## SUNTRUST BANKS INC

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| Securities Offered | Maximum Aggregate <br> Offering Price | Amount of <br> Registration Fee ${ }^{(1)}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| 2014 | $\$ 4,052,000$ |  |

${ }^{(1)}$ This fee is offset by a fee of $\$ 61,400$ which was previously paid in connection with the registration statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-143513) filed by SunTrust Auto Receivables, LLC on June 5, 2007. No securities were issued or sold under such registration statement. Pursuant to Rule 457(p) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, such unused filing fee may be applied to the filing fee payable herewith.

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January 24, 2011
Pricing Supplement No. 3
(To Prospectus dated September 3, 2009,

Prospectus Supplement dated September 10, 2010,

Product Supplement No. CCN-2 dated October 7, 2010 and

Index Supplement No. 1 dated September 13, 2010)
SunTrust Banks, Inc.
\$4,052,000
Fixed to Contingent Coupon Notes Linked to the S\&P $500^{\circledR}$ Index due July 29, 2014

## $3^{1 / 2}$ year maturity

Return of principal if held to maturity, subject to the credit risk of SunTrust Banks, Inc.
Year 1: Semi-annual interest payments of $\mathbf{3 . 0 0 \%}$ per annum
Year 2 through 3.5: Semi-annual interest payments at a minimum of $1.00 \%$ per annum, but a contingent coupon of $4.00 \%$ per annum will be paid instead if the closing level of the S\&P $500^{\circledR}$ Index (or SPX ) on the related semi-annual observation date is at least equal to the strike level; the strike level is an amount $\mathbf{5 \%}$ greater than the initial level of the SPX on January 24, 2011.
The Fixed to Contingent Coupon Notes Linked to the S\&P $500^{\circledR}$ Index due July 29, 2014 (the notes or, each a note ) are senior, unsecured obligations of SunTrust Banks, Inc. ( SunTrust ). The notes are not deposit liabilities or other obligations of SunTrust Bank or any other bank and are not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other governmental agency of the United States or any other jurisdiction and are subject to investment risks, including possible loss of the principal amount invested due to the credit risk of SunTrust Banks, Inc.

## Key Dates

$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Trade Date: } & \text { January 24, 2011 } \\ \text { Pricing Date: } & \text { January 24, 2011 } \\ \text { Settlement Date: } & \text { January 28, 2011 } \\ \text { Maturity Date: } & \text { July 29, 2014* } \\ \text { * Subject to postponement in the event of a market disruption event or certain other circumstances as described in the accompanying product supplement. }\end{array}$
In the first year of the note, interest will be paid at a rate equal to $3.00 \%$ per annum regardless of the performance of the SPX. Thereafter, on each interest payment date, a minimum coupon of $1.00 \%$ per annum will be paid unless the closing level of the SPX on the related observation date exceeds the initial level of the SPX by at least $5 \%$ (defined herein as the strike level). In this case, on the immediately following interest payment date, you will receive the contingent coupon of $4.00 \%$ per annum instead of the minimum coupon. With respect to the maturity date, in addition to the applicable interest payment contingent on the performance of the SPX, you will also receive the principal amount of your notes.

The notes will not be listed on any U.S. securities exchange or automated quotation system.
Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of the notes or passed upon the accuracy or the adequacy of this document, the accompanying index supplement no. 1, prospectus, prospectus supplement or product supplement no. CCN-2. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense. We have appointed SunTrust Robinson Humphrey, Inc. ( STRH ), one of our affiliates, as the agent for the sale of the notes. See Supplemental Plan of Distribution (Conflicts of Interest) in this pricing supplement.

