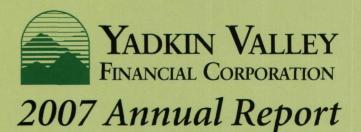
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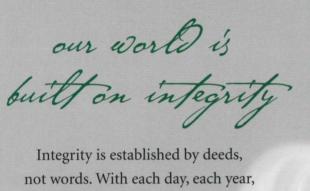


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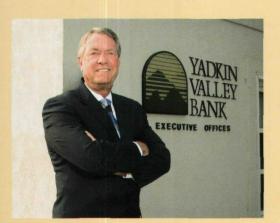
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Integrity is established by deeds, not words. With each day, each year, and each customer, our world hinges on the trust that we earn. It has proven to be our greatest asset.



"Integrity is what we do, what we say, and what we say we do."

Don Galer

a message from the president

Dear Shareholders,

When I look back on 2007, I'm proud to say our bank experienced continued success in the areas of earnings and asset growth. Not all financial institutions can claim those same accomplishments, due to the many challenges that faced our industry this past year. Thanks to the sound decisions and integrity of our experienced management team, our bank has weathered an economic year unlike any I've ever seen.

We entered this cycle stronger than most of our peers, and I feel confident that we will also emerge stronger. Our net charge-offs to average loans at year end 2007 were 0.10% vs. our peer group's 0.23% for the same period. Our ratio of non-current loans to gross loans were 0.21% vs. the peer group's 1.07% at year end 2007.

Our stock price continues to puzzle me. In the past, we believed we had some measure of control over our stock performance by realizing good growth in loans, deposits, and earnings. This was not the case in 2007. Even with our revised earnings announcement, we finished 2007 with a 1.31% ROA, an 11.32% ROE, a 4.20% net interest margin, and a 55.45% efficiency ratio. When compared to a peer group of all commercial banks having assets between \$1 billion and \$3 billion, we have a better ROA by 27 basis points, a better ROE by 75 basis points, a better net interest margin by 54 basis points, and a better efficiency ratio by 294 basis points\(^1\). Yet we ended 2006 with a stock price of \$19.12 and ended 2007 with a stock price of \$15.27, a 20.14% decrease from 2006. With the KBW Bank Index down 25% for the year, one could say we are doing better than the average. However, we still consider our stock performance to be unacceptable for the year. In addition, the recent national economic downturn has affected our earnings through lower margins due to a significant and rapid decrease in the federal funds rate.

With all the economic challenges ahead, there are two bright spots on the horizon for our bank. The first is the conclusion of the Cardinal State Bank merger at the end of the first quarter 2008, followed by the conversion of its core banking system in mid-June. The rapidly growing market area for our new Cardinal State Bank division will be a key factor for organic growth, and the new offices in Hillsborough and Creedmoor scheduled to open in mid-2008 will begin this process.

The second bright spot is the market expansion of Sidus Financial, our mortgage lending subsidiary, into the New England states. We will open a new wholesale mortgage lending facility in Bedford, New Hampshire, during the first quarter 2008. This facility will serve the wholesale mortgage markets in New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Maine, Rhode Island, and Vermont. Spence Cosby, President of Sidus Financial, has selected Art Lindberg to head up this expansion. Arthur reports that he has a highly experienced team that enjoys an excellent reputation in the New England market.

Although Yadkin Valley Bank chose not to participate in risky ventures such as subprime mortgages, the impact of these unsound practices has been felt by all banks, including ours. Fortunately, we have seen a large "cleaning up" in the mortgage industry over the past year. Many small providers have closed their doors as customers begin to move back in a "flight to trust" to the banks for their mortgages.

Lending policies and procedures, operating efficiency, net interest margin, non-interest income, and credit quality will be the key areas on which we will concentrate in the coming year. I believe the decisive actions we took at year-end 2007 will have a great bearing on how successfully we navigate the current business cycle.

Let me close by thanking our directors, employees and customers for their support. We are grateful for the continued loyalty that you, our shareholders, provide to Yadkin Valley Financial Corporation.

William A. Long

President and Chief Executive Officer, Yadkin Valley Financial Corporation

### expanding our reach

Our bank continues to grow by expanding into North Carolina's Research Triangle with the acquisition of Cardinal State Bank. The merger, which was initiated in June of 2007, will be completed in the first quarter of 2008. Cardinal State Bank will then be a division of Yadkin Valley Bank and Trust Company, and our bank will become a \$1.4 billion institution with 30 branches spread across 200 miles in central North Carolina.

Cardinal State Bank opened in 2001 and operates three offices in Durham (Durham County) and one office in Hillsborough (Orange County). Cardinal State Bank brings a solid team of banking professionals who share the same essential values as our bank. By expanding into Durham and Orange Counties, we also further diversify our customer demographics. Plans are also underway for future expansion in western Wake County, an affluent, high-growth area with some of the nation's best demographic characteristics.

We look forward to a smooth transition with Cardinal State Bank and highly anticipate the new opportunities that this merger will provide.



