differ from the most recent List of Holders given to the Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee by the Guarantor. The Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee may destroy any List of Holders previously given to it on receipt of a new List of Holders.

(b) The Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee shall comply with its obligations under Sections 311(a), 311(b) and Section 312(b) of the Trust Indenture Act.

SECTION 2.3Reports by the Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee.

Within 60 days after March 31 of each year, the Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee shall provide to the Holders of the Capital Securities such reports as are required by Section 313 of the Trust Indenture Act, if any, in the form and in the manner provided by Section 313 of the Trust Indenture Act. The Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee also shall comply with the requirements of Section 313(d) of the Trust Indenture Act.

SECTION 2.4Periodic Reports to Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee.

The Guarantor shall provide to the Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee such documents, reports and information, if any, as required by Section 314 and the compliance certificate required by Section 314 of the Trust Indenture Act in the form, in the manner and at the times required by Section 314 of the Trust Indenture Act.

SECTION 2.5Evidence of Compliance with Conditions Precedent.

The Guarantor shall provide to the Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee such evidence of compliance with any conditions precedent, if any, provided for in this Capital Securities Guarantee that relate to any of the matters set forth in Section 314(c) of the Trust Indenture Act. Any certificate or opinion required to be given by an officer pursuant to Section 314(c)(1) may be given in the form of an Officers' Certificate.

SECTION 2.6Events of Default; Waiver.

The Holders of a Majority in liquidation amount of the Securities may, by vote, on behalf of the Holders of all of the Capital Securities, waive any past Event of Default and its consequences. Upon such waiver, any such Event of Default shall cease to exist, and any Event

of Default arising therefrom shall be deemed to have been cured, for every purpose of this Capital Securities Guarantee, but no such waiver shall extend to any subsequent or other default or Event of Default or impair any right consequent thereon.

SECTION 2.7Event of Default; Notice.

(a) The Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee shall, within 90 days after the occurrence of an Event of Default, transmit by mail, first class postage prepaid, to the Holders of the Capital Securities, notices of all Events of Default actually known to a Responsible Officer of the Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee, unless such defaults have been cured before the giving of such notice, provided that the Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee shall be protected in withholding such notice if and so long as a Responsible Officer of the Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee in good faith determines that the withholding of such notice is in the interests of the Holders.

(b) The Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee shall not be deemed to have knowledge of any Event of Default unless a Responsible Officer of the Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee shall have received written notice thereof, or unless a Responsible Officer of the Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee charged with the administration of the Declaration shall have obtained actual knowledge thereof.

SECTION 2.8Conflicting Interests.

The Declaration shall be deemed to be specifically described in this Capital Securities Guarantee for the purposes of clause (i) of the first proviso contained in Section 310(b) of the Trust Indenture Act.

ARTICLE 3 POWERS, DUTIES AND RIGHTS OF CAPITAL SECURITIES GUARANTEE TRUSTEE

SECTION 3.1Powers and Duties of the Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee.

(a) This Capital Securities Guarantee shall be held by the Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee for the benefit of the Holders, and the Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee shall not transfer this Capital Securities Guarantee to any Person except a Holder of Capital Securities exercising his or her rights pursuant to Section 5.4(b) or to a Successor Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee on acceptance by such Successor Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee of its appointment to act as Successor Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee. The right, title and interest

of the Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee shall automatically vest in any Successor Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee, and such vesting and cessation of title shall be effective whether or not conveyancing documents have been executed and delivered pursuant to the appointment of such Successor Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee.

(b) If an Event of Default actually known to a Responsible Officer of the Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee has occurred and is continuing, the Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee shall enforce this Capital Securities Guarantee for the benefit of the Holders.

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(c) The Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee, before the occurrence of any Event of Default and after the curing of all Events of Default that may have occurred, shall undertake to perform only such duties as are specifically set forth in this Capital Securities Guarantee, and no implied covenants shall be read into this Capital Securities Guarantee against the Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee. In case an Event of Default has occurred (that has not been cured or waived pursuant to Section 2.6) and is actually known to a Responsible Officer of the Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee, the Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee shall exercise such of the rights and powers vested in it by this Capital Securities Guarantee, and use the same degree of care and skill in its exercise thereof, as a prudent person would exercise or use under the circumstances in the conduct of his or her own affairs.

(d) No provision of this Capital Securities Guarantee shall be construed to relieve the Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee from liability for its own negligent action, its own negligent failure to act, or its own willful misconduct, except that:

(i) prior to the occurrence of any Event of Default and after the curing or waiving of all such Events of Default that may have occurred:

(A) the duties and obligations of the Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee shall be determined solely by the express provisions of this Capital Securities Guarantee, and the Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee shall not be liable except for the performance of such duties and obligations as are specifically set forth in this Capital Securities Guarantee, and no implied covenants or obligations shall be read into this Capital Securities Guarantee against the Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee; and