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Investment in the notes involves certain risks. You should refer to the section entitled Risk Factors in this pricing supplement and in each of the accompanying prospectus supplement, product supplement no. $\mathrm{CCN}-2$ and index supplement no. 1 .

|  | Original Offering Price | Agent Discount ${ }^{(1)}$ | Proceeds to SunTrust |
| ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Per Note | $100.00 \%$ | $1.25 \%$ | $98.75 \%$ |
| Total | $\$ 4,052,000$ | $\$ 50,650$ | $\$ 4,001,350$ |

${ }^{(1)}$ In addition to the agent discount, the original offering price specified above includes structuring and development costs. The agent discount and structuring and development costs totaled approximately $\$ 17.80$ per $\$ 1,000$ note. See Plan of Distribution and Use of Proceeds and Hedging in the accompanying prospectus supplement for further information.

## SunTrust Robinson Humphrey

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## WHO ARE THE NOTES DESIGNED FOR?

The notes are designed for investors who believe that after one year, the closing level of the SPX on each semi-annual observation date will be greater than the strike level. Investors in the notes should be willing to accept a minimum coupon of $1.00 \%$ per annum after the first year if on any or all semi-annual observation dates, the closing level of the SPX has not appreciated by $5 \%$ from the initial level.

If you hold your notes to the maturity date, you will receive the principal amount of your notes.

## INVESTOR SUITABILITY

The notes may be suitable for you if:

You seek a potential return greater than that of conventional debt securities with comparable maturities issued by SunTrust or another
issuer with a similar credit rating.
You believe that the SPX on each semi-annual observation date will be greater than or equal to the strike level, but understand that
your return will not be greater than the contingent coupon rate.
You are willing to accept an interest payment based on $3.00 \%$ per annum in the first year and then $1.00 \%$ per annum thereafter on any
or all interest payment dates if the closing level of the SPX on the related observation date is not greater than or equal to the strike
level.
You are willing to forego dividends or other distributions paid to holders of stocks comprising the SPX.
You do not seek an investment for which there is an active secondary market.
You are willing to hold the notes to maturity.
You are comfortable with the creditworthiness of SunTrust Banks, Inc., as issuer of the notes, and are willing and able to assume our
credit risk.

## The notes may not be suitable for you if:

You prefer the lower risk of conventional debt securities.
You prefer to invest in the SPX outright without any upside limitations.
You are unwilling to accept the minimum coupon rate after the first year.
You prefer to receive the dividends or other distributions paid on stocks comprising the SPX.
You seek an investment for which there will be an active secondary market.
You are unable or unwilling to hold the notes to maturity.
You are not willing or are unable to assume the credit risk associated with SunTrust, as issuer of the notes.

The suitability considerations identified above are not exhaustive. Whether or not the notes are a suitable investment for you will depend on your individual circumstances, and you should reach an investment decision only after you and your financial, legal, tax, accounting and other advisors have carefully considered the suitability of an investment in the notes in light of your particular circumstances. You should also review carefully Risk Factors

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in this pricing supplement and the accompanying index supplement no. 1, product supplement no. CCN-2 and prospectus supplement for a description of certain risks related to an investment in the notes.

## PAYOFF EXAMPLE

The table below shows a hypothetical example illustrating the interest payments per $\$ 1,000$ principal amount note assuming an initial level of the Reference Asset equal to $1,290.84$ and a strike level of $1,355.38$, representing a $5 \%$ appreciation level. In addition to the interest payments below, you will receive the principal amount of your notes if you hold the notes until maturity.

| Initial Level Strike Level |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1,290.84 \\ & 1,355.38 \end{aligned}$ |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | terest Payl |  |
| Observation Dates | Closing Level | Initial <br> Coupon | Minimum Coupon | Contingent Coupon |
| 6 Month | N/A | $3.00 \%$ p.a. | N/A | N/A |
| 1 Year | N/A | $3.00 \%$ р.a. | N/A | N/A |
| 1.5 Years | 1,280 | N/A | 1.00\% p.a. | No |
| 2 years | 1,373 | N/A | No | 4.00\% р.a. |
| 2.5 Years | 1,383 | N/A | No | 4.00\% р.a. |
| 3 Years | 1,388 | N/A | No | 4.00\% р.a. |
| 3.5 Years | 1,300 | N/A | 1.00\% p.a. | No |

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## TERMS OF THE NOTES

The notes will have the terms described in this pricing supplement and the accompanying prospectus, prospectus supplement, product supplement no. CCN-2, and index supplement no. 1 .

