WELLS JAMES M III

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **WELLS JAMES M III** Issuer Symbol SUNTRUST BANKS INC [STI] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify 303 PEACHTREE STREET 05/13/2005 below) President & COO

	(Street)	4. If Ame	endment, D	ate Original	6. Individual or J	oint/Group Fil	ing(Check
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(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-	Derivative Securities Acq	uired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficia	ally Owned
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securities Acquired	5. Amount of	6.	7. Nature of
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	or(A) or Disposed of (D)	Securities	Ownership	Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	Beneficially	Form:	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)		Owned	Direct (D)	Ownership
					Following	or Indirect	(Instr 4)

(Instr. 3)		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3, 4	4 and 5	5)	Beneficially Owned Following	Form: Direct (D) or Indirect	Bo O
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(I) (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	05/13/2005		M	34,470	A	\$ 28.19	154,670	D	
Common Stock	05/13/2005		S	700	D	\$ 71.61	153,970	D	
Common Stock	05/13/2005		S	100	D	\$ 71.62	153,870	D	
Common Stock	05/13/2005		S	200	D	\$ 71.63	153,670	D	
Common Stock	05/13/2005		S	2,300	D	\$ 71.64	151,370	D	

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Common Stock	05/13/2005	S	300	D	\$ 71.65	151,070	D
Common Stock	05/13/2005	S	200	D	\$ 71.67	150,870	D
Common Stock	05/13/2005	S	200	D	\$ 71.7	150,670	D
Common Stock	05/13/2005	S	1,600	D	\$ 71.71	149,070	D
Common Stock	05/13/2005	S	1,000	D	\$ 71.72	148,070	D
Common Stock	05/13/2005	S	400	D	\$ 71.73	147,670	D
Common Stock	05/13/2005	S	100	D	\$ 71.75	147,570	D
Common Stock	05/13/2005	S	1,100	D	\$ 71.76	146,470	D
Common Stock	05/13/2005	S	2,300	D	\$ 71.77	144,170	D
Common Stock	05/13/2005	S	1,100	D	\$ 71.78	143,070	D
Common Stock	05/13/2005	S	1,900	D	\$ 71.79	141,170	D
Common Stock	05/13/2005	S	1,900	D	\$ 71.8	139,270	D
Common Stock	05/13/2005	S	100	D	\$ 71.81	139,170	D
Common Stock	05/13/2005	S	700	D	\$ 71.82	138,470	D
Common Stock	05/13/2005	S	300	D	\$ 71.83	138,170	D
Common Stock	05/13/2005	S	100	D	\$ 71.88	138,070	D
Common Stock	05/13/2005	S	500	D	\$ 71.89	137,570	D
Common Stock	05/13/2005	S	2,600	D	\$ 71.92	134,970	D
Common Stock	05/13/2005	S	200	D	\$ 71.93	134,770	D
Common Stock	05/13/2005	S	200	D	\$ 71.94	134,570	D
	05/13/2005	S	1,100	D		133,470	D

Common Stock					\$ 71.95			
Common Stock	05/13/2005	S	400	D	\$ 71.98	133,070	D	
Common Stock						12,267	I	Spouse
Common Stock						831.945	I	401(k) (1)
Common Stock						4,420	I	Restricted Stock (2)

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

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	Secu Acqu or Di (D)	rities nired (A) sposed of r. 3, 4,	6. Date Exercis Expiration Dat (Month/Day/Y	e	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount of Number of Shares
Phantom Stock Units (3)	(3)						(3)	(3)	Common Stock	1,740.0
Option	\$ 28.19	05/13/2005		M		34,470	01/25/1997	01/25/2006	Common Stock	34,47
Option	\$ 37.28						01/23/1998	01/23/2007	Common Stock	2,68
Option	\$ 37.27						01/23/1998	01/23/2007	Common Stock	27,55
Option	\$ 38.28						02/24/1998	02/24/2007	Common Stock	10,17
Option	\$ 54.39						07/20/1998	01/22/2008	Common Stock	1,83
Option	\$ 54.39						07/20/1998	01/22/2008	Common Stock	26,29

Option	\$ 76.5	12/31/2001	12/31/2008	Common Stock	90,00
Option (4)	\$ 73.0625	12/31/2001	11/09/2009	Common Stock	15,000
Option (5)	\$ 50.5	03/06/2003	03/06/2010	Common Stock	24,00
Option (5)	\$ 50.5	03/06/2005	03/06/2010	Common Stock	16,00
Option (5)	\$ 51.125	12/31/2001	11/14/2010	Common Stock	15,000
Option (5)	\$ 51.125	11/14/2003	11/14/2010	Common Stock	35,000
Option (5)	\$ 64.57	12/31/2001	11/13/2011	Common Stock	15,000
Option (5)	\$ 64.57	11/13/2004	11/13/2011	Common Stock	60,00
Option (5)	\$ 54.28	02/11/2006	02/11/2013	Common Stock	100,00
Option (5)	\$ 73.19	02/10/2007	02/10/2014	Common Stock	100,00
Option (6)	\$ 73.14	02/08/2008	02/08/2015	Common Stock	60,00

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

WELLS JAMES M III 303 PEACHTREE STREET ATLANTA, GA 30308

President & COO

Signatures

Raymond D. Fortin, Attorney-in-Fact for James M. Wells III

05/17/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Because the stock fund component of the 401(k) Plan is accounted for in unit accounting, the number of share equivalents varies based on the closing price of SunTrust stock on the applicable measurement date.
- (2) Restricted stock held under SunTrust Banks, Inc. 2000 Stock Plan. Subject to certain vesting conditions. Restricted stock agreement contains tax withholding features allowing stock to be withheld to satisfy tax withholding obligations. This plan is exempt under Rule

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- (3) The reported phantom stock units were acquired under SunTrust Banks, Inc.'s 401(k) excess benefit plan. These securities convert to common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (4) Granted pursuant to the 1995 SunTrust Executive Stock Plan.
- (5) Granted pursuant to the SunTrust Banks, Inc. 2000 Stock Plan.
- (6) Granted pursuant to the SunTrust Banks, Inc. 2004 Stock Plan.

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