(B) in the absence of bad faith on the part of the Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee, the Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee may conclusively rely, as to the truth of the statements and the correctness of the opinions expressed therein, upon any certificates or opinions furnished to the Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee and conforming to the requirements of this Capital Securities Guarantee; but in the case of any such certificates or opinions that by any provision hereof are specifically required to be furnished to the Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee, the Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee shall be under a duty to examine the same to determine whether or not they conform to the requirements of this Capital Securities Guarantee;

(ii) the Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee shall not be liable for any error of judgment made in good faith by a Responsible Officer of the Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee, unless it shall be proved that the Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee was negligent in ascertaining the pertinent facts upon which such judgment was made;

(iii) the Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee shall not be liable with respect to any action taken or omitted to be taken by it in good faith in accordance with the direction of the Holders of not less than a Majority in liquidation amount of the Securities relating to the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee, or exercising any trust or power

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conferred upon the Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee under this Capital Securities Guarantee; and

(iv) no provision of this Capital Securities Guarantee shall require the Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee to expend or risk its own funds or otherwise incur personal financial liability in the performance of any of its duties or in the exercise of any of its rights or powers, if the Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee shall have reasonable grounds for believing that the repayment of such funds or liability is not reasonably assured to it under the terms of this Capital Securities Guarantee or indemnity, reasonably satisfactory to the Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee, against such risk or liability is not reasonably assured to it.

SECTION 3.2 Certain Rights of Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee.

(a) Subject to the provisions of Section 3.1:

(i) The Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee may rely conclusively, and shall be fully protected in acting or refraining from acting upon, any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, direction, consent, order, bond, debenture, note, other evidence of indebtedness or other paper or document believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed, sent or presented by the proper party or parties.

(ii) Any direction or act of the Guarantor contemplated by this Capital Securities Guarantee shall be sufficiently evidenced by an Officers' Certificate.

- (iii) Whenever, in the administration of this Capital Securities Guarantee, the Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee shall deem it desirable that a matter be proved or established before taking, suffering or omitting any action hereunder, the Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee (unless other evidence is herein specifically prescribed) may, in the absence of bad faith on its part, request and conclusively rely upon an Officers' Certificate which, upon receipt of such request, shall be promptly delivered by the Guarantor.
- (iv) The Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee shall have no duty to see to any recording, filing or registration of any instrument (or any rerecording, refiling or re-registration thereof).
- (v) The Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee may consult with counsel of its selection, and the advice or opinion of such counsel with respect to legal matters shall be full and complete authorization and protection in respect of any action taken, suffered or omitted by it hereunder in good faith and in accordance with such advice or opinion. Such counsel may be counsel to the Guarantor or any of its Affiliates and may include any of its employees. The Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee shall have the right at any time to seek instructions concerning the administration of this Capital Securities Guarantee from any court of competent jurisdiction.
- (vi) The Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee shall be under no obligation to exercise any of the rights or powers vested in it by this Capital Securities Guarantee at the

request or direction of any Holder, unless such Holder shall have provided to the Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee such security and indemnity, reasonably satisfactory to the Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee, against the costs, expenses (including attorneys' fees and expenses and the expenses of the Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee's agents, nominees or custodians) and liabilities that might be incurred by it in complying with such request or direction, including such reasonable advances as may be requested by the Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee; provided that, nothing contained in this Section 3.2(a)(vi) shall be taken to relieve the Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee, upon the occurrence of an Event of Default, of its obligation to exercise the rights and powers vested in it by this Capital Securities Guarantee.

(vii) The Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee shall not be bound to make any investigation into the facts or matters stated in any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, direction, consent, order, bond, debenture, note, other evidence of indebtedness or other paper or document, but the Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee, in its discretion, may make such further inquiry or investigation into such facts or matters as it may see fit.

(viii) The Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee may execute any of the trusts or powers hereunder or perform any duties hereunder either directly or by or through agents, nominees, custodians or attorneys, and the Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee shall not be responsible for any misconduct or negligence on the part of any agent or attorney appointed with due care by it hereunder.

(ix) Any action taken by the Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee or its agents hereunder shall bind the Holders of the Capital Securities, and the signature of the Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee or its agents alone shall be sufficient and effective to perform any such action. No third party shall be required to inquire as to the authority of the Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee to so act or as to its compliance with any of the terms and provisions of this Capital Securities Guarantee, both of which shall be conclusively evidenced by the Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee's or its agent's taking such action.

(x) Whenever in the administration of this Capital Securities Guarantee the Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee shall deem it desirable to receive instructions with respect to enforcing any remedy or right or taking any other action hereunder, the Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee (i) may request instructions from the Holders of a Majority in liquidation amount of the Securities, (ii) may refrain from enforcing such remedy or right or taking such other action until such instructions are received, and (iii) shall be protected in conclusively relying on or acting in accordance with such instructions.

(xi) The Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee shall not be liable for any action taken, suffered, or omitted to be taken by it in good faith and reasonably believed by it to be authorized or within the discretion or rights or powers conferred upon it by this Capital Securities Guarantee.