This pricing supplement relates to an offering of notes linked to the performance of the S\&P $500^{\circledR}$ Index. We refer to the S\&P 500 ${ }^{\circledR}$ Index in this pricing supplement as the Reference Asset or the SPX . The purchaser of a note will acquire a senior, unsecured debt security of SunTrust Banks, Inc. linked to the Reference Asset as described below. The following are key terms relating to the notes:

| Issuer: | SunTrust Banks, Inc. |
| :---: | :---: |
| Principal Amount: | \$1,000 per note |
| Term: | 3.5 years |
| Reference Asset: | The S\&P 500 ${ }^{\circledR}$ Index (Ticker: SPX) |
| Trade Date: | January 24, 2011 |
| Pricing Date: | January 24, 2011 |
| Settlement Date: | January 28, 2011 |
| Maturity Date: | July 29, 2014. The maturity date is subject to adjustment as described under Additional Terms of the Notes in the accompanying product supplement no. CCN-2. |
| Payment at Maturity: | On the maturity date, for each note, we will pay you the outstanding principal amount of your note plus an interest payment as described below. |
| Initial Level: | 1,290.84 |
| Strike Level: | 1,355.38 |
| Closing Level: | With respect to any semi-annual observation date, the closing level of the Reference Asset on such date as determined by the calculation agent based upon the value displayed on Bloomberg Professional ${ }^{\circledR}$ service page $\mathrm{SPX}<$ Index $>$, or on any successor page on Bloomberg Professional ${ }^{\circledR}$ service or any successor service, as applicable. |
| Interest Payments: | Year 1: (from and including the settlement date to but excluding January 27, 2012) |

$3.00 \%$ per annum (computed on the basis of a year of 360 days and two 180-day semi-annual periods) payable on the interest payments described below.

Years 2 through 3.5: (from and including January 27, 2012 to but excluding the maturity date)
$1.00 \%$ per annum minimum coupon, but a contingent coupon of $4.00 \%$ per annum is paid instead if the following condition is satisfied (either rate is computed on the basis of a year of 360 days and two 180-day semi-annual periods):

If the closing level of the Reference Asset on any semi-annual observation date detailed below is equal to or greater than the Strike Level, then on the immediately following interest payment date, we will pay you an interest payment equal to the outstanding principal amount of your note multiplied by the contingent coupon rate of $\mathbf{4 . 0 0 \%}$ per annum.

| Observation Dates | Interest Payment Dates |
| :--- | :--- |
| N/A | July 28, 2011 |
| N/A | January 27, 2012 |

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July 24, 2012
January 24, 2013
July 24, 2013
January 24, 2014
July 24, 2014

July 27, 2012
January 29, 2013
July 29, 2013
January 29, 2014
July 29, 2014

If any semi-annual observation date is not a business day (as defined in the prospectus supplement), the closing level of the Reference Asset
on the immediately following business day shall be used. Observation dates and the related interest payment dates are subject to postponement due to market disruption events as described under Additional Terms of the Notes in the accompanying product supplement
no. CCN-2. If any Interest Payment Date is not a business day, that interest payment will be made on the next immediately following business
day and no adjustment will be made to any interest payment made on that succeeding business day.
Form of notes: Book-Entry
CUSIP: 86802WAC2
Calculation Agent: SunTrust Bank, our affiliate.
Listing: The notes will not be listed on any U.S. securities exchange or quotation system.
Agent: SunTrust Robinson Humphrey, Inc., our affiliate.

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## ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES

The following examples are provided for illustrative purposes only and are hypothetical. They do not purport to be representative of every possible scenario concerning the levels of the Reference Asset on each observation date. We cannot predict the closing level of the Reference Asset on any observation date. The assumptions we have made in connection with the illustrations set forth below may not reflect actual events. You should not take these examples as an indication or assurance of the expected performance of the Reference Asset or return on the notes. Your return on the notes may be less than the amount that you would have received from a conventional debt security with the same stated maturity, including those issued by SunTrust. The numbers appearing in the table below and following examples have been rounded for ease of analysis.