A Division of Yadkin Valley Bank and Trust Company

# recognizing the value in our communities

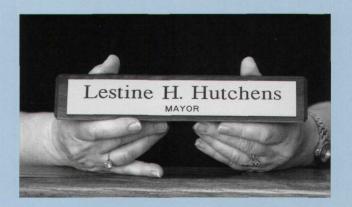
"We are a product of the communities we serve. We will always work hard to be a leader in each community. We take community needs seriously. We will never intentionally do anything that goes against the best interest of the communities we serve."

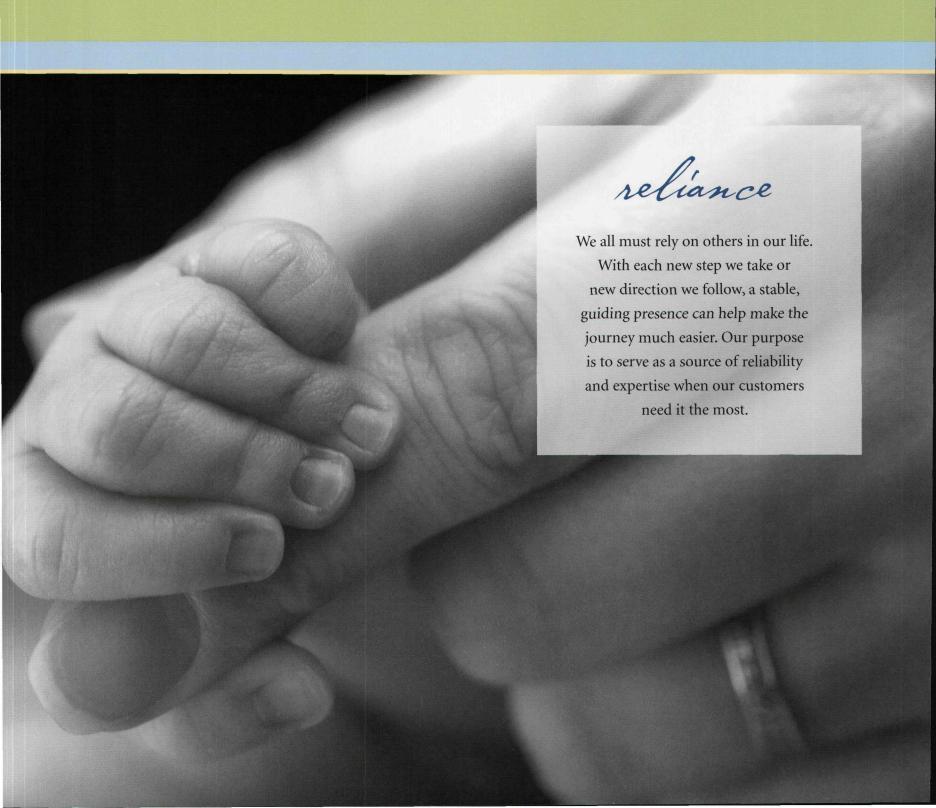
This core value of our bank is exemplified every day thanks to the many employees who devote their personal time to volunteer for community activities. These individuals help build a better world by working with the March of Dimes, United Way, American Cancer Society, Boys & Girls Clubs, Habitat for Humanity, Camp Challenge, churches, chambers of commerce, local governments, hospitals, schools, area Board of Realtors, and other local organizations.

One such employee, Lestine Hutchens, Executive Vice President and Director of Operations, was recently elected Mayor of Elkin, NC. We're proud of her dedication not only to our bank, but also to the people of Elkin.

Our 2007 Holiday Family Giveaway is another illustration of how we give back to our communities. Thanks to the generosity of our customers and employees, 24 families in need each received a Christmas tree, decorations, a gift basket with food items, and \$200 from the bank for holiday gifts.

An unwavering commitment to improving the lives of our neighbors is what makes our bank, and our people, so special.





## yadkin valley bank and trust company management & officers

#### Yadkin Valley Financial Corporation Officers

William A. Long, President & Chief Executive Officer Stephen S. Robinson, Executive Vice President Edwin E. Laws, Vice President & Chief Financial Officer Julie A. Mason, Vice President & Controller Patricia H. Wooten, Vice President & Secretary Haylee L. Settlemyre, Assistant Secretary

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#### Yadkin Valley Bank and Trust Company Bank Officers

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#### Ashe County Yadkin Valley Bank

Alice Atwood
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#### East Bend Yadkin Valley Bank

Hassell Brown Winanne Brown Richard Huff, Jr. Michael N. Matthews Michael Norman Sandy Vestal

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Abner Brown
Stephen Harrell
Phil Harris
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#### Mooresville Piedmont Bank

H. Michael Cook John Dodson Kevin C. Donaldson I. Lee Easter Richard W. "Rick" Howard Richard H. Lyon S. Lee Pake, III William Thunberg Sara Haire Tice

#### North Wilkesboro Yadkin Valley Bank

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#### Statesville

Piedmont Bank
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Doug Smyth
Robert M. Stevenson

#### Wilkesboro

#### Yadkin Valley Bank Ila Baugham Gurney Mathis

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#### Yadkinville

#### Yadkin Valley Bank George M. Beroth

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Paul B. Wells
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# sound judgmen, Decisions based on experience and ethics yield greater returns than those guided by short-term gain. The wise choices that our professionals make every