(b) No provision of this Capital Securities Guarantee shall be deemed to impose any duty or obligation on the Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee to perform any act or acts or exercise any right, power, duty or obligation conferred or imposed on it in any jurisdiction in which it shall be illegal, or in which the Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee shall be unqualified or incompetent in accordance with applicable law, to perform any such act or acts or to exercise any such right, power, duty or obligation. No permissive power or authority available to the Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee shall be construed to be a duty.

SECTION 3.3 Not Responsible for Recitals or Issuance of Capital Securities Guarantee.

The recitals contained in this Capital Securities Guarantee shall be taken as the statements of the Guarantor, and the Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee does not assume any responsibility for their correctness. The Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee makes no representation as to the validity or sufficiency of this Capital Securities Guarantee.

ARTICLE 4 CAPITAL SECURITIES GUARANTEE TRUSTEE

SECTION 4.1 Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee; Eligibility.

- (a) There shall at all times be a Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee which shall:
 - (i) not be an Affiliate of the Guarantor; and
 - (ii) be a corporation organized and doing business under the laws of the United States of America or any State or Territory thereof or of the District of Columbia, or a corporation or Person permitted by the Securities and Exchange Commission to act as a trustee under the Trust Indenture Act, authorized under such laws to exercise corporate trust powers, having a combined capital and surplus of at least \$50,000,000, and subject to supervision or examination by Federal, State, Territorial or District of Columbia authority. If such corporation publishes reports of condition at least annually, pursuant to law or to the requirements of the supervising or examining authority referred to above, then, for the purposes of this Section 4.1(a)(ii), the combined capital and surplus of such corporation shall be deemed to be its combined capital and surplus as set forth in its most recent report of condition so published.
- (b) If at any time the Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee shall cease to be eligible to so act under Section 4.1(a), the Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee shall immediately resign in the manner and with the effect set out in Section 4.2(c).
- (c) If the Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee has or shall acquire any "conflicting interest" within the meaning of Section 310(b) of the Trust Indenture Act, the Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee and Guarantor shall in all respects comply with the provisions of Section 310(b) of the Trust Indenture Act.

SECTION 4.2 Appointment, Removal and Resignation of Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee.

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- (a) Subject to Section 4.2(b), the Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee may be appointed or removed without cause at any time by the Guarantor except during an Event of Default.
 - (b) The Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee shall not be removed in accordance with Section 4.2(a) until a Successor Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee has been appointed and has accepted such appointment by written instrument executed by such Successor Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee and delivered to the Guarantor.
 - (c) The Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee may resign from office (without need for prior or subsequent accounting) by an instrument in writing executed by the Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee and delivered to the Guarantor, which resignation shall not take effect until a Successor Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee has been appointed and has accepted such appointment by instrument in writing executed by such Successor Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee and delivered to the Guarantor and the resigning Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee.
 - (d) If no Successor Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee shall have been appointed and accepted appointment as provided in this Section 4.2 within 60 days after delivery of an instrument of removal or resignation, the Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee resigning or being removed may petition any court of competent jurisdiction for appointment of a Successor Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee. Such court may thereupon, after prescribing such notice, if any, as it may deem proper, appoint a Successor Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee.
 - (e) No Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee shall be liable for the acts or omissions to act of any Successor Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee.
 - (f) Upon termination of this Capital Securities Guarantee or removal or resignation of the Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee pursuant to this Section 4.2, the Guarantor shall pay to the Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee all amounts accrued to the date of such termination, removal or resignation.

ARTICLE 5 GUARANTEE

SECTION 5.1 Guarantee.

The Guarantor irrevocably and unconditionally agrees to pay in full to the Holders the Guarantee Payments (without duplication of amounts theretofore paid by the Issuer), as and when due, regardless of any defense, right of set-off or counterclaim that the Issuer may have or assert. The Guarantor's obligation to make a Guarantee Payment may be satisfied by direct payment of the required amounts by the Guarantor to the

Holders or by causing the Issuer to pay such amounts to the Holders.

SECTION 5.2 Waiver of Notice and Demand.

The Guarantor hereby waives notice of acceptance of this Capital Securities Guarantee and of any liability to which it applies or may apply, presentment, demand for

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payment, any right to require a proceeding first against the Issuer or any other Person before proceeding against the Guarantor, protest, notice of nonpayment, notice of dishonor, notice of redemption and all other notices and demands.

SECTION 5.3 Obligations Not Affected.

The obligations, covenants, agreements and duties of the Guarantor under this Capital Securities Guarantee shall in no way be affected or impaired by reason of the happening from time to time of any of the following:

- (a) the release or waiver, by operation of law or otherwise, of the performance or observance by the Issuer of any express or implied agreement, covenant, term or condition relating to the Capital Securities to be performed or observed by the Issuer;
- (b) the extension of time for the payment by the Issuer of all or any portion of the Distributions, Redemption Price, Liquidation Distribution or any other sums payable under the terms of the Capital Securities or the extension of time for the performance of any other obligation under, arising out of, or in connection with, the Capital Securities (other than an extension of time for payment of Distributions, Redemption Price, Liquidation Distribution or other sum payable that results from the extension of any interest payment period on the Notes);
- (c) any failure, omission, delay or lack of diligence on the part of the Holders to enforce, assert or exercise any right, privilege, power or remedy conferred on the Holders pursuant to the terms of the Capital Securities, or any action on the part of the Issuer granting indulgence or extension of any kind;
- (d) the voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution, sale of any collateral, receivership, insolvency, bankruptcy, assignment for the benefit of creditors, reorganization, arrangement, composition or readjustment of debt of, or other similar proceedings affecting, the Issuer or any of the assets of the Issuer;
- (e) any invalidity of, or defect or deficiency in, the Capital Securities;
- (f) any failure or omission to receive any regulatory approval or consent required in connection with the Common Securities or Capital Securities, including the failure to receive any approval of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System required in connection with the Capital Securities;
- (g) the settlement or compromise of any obligation guaranteed hereby or hereby incurred; or
- (h) any other circumstance whatsoever that might otherwise constitute a legal or equitable discharge or defense of a guarantor, it being the intent of this Section 5.3 that the obligations of the Guarantor hereunder shall be absolute and unconditional under any and all circumstances.

There shall be no obligation of the Holders to give notice to, or obtain consent of, the Guarantor with respect to the happening of any of the foregoing.

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SECTION 5.4 Rights of Holders.

- (a) The Holders of a Majority in liquidation amount of the Securities have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting of any proceeding for any remedy available to the Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee in respect of this Capital Securities Guarantee or exercising any trust or power conferred upon the Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee under this Capital Securities Guarantee.
- (b) If the Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee fails to enforce such Capital Securities Guarantee, any Holder of Capital Securities may institute a legal proceeding directly against the Guarantor to enforce the Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee's rights under this Capital Securities Guarantee, without first instituting a legal proceeding against the Issuer, the Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee or any other person or entity. The Guarantor waives any right or remedy to require that any action be brought first against the Issuer or any other person or entity before proceeding directly against the Guarantor.

SECTION 5.5 Guarantee of Payment.

This Capital Securities Guarantee creates a guarantee of payment and not of collection.

SECTION 5.6 Subrogation.

The Guarantor shall be subrogated to all (if any) rights of the Holders against the Issuer in respect of any amounts paid to such Holders by the Guarantor under this Capital Securities Guarantee; provided, however, that the Guarantor shall not (except to the extent required by mandatory provisions of law) be entitled to enforce or exercise any right that it may acquire by way of subrogation or any indemnity, reimbursement or other agreement, in all cases as a result of payment under this Capital Securities Guarantee, if, at the time of any such payment, any amounts are due and unpaid under this Capital Securities Guarantee. If any amount shall be paid to the Guarantor in violation of the preceding sentence, the Guarantor agrees to hold such amount in trust for the Holders and to pay over such amount to the Holders.

SECTION 5.7 Independent Obligations.

The Guarantor acknowledges that its obligations hereunder are independent of the obligations of the Issuer with respect to the Capital Securities, and that the Guarantor shall be liable as principal and as debtor hereunder to make Guarantee Payments pursuant to the terms of this Capital Securities Guarantee notwithstanding the occurrence of any event referred to in subsections (a) through (h), inclusive, of Section 5.3 hereof.

ARTICLE 6 LIMITATION OF TRANSACTIONS; SUBORDINATION

SECTION 6.1 Limitation of Transactions.

So long as any Capital Securities remain outstanding, if there shall have occurred and be continuing an Event of Default under this Capital Securities Guarantee, an Event of

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Default or a Nonpayment under the Declaration or during an Extended Interest Payment Period (as defined in the Indenture), then (a) the Guarantor shall not declare or pay any dividend on, make any distributions with respect to, or redeem, purchase, acquire or make a liquidation payment with respect to, any of its capital stock (other than (i) purchases or acquisitions of shares of its common stock in connection with the satisfaction by the Guarantor of its obligations under any employee benefit plans, (ii) as a result of a reclassification of the Guarantor's capital stock or the exchange or conversion of one class or series of the Guarantor's capital stock for another class or series of the Guarantor's capital stock, or (iii) the purchase of fractional interests in shares of the Guarantor's capital stock pursuant to an acquisition or the conversion or exchange provisions of such capital stock of the Guarantor or the security being converted or exchanged) or make any guarantee payments with respect to the foregoing or (b) the Guarantor shall not make any payment of interest, principal or premium, if any, on or repay, repurchase or redeem any debt securities (including guarantees) issued by the Guarantor which rank *pari passu* with or junior to the Notes.

SECTION 6.2 Ranking.

This Capital Securities Guarantee will constitute an unsecured obligation of the Guarantor and will rank (i) subordinate and junior in right of payment to all other liabilities, including contingent liabilities, of the Guarantor, (ii) *pari passu* with the most senior preferred or preference stock now or hereafter issued by the Guarantor and with any guarantee now or hereafter entered into by the Guarantor in respect of any preferred securities (including trust preferred securities) or preference stock of any Affiliate of the Guarantor, and (iii) senior to the Guarantor's common stock.

ARTICLE 7 TERMINATION

SECTION 7.1 Termination.