The tables below illustrate the interest payments on a $\$ 1,000$ investment in the notes based on a hypothetical performance of the Reference Asset. The results in the examples are based solely on the assumptions outlined below. The interest payments shown in the examples assume that the notes are held to maturity. In addition to the hypothetical interest payments noted below, you will receive the principal amount of your notes at maturity. You should consider carefully whether the notes are suitable to your investment goals.

Example 1: The closing level of the Reference Asset does not equal or exceed the strike level of the Reference Asset on any observation date during the term of the notes

| Principal Amount: | $\$ 1,000$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Initial Level: | $1,290.84$ |
| Strike Level: | $1,355.38$ |


| Observation |  | Interest Payments <br> Minimum | Contingent |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Dates | Closing Level | Initial Coupon | Coupon | Coupon |
| 6 Month | N/A | $3.00 \%$ p.a. | N/A | N/A |
| 1 Year | N/A | $3.00 \%$ p.a. | N/A | N/A |
| 1.5 Years | 1,255 | N/A | $1.00 \%$ p.a. | No |
| 2 Years | 1,280 | N/A | $1.00 \%$ p.a. | No |
| 2.5 Years | 1,290 | N/A | $1.00 \%$ p.a. | No |
| 3 Years | 1,300 | N/A | $1.00 \%$ p.a. | No |
| 3.5 Years | 1,310 | N/A | $1.00 \%$ p.a. | No |

In this hypothetical example, the closing level of the Reference Asset did not equal or exceed the strike level on any observation date, so only the minimum coupon of $1.00 \%$ per annum is paid after the first year.

Example 2: The closing level of the Reference Asset exceeds the strike level of the Reference Asset on several observation dates during the term of the notes

| Principal Amount: | $\$ 1,000$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Initial Level: | $1,290.84$ |
| Strike Level: | $1,355.38$ |



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| 6 Month | N/A | $3.00 \%$ p.a. | N/A | N/A |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 Year | N/A | $3.00 \%$ p.a. | N/A | N/A |
| 1.5 Years | 1,255 | N/A | $1.00 \%$ p.a. | No |
| 2 Years | 1,270 | N/A | $1.00 \%$ p.a. | No |
| 2.5 Years | 1,373 | N/A | No | $4.00 \%$ p.a. |
| 3 Years | 1,368 | N/A | No | $4.00 \%$ p.a. |
| 3.5 Years | 1,383 | N/A | No | $4.00 \%$ p.a. |

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In this hypothetical example, the closing level of the Reference Asset exceeded the strike level of the Reference Asset on several observation dates, so both the minimum and the contingent coupons were paid.

Example 3: The closing level of the Reference Asset exceeds the strike level of the Reference Asset on each observation date during the term of the notes

| Principal Amount: | $\$ 1,000$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Initial Level: | $1,290.84$ |
| Strike Level: | $1,355.38$ |


|  |  |  | Interest Payments <br> Minimum | Contingent |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Observations | Closing Level | Initial Coupon | Coupon | Coupon |
| 6 Month | N/A | $3.00 \%$ p.a. | N/A | N/A |
| 1 Year | N/A | $3.00 \%$ p.a. | N/A | N/A |
| 1.5 Years | 1,360 | N/A | No | $4.00 \%$ p.a. |
| 2 Years | 1,367 | N/A | No | $4.00 \%$ p.a. |
| 2.5 Years | 1,394 | N/A | No | $4.00 \%$ p.a. |
| 3 Years | 1,422 | N/A | No | $4.00 \%$ p.a. |
| 3.5 Years | 1,450 | N/A | No | $4.00 \%$ p.a. |

In this hypothetical example, the closing level of the Reference Asset exceeded the strike level of the Reference Asset on each observation date, so on each interest payment date after the first year the contingent coupon was paid on the notes.

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## RISK FACTORS

We urge you to read the sections entitled Risk Factors in each of the accompanying product supplement no. CCN-2, prospectus supplement and index supplement no. 1. Investing in the notes is not equivalent to investing directly in any of the stocks comprising the Reference Asset or the Reference Asset itself, as applicable. You should understand the risks of investing in the notes and should reach an investment decision only after careful consideration, with your advisers, of the suitability of the notes in light of your particular financial circumstances and the information set forth in this pricing supplement and the accompanying index supplement, product supplement no. CCN-2, prospectus supplement and prospectus. The notes will be subject to significant risks not associated with conventional fixed-rate or floating-rate debt securities.

## Credit risk of SunTrust Banks, Inc.

The notes are senior, unsecured debt obligations of the issuer, SunTrust Banks, Inc., and are not, either directly or indirectly, an obligation of any third party. The notes are not deposits or other obligations of SunTrust Bank or any other bank and are not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other governmental agency. Any payment to be made on the notes depends on the ability of SunTrust Banks, Inc. to satisfy its obligations as they come due. As a result, the actual and perceived creditworthiness of SunTrust Banks, Inc. (including any downgrade in our credit rating) may affect the market value of the notes and, in the event that SunTrust Banks, Inc. defaults on its obligations, you may not receive the amounts owed to you under the terms of the notes.

## Your potential return on the notes is limited and may not reflect the full performance of the Reference Asset.

In the first year, the interest payments are fixed regardless of the performance of the Reference Asset. Thereafter, the interest payments will not exceed the contingent coupon rate, even if the performance of the Reference Asset greatly exceeds the Strike Level. In such circumstances, your return on the notes may be less than the return you would have received if you had invested directly in the Reference Asset.

## After the first year, you may not receive periodic interest payments greater than the minimum coupon.

As a holder of the notes, after the first year, you will not receive periodic interest payments on any interest payment date greater than the minimum coupon rate if the closing level of the Reference Asset on the immediately preceding observation date was less than the strike level of the Reference Asset. If the closing level of the Reference Asset on each observation date is less than the strike level of the Reference Asset, you will only receive the minimum coupon rate after the first year.

The level of the SPX will be measured only on the observation dates. Even if the closing level of the SPX exceeds the strike level prior to or after one or more observation dates, you may not receive interest payments greater than the minimum coupon rate.

The closing level of the SPX will be measured only twice in each calendar year on the relevant semi-annual observation date. Even if the level of the SPX exceeds the strike level of the SPX for an extended period of time prior to or after an observation date, if the closing level of the SPX on an observation date does not equal or exceed the strike level, only the minimum coupon will be payable in respect of your notes on the immediately following interest payment date.

In addition, the closing level of the SPX on each observation date will be used to determine whether the level of the SPX on such observation date equals or exceeds the strike level of the SPX. Even if the level of the SPX equals or exceeds the strike level of the SPX at some point in time on an observation date, if the closing level of the SPX on that observation date does not equal or exceed the strike level of the SPX, only the minimum coupon will be payable in respect of your notes on the immediately following interest payment date.

## Changes that affect the Reference Asset will affect the market value of the notes and the amount you will receive.

The policies of the reference sponsor concerning additions, deletions and substitutions of the stocks comprising the Reference Asset and the manner in which the reference sponsor takes account of certain changes affecting those stocks included in the Reference Asset may affect the level of the Reference Asset. The policies of the reference sponsor with respect to the calculation of the Reference Asset could also affect the level of the Reference Asset. The reference sponsor may discontinue or suspend calculation or dissemination of the Reference Asset. Any such actions could affect the value of the notes.

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## Certain built-in costs are likely to adversely affect the value of the notes prior to maturity.

While the payment at maturity described in this pricing supplement is based on the full principal amount of your notes, the original issue price of the notes includes the agent s commission, the estimated cost of SunTrust hedging its obligations under the notes and certain structuring and development costs. As a result, the price, if any, at which STRH will be willing to purchase notes from you in secondary market transactions, if at all, will likely be lower than the original issue price, and any sale prior to the maturity date could result in a substantial loss to you. The notes are not designed to be short-term trading instruments. Accordingly, you should be able and willing to hold your notes to maturity.