This Capital Securities Guarantee shall terminate upon (i) full payment of the Redemption Price of all Capital Securities, (ii) upon the distribution of the Notes to the Holders of all of the Capital Securities, or (iii) upon full payment of the amounts payable in accordance with the Declaration upon liquidation or dissolution of the Issuer. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Capital Securities Guarantee will continue to be effective or will be reinstated, as the case may be, if at any time any Holder must restore payment of any sums paid under the Capital Securities or under this Capital Securities Guarantee.

ARTICLE 8 INDEMNIFICATION

SECTION 8.1 Exculpation.

(a) No Indemnified Person shall be liable, responsible or accountable in damages or otherwise to the Guarantor or any Covered Person for any loss, damage or claim incurred by reason of any act or omission performed or omitted by such Indemnified Person in good faith in accordance with this Capital Securities Guarantee and in a manner that such Indemnified Person reasonably believed to be within the scope of the authority conferred on such Indemnified Person

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by this Capital Securities Guarantee or by law, except that an Indemnified Person shall be liable for any such loss, damage or claim incurred by reason of such Indemnified Person's negligence or willful misconduct with respect to such acts or omissions.

(b) An Indemnified Person shall be fully protected in relying in good faith upon the records of the Guarantor and upon such information, opinions, reports or statements presented to the Guarantor by any Person as to matters the Indemnified Person reasonably believes are within such other Person's professional or expert competence and who has been selected with reasonable care by or on behalf of the Guarantor, including information, opinions, reports or statements as to the value and amount of the assets, liabilities, profits, losses, or any other facts pertinent to the existence and amount of assets from which Distributions to Holders of Capital Securities might properly be paid.

SECTION 8.2 Indemnification.

The Guarantor agrees to indemnify each Indemnified Person for, and to hold each Indemnified Person harmless against, any and all loss, liability, damage, claim or expense incurred without negligence or bad faith on its part, arising out of or in connection with the acceptance or administration of the trust or trusts hereunder, including the costs and expenses (including reasonable legal fees and expenses) of defending itself against, or investigating, any claim or liability in connection with the exercise or performance of any of its powers or duties hereunder. The obligation to indemnify as set forth in this Section 8.2 shall survive the termination of this Capital Securities Guarantee.

ARTICLE 9 MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION 9.1 Successors and Assigns.

All guarantees and agreements contained in this Capital Securities Guarantee shall bind the successors, assigns, receivers, trustees and representatives of the Guarantor and shall inure to the benefit of the Holders of the Capital Securities then outstanding.

SECTION 9.2 Amendments.

Except with respect to any changes that do not adversely affect the rights of Holders (in which case no consent of Holders will be required), this Capital Securities Guarantee may only be amended with the prior approval of the Holders of at least a Majority in liquidation amount (including the stated amount that would be paid on redemption, liquidation or otherwise, plus accrued and unpaid Distributions to the date upon which the voting percentages are determined) of all the outstanding Capital Securities. The provisions of Section 12.2 of the Declaration with respect to meetings of holders of the Securities apply to the giving of such approval.

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SECTION 9.3 Notices.

All notices provided for in this Capital Securities Guarantee shall be in writing, duly signed by the party giving such notice, and shall be delivered, telecopied or mailed by first class mail, as follows:

(a) If given to the Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee, at the Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee's mailing address set forth below (or such other address as the Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee may give notice of to the Holders):

The Bank of New York
101 Barclay Street, 8 West
New York, New York 10286
Attention: Corporate Trust Trustee Administration
Facsimile: (904) 645-1921

(b) If given to the Guarantor, at the Guarantor's mailing address set forth below (or such other address as the Guarantor may give notice of to the Holders of the Capital Securities):

Bank of America Corporation
Bank of America Corporate Center
100 North Tryon Street
NC1-007-07-06
Charlotte, North Carolina 28255
Attention: Corporate Treasury
Facsimile: (704) 386-0270

(c) If given to any Holder of Capital Securities, at the address set forth on the books and records of the Issuer.

All such notices shall be deemed to have been given when received in person, telecopied with receipt confirmed, or mailed by first class mail, postage prepaid except that if a notice or other document is refused delivery or cannot be delivered because of a changed address of which no notice was given, such notice or other document shall be deemed to have been delivered on the date of such refusal or inability to deliver.

SECTION 9.4 Benefit.

This Capital Securities Guarantee is solely for the benefit of the Holders of the Capital Securities and, subject to Section 3.1(a), is not separately transferable from the Capital Securities.

SECTION 9.5 Governing Law.

THIS CAPITAL SECURITIES GUARANTEE SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED AND INTERPRETED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, WITHOUT REGARD TO CONFLICTS OF LAWS PRINCIPLES THEREOF.

[Signature page follows.]

THIS CAPITAL SECURITIES GUARANTEE is executed as of the day and year first above written.

BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION, as Guarantor

By: /s/ JAMES T. HOUGHTON

Name: James T. Houghton

Title: Senior Vice President

THE BANK OF NEW YORK, as Capital Securities Guarantee Trustee

By: /s/ VAN K. BROWN

Name: Van K. Brown

Title: Vice President

**CONSENT TO ACTION BY
REGULAR TRUSTEES OF
BAC CAPITAL TRUST VII**

August 4, 2005

APPROVAL OF ISSUANCE AND SALE OF CAPITAL SECURITIES

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of Bank of America Corporation (the "Corporation") has determined that it is advisable and in the interests of the Corporation to raise up to \$5,000,000,000 in additional equity capital on behalf of the Corporation, which equity capital may take the form of preferred securities representing undivided beneficial interests in the assets of a trust or other entity formed by or on behalf of the Corporation; and

WHEREAS, in order to facilitate the utilization of a plan of financing involving such preferred securities, the Corporation, as Sponsor, caused BAC Capital Trust VII (the "Trust") to be formed pursuant to the terms of a Declaration of Trust dated as of March 14, 2003, as amended and restated in its entirety by an Amended and Restated Declaration of Trust dated as of August 4, 2005 (the "Declaration") and a Certificate of Trust filed with the Secretary of State of Delaware on March 14, 2003; and

WHEREAS, the Corporation and this Trust have caused the filing of Registration Statements on Form S-3, (File No. 333-123714, 333-123714-06, 333-123714-05, 333-123714-04, 333-123714-03, 333-123714-02 and 333-123714-01), with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, with respect to up to \$5,000,000,000 aggregate principal amount of preferred securities (the "Capital Securities") which Registration Statement, as amended, was declared effective on May 5, 2005 (the "Registration Statement"); and

WHEREAS, no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement has been received by the Corporation and no proceedings for that purpose have been instituted or threatened against the Corporation;

RESOLVED, that the Registration Statement is ratified and approved and the Trustees hereby are authorized and empowered to execute and file all such other instruments and documents, to make all such payments and do all such other acts and things in connection with the Registration Statement (including the execution and filing of any post-effective amendments thereto), as they may deem necessary or advisable in order to effect such filing and to procure the effectiveness of any such post-effective amendments, and to make such supplements to the Prospectus forming a part of said Registration Statement as may be required or otherwise as they may deem advisable and to include such additional information as may be required to receive approval for admission to the official list of the United Kingdom Listing Authority and approval for admission to trading on the London Stock Exchange;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that each of Timothy J. Mayopoulos, Teresa M. Brenner and William J. Mostyn, III hereby is appointed attorney-in-fact for, and each of them with full power to act without the other hereby is authorized and empowered to sign any amendment or

amendments (including any post-effective amendments) to the Registration Statement on behalf of the Trust;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that Timothy J. Mayopoulos is hereby designated as Agent for Service of the Trust with all such powers as are provided by the Rules and Regulations of the Commission;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that any of the Trustees hereby is authorized to determine the states or foreign jurisdictions in which appropriate action shall be taken to qualify or register for distribution the Capital Securities, as such Trustees may deem advisable; that such Trustees hereby are authorized to perform on behalf of the Trust any and all such acts as they may deem necessary or advisable in order to comply with the applicable laws of any such states or foreign jurisdictions, and in connection therewith to execute and file all requisite papers and documents, including without limitation resolutions, applications, reports, surety bonds, irrevocable consents and appointments of attorneys for service of process; and the execution by such officers of any such paper or document or the doing by them of any act in connection with the foregoing matter shall establish conclusively their authority therefore from the Trust and the approval and ratification by the Trust of the papers and documents so executed and the actions so taken;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that such Trustees hereby are authorized and directed to do any and all things which in their judgment may be necessary or appropriate in order to obtain a permit, exemption, registration or qualification for, and a dealer's license with respect to, the distribution of the Capital Securities in accordance with and pursuant to the terms of any underwriting or distribution agreements, under the securities or insurance laws of any one or more of the states or foreign jurisdictions as such officers may deem advisable and in connection therewith to execute, acknowledge, verify, deliver, file and publish all applications, reports, resolutions, consents, consents to service of process, powers of attorneys, commitments and other papers and instruments as may be required under such laws and to take any and all further action which they may deem necessary or appropriate in order to secure and to maintain such permits, exemptions, registrations and qualifications in effect for so long as they shall deem in the best interest of the Trust;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that if the securities or blue sky laws of any jurisdiction or the regulations or governing authority of any exchange or trading entity require that particular forms of resolutions covering any matter mentioned in the preceding resolutions be adopted, all such resolutions are hereby adopted as if the same had been so presented and adopted herein;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that in order to facilitate the operation of the Trust, the Trustees are authorized to execute and deliver a

Subscription Agreement between the Corporation and the Trust (the "Subscription Agreement") pursuant to which the Trust will agree to issue and sell all of the Trust's outstanding Common Securities representing common undivided beneficial interests in the Trust and denominated as the BAC Capital Trust VII 5¼% Common Securities (the "Common Securities");

RESOLVED FURTHER, that in order to facilitate the raising of necessary funds, the Trustees are authorized to join with the Corporation and execute, deliver and perform an Underwriting Agreement dated as of August 4, 2005 (the "Underwriting Agreement") between

the Corporation and the Trust and Banc of America Securities Limited, The Royal Bank of Scotland plc and the other underwriters listed therein (the "Underwriters") pursuant to which the Trust will agree to issue and sell up to 17,000 Capital Securities representing preferred undivided beneficial interests in the assets of the Trust and denominated as BAC Capital Trust VII 5-1/4% Capital Securities to the Underwriters;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the terms, conditions and provisions of the Declaration, the Subscription Agreement, the Underwriting Agreement, and the Note Purchase Agreement dated August 4, 2005 between the Trust and the Corporation are hereby ratified and approved, with such changes and upon such terms as the Trustees executing them shall determine;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that all actions previously taken by the Trustees or agents of the Trust in anticipation of, or in connection with, the transactions described in these resolutions, be and the same are hereby ratified, confirmed and approved; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that each of the Regular Trustees hereby is authorized and directed to execute documents and certificates as such individual deems necessary or appropriate and to do any and all things necessary, appropriate or convenient to carry into effect the foregoing resolutions.

[Signatures on the following page.]

This Consent may be executed in counterparts and all copies so executed shall constitute one consent and resolutions, notwithstanding that each Regular Trustee is not a signatory to the original or the same counterpart.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Regular Trustees have duly executed this Consent as of the date first above written.

/s/ JAMES T. HOUGHTON
James T. Houghton
Regular Trustee

/s/ KAREN A. GOSNELL
Karen A. Gosnell
Regular Trustee

RESOLUTIONS OF COMMITTEE
APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION

August 4, 2005

Approval of 5¼ % Junior Subordinated Notes, due 2035

WHEREAS, by resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors (the "Board") of Bank of America Corporation (the "Corporation") at a meeting duly called and held on March 22, 2005, this Committee was appointed by the Board (the "Committee") with full authority to take action to cause up to \$5,000,000,000 of capital to be raised on behalf of the Corporation and to invest such capital proceeds in the Corporation's junior subordinated notes; and

WHEREAS, in order to facilitate the Corporation's financing, the Board authorized this Committee to approve the formation of special purpose financing entities, the guaranty by the Corporation of the obligations of such entities, the registration for sale and public sale of such obligations and the entry by the Corporation into agreements with such entities providing for the loan of the proceeds from the sale of such obligations to the Corporation; and

WHEREAS, as authorized by the Board on March 31, 2005, the Corporation filed a Registration Statement on Form S-3, (File Nos. 333-123714, 333-123714-06, 333-123714-05, 333-123714-04, 333-123714-03, 333-123714-02 and 333-123714-01), with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Act"), with respect to obligations of certain special purpose subsidiaries, guarantees and subordinated debt securities of the Corporation, which Registration Statement, as amended, was declared effective on May 5, 2005 (the "Registration Statement"); and

WHEREAS, this Committee has determined to authorize the issuance of a series of up to £ 876,500,000 of the Corporation's junior subordinated notes as described in these resolutions; and

WHEREAS, no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement has been received by the Corporation and no proceedings for that purpose have been instituted or threatened against the Corporation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that any of the Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, any Vice President or any Associate General Counsel of the Corporation (each, an "Authorized Officer") is hereby authorized to execute and deliver an Amended and Restated Declaration of Trust for BAC Capital Trust VII (the "Declaration") pursuant to which the capital trust previously formed by the Corporation (the "Trust") is amended and restated in its entirety to facilitate the financing described in these resolutions; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the selection and appointment of The Bank of New York as Property Trustee, The Bank of New York (Delaware) as Delaware Trustee and James T.

Houghton and Karen A. Gosnell as Regular Trustees (collectively, the "Trustees") of the Trust is hereby ratified and approved; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that in order to facilitate operation of the Trust, Authorized Officers of the Corporation are authorized to execute and deliver (i) a Subscription Agreement between the Corporation and the Trust (the "Subscription Agreement") pursuant to which the Corporation will agree to purchase all of the Trust's outstanding Common Securities (the "Common Securities"), (ii) a Common Securities Guarantee pursuant to which the Corporation will guarantee the performance by the Trust of its obligations in connection with its outstanding Common Securities and (iii) a Capital Securities Guarantee pursuant to which the Corporation will guarantee the performance by the Trust of its obligations in connection with all of the outstanding Capital Securities (as defined in the Declaration) of the Trust (the "Capital Securities Guarantee" and, with the Common Securities Guarantee, the "Guarantees"); and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that in order to facilitate the raising of necessary funds, the Authorized Officers are authorized to join with the Trust and to execute an Underwriting Agreement dated as of August 4, 2005 (the "Underwriting Agreement") among the Corporation, the Trust and Banc of America Securities Limited and the other underwriters described therein (collectively, the "Underwriters") pursuant to which the Trust will agree to issue and sell 17,000 BAC Capital Trust VII 5¼% Capital Securities (the "Capital Securities" and with the Common Securities, the "Securities") to the Underwriters; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Notes (as defined below) shall be subject to the terms and entitled to the benefits of the Restated Indenture between the Corporation and the Indenture Trustee dated as of November 1, 2001 (the "Indenture"), and, in order to facilitate the loan to the Corporation of the proceeds from the sale of the Securities, the Authorized Officers are authorized to execute and deliver a Seventh Supplemental Indenture to be dated as of August 10, 2005 (the "Seventh Supplemental Indenture") between the Corporation and The Bank of New York as Indenture Trustee (in such capacity, the "Indenture Trustee") to set the terms of, and authorize the issuance by the Corporation of a series of up to £ 876,500,000 in aggregate principal amount of its junior subordinated debt securities to be known as its 5¼% Junior Subordinated Notes, due 2035 (the "Notes"); and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Notes shall be sold under the terms a Note Purchase Agreement between the Corporation and the Trust (the "Note Purchase Agreement") pursuant to which the Corporation will sell the Notes to the Trust and shall bear interest at the rate of 5¼% per annum, which interest shall accrue from August 10, 2005 and shall be payable semi-annually on February 10 and August 10 of each year, beginning February 10, 2006 and if the Capital Securities cease to be registered in book-entry only form, the record date for the interest