The notes will not be listed on any securities exchange or quotation system. The notes are intended to be held to maturity and secondary trading of the notes may be limited.

The notes will not be listed on any securities exchange or quotation system, and there may be little or no secondary market for the notes. The notes are intended to be held to maturity and are not intended to be short-term trading instruments. STRH may make a market in the notes, but is under no obligation to do so. Even if there is a secondary market, it may not provide enough liquidity to allow you to sell the notes easily, and the price at which you will be able to sell your notes is likely to depend on the price, if any, that STRH is willing to pay for the notes. You may only be able to sell your notes at a dollar price less than the amount that you paid for your notes. If STRH does make a market in the notes, STRH may then cease acting as a market maker at any time and if it does, it is likely that you will be unable to sell your notes.

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## Potential conflicts.

SunTrust and its affiliates play a variety of roles in connection with the issuance of the notes, including acting as calculation agent and in connection with hedging our obligations under the notes. In performing these duties, the economic interests of the calculation agent and other affiliates of ours are potentially adverse to your interests as an investor in the notes. We will not have any obligation to consider your interests as a holder of the notes in taking any action that might affect the value of your notes.

## U.S. federal income tax treatment.

We intend to treat the notes as debt instruments that are subject to the special rules governing contingent payment debt obligations for U.S. federal income tax purposes. U.S. Holders (as defined in the accompanying product supplement no. CCN-2) generally will be required under these rules to include original issue discount in gross income each year on a constant yield to maturity basis using the comparable yield for the notes (as set forth herein), subject to adjustment to take into account any differences between actual payments and projected payments on the notes. The comparable yield is used solely for U.S. federal income tax purposes and is neither a prediction nor a guarantee of what the actual yield will be on the notes. In addition, any gain recognized by a U.S. Holder on the sale, exchange or retirement of a note generally will be taxed as ordinary interest income. For additional information regarding the U.S. federal income tax consequences of investing in a note, holders should refer to the discussion under U.S. Federal Income Tax Summary below.

## Many economic and market factors will impact the value of the notes.

In addition to the level of the Reference Asset on any day, the value of the notes will be affected by a number of economic and market factors that may either offset or magnify each other, including:
the expected volatility of the Reference Asset;
the time to maturity of the notes;
the dividend rate on the stocks underlying the Reference Asset;
interest and yield rates in the market generally;
a variety of economic, financial, political, regulatory or judicial events; and
our creditworthiness, including actual or anticipated downgrades in our credit ratings.

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## INFORMATION RELATING TO THE S\&P 500 ${ }^{\circledR}$ INDEX ( SPX )

## Description of the SPX

## Historical Performance of the SPX

The SPX is a capitalization-weighted index of 500 U.S. stocks. It is The following graph sets forth the historical performance of the SPX designed to measure the performance of the broad domestic economy based on the daily historical closing levels from December 28, 2005 through changes in the aggregate market value of 500 stocks representing through December 28, 2010. The closing level for the SPX on all major industries. Standard and Poor s Financial Services LLC, aJanuary 24, 2011 was $1,290.84$. We obtained the closing levels below subsidiary of The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc., is the sponsor of the from Bloomberg Professional ${ }^{\circledR}$ service. We make no representation Reference Asset.*
or warranty as to the accuracy or completeness of the information obtained from Bloomberg Professional ${ }^{\circledR}$ service.

For more information about the SPX, see The S\&P 500 Index in the accompanying index supplement no. 1 .

[^0]The historical levels of the SPX should not be taken as an indication of future performance, and no assurance can be given as to the SPX closing level on any observation date.