payable shall be each January 15 and July 15 prior to the regular interest payment date; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the maturity date of the Notes shall be August 10, 2035; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Notes shall be issued as registered securities initially in book-entry only form, represented by one or more global notes registered in the name of The Bank of New York Depository (Nominees) Limited in the manner requested by the

Underwriters, in denominations of £ 50,000 or integral multiples thereof, and shall be dated the date or dates of authentication and delivery, which dates shall occur on or about August 10, 2005 and such subsequent dates as may be approved by an Authorized Officer; and the form of note contained in the Seventh Supplemental Indenture, together with such modifications as are appropriate to reflect the determinations of this Committee, is hereby in all respects approved; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Notes shall be executed in the name of and on behalf of the Corporation by the Chief Executive Officer, or any Senior or other Vice President, and the corporate seal shall be affixed thereon and shall be attested by the Secretary or any Assistant Secretary, and the signatures of the Chief Executive Officer, any Vice President, the Secretary and any Assistant Secretary may be in the form of facsimile signatures of the current or any Chief Executive Officer, Vice President, Secretary or Assistant Secretary, and should any officer of the Corporation who signs, or whose facsimile signature appears upon, any of the Notes, cease to be such an officer prior to the issuance of such Notes, the Notes so signed or bearing such facsimile signature shall nevertheless be valid, and, without prejudice to the use of the facsimile signatures of any other officer as hereinbefore authorized, the facsimile signatures of James T. Houghton, Senior Vice President, Karen A. Gosnell, Senior Vice President, William J. Mostyn, III, Secretary of the Corporation, and Allison L. Gilliam, Assistant Secretary of the Corporation, are hereby expressly approved and accepted; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the amendment and restatement of the Indenture is hereby ratified and approved and pursuant to the provisions of the Indenture and the Seventh Supplemental Indenture each Authorized Officer is hereby authorized and empowered to cause the Notes, upon execution thereof, to be delivered to the Indenture Trustee under the Indenture, or to any agent designated by the Indenture Trustee, for authentication and delivery by it and to deliver to said Trustee or agent thereof, as the case may be, the written order of the Corporation for the authentication and delivery of the Notes, and to negotiate, execute and deliver any and all agreements and other documents and certificates necessary in connection with the issuance, sale and delivery of the Notes; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the terms, conditions and provisions of the Declaration, the Subscription Agreement, the Guarantees, the Underwriting Agreement, the Indenture, the Seventh Supplemental Indenture and the Note Purchase Agreement are hereby ratified and approved, with such changes and upon such terms as the Authorized Officers executing them shall determine; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Authorized Officers are hereby authorized to take all steps necessary or appropriate to cause the Capital Securities to be listed on the London Stock Exchange; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that all actions previously taken by officers of the Corporation in anticipation of, or in connection with the transactions described in these resolutions, be and the same are hereby ratified, confirmed and approved; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that each of the Authorized Officers hereby is authorized and directed to do any and all things necessary, appropriate or convenient to carry into effect the foregoing resolutions.

August 3, 2005

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Bank of America Prices £850 Million in Capital Securities

CHARLOTTE - Bank of America Corporation today priced an offering of capital securities to be issued by BAC Capital Trust VII for sale primarily outside of the United States. A total of 17,000 capital securities will be issued, each with a liquidation amount of £ 50,000.

The annual cash distribution rate of 5 ¼ percent will be paid semi-annually on both the tenth of February and August of each year, commencing February 10, 2006.

The offering is sold through book-running lead managers Banc of America Securities Limited and The Royal Bank of Scotland. The co-managers of the offering are Deutsche Bank, HSBC, Royal Bank of Canada Europe Limited and UBS Limited. Closing is scheduled for August 10, 2005.

An application has been made for the capital securities to be admitted to trading on the London Stock Exchange.

The capital securities are part of a shelf registration for trust preferred securities previously declared effective by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Bank of America stock (ticker: BAC) is listed on the New York, Pacific, and London exchanges and certain shares are listed on the Tokyo stock exchange.

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