## SUPPLEMENTAL PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION (CONFLICTS OF INTEREST)

We have appointed SunTrust Robinson Humphrey, Inc. ( STRH ), an affiliate of SunTrust, as the agent for the sale of the notes. STRH will purchase the notes from SunTrust for distribution to selected registered broker-dealers or will offer the notes directly to investors. STRH proposes to offer the notes at the offering price set forth on the cover page of this pricing supplement and will receive underwriting discounts and commissions of $1.25 \%$, or $\$ 12.50$, per $\$ 1,000$ principal amount of notes. STRH may allow, and these selected dealers may re-allow, up to the full amount of the selling concession per $\$ 1,000$ principal amount of notes on sales of such notes by other brokers or dealers and may pay referral fees to other broker-dealers of up to $1.25 \%$, or $\$ 12.50$, per $\$ 1,000$ principal amount of notes.

In accordance with NASD Rule 2720 of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA), STRH may not make sales in this offering to any discretionary account without the prior written approval of the customer.

## U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX SUMMARY

We intend to treat the notes as debt instruments that are subject to the special rules governing contingent payment debt obligations for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Holders should refer to the applicable discussions in the accompanying product supplement no. CCN-2 under
Certain U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations, including (i) in the case of U.S. Holders (as defined in the product supplement no. CCN-2), the discussions in the sections entitled U.S. Holders Taxation of Notes That Are Not Subject to a Loss of Principal Due to a Decline in the Price or Level of the Reference Asset and Backup Withholding and Information Reporting and (ii) in the case of Non-U.S. Holders (as defined in the product supplement no. CCN-2), the discussions in the sections entitled Non-U.S. Holders and Backup Withholding and Information Reporting. Investors should consult their tax advisors regarding the U.S. federal income tax consequences of an investment in the notes.

In accordance with the rules governing contingent payment debt obligations, we have determined a comparable yield for the notes of $3.18096 \%$ per annum (compounded semi-annually). Based on this comparable yield, we have determined that the projected payment schedule for a note that has a principal amount of $\$ 1,000$ and an issue price of $\$ 1,000$ consists of two Semi-Annual Fixed Interest Payments of $\$ 15.00$, and five Semi-Annual Interest Payments of $\$ 16.29$ plus a principal payment of $\$ 1,000$ on the maturity date.

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The comparable yield and the projected payment schedule are not provided for any purpose other than the determination of U.S. Holders accruals of original issue discount in respect of the notes (and adjustments thereto), and we make no representation regarding the actual amounts of the payments that will be made on a note.

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The following table is based on the comparable yield and projected payment schedule we have established for the notes, and shows the amounts of ordinary income that a calendar-year U.S. Holder that purchases a note on the issue date at an issue price of $\$ 1,000$ and holds the note until maturity should be required to include in income each year (subject to adjustment to take into account any differences between actual and projected payments).

## Interest deemed to accrue on a

| Tax | $\$ \mathbf{1 , 0 0 0}$ principal amount for | principal amount for U.S. federal |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Ueriod | U.S. federal income tax purposes |

## GENERAL

This pricing supplement relates to one security offering linked to the Reference Asset identified on the cover page. The purchaser of a security will acquire a senior, unsecured debt security of SunTrust Banks, Inc. linked to a single Reference Asset. We reserve the right to withdraw, cancel or modify any offering and to reject orders in whole or in part. Although the offering of the notes relates to the Reference Asset identified on the cover page, you should not construe that fact as a recommendation as to the merits of acquiring an investment linked to the Reference Asset or any component security included in the Reference Asset or as to the suitability of an investment in the notes.

You should read this document together with the documents listed below, which together contain the terms of the notes and supersede all prior or contemporaneous oral statements as well as any other written materials. You should carefully consider, among other things, the matters set forth in the section entitled Risk Factors in this pricing supplement and in each of the accompanying product supplement no. CCN-2, prospectus supplement and index supplement no. 1, as the notes involve risks not associated with conventional debt securities. We urge you to consult your investment, legal, tax, accounting and other advisers before you invest in the notes. As used herein, references to the Issuer , SunTrust, we , u and our are to SunTrust Banks, Inc.

Our Central Index Key, or CIK, on the SEC web site is 0000750556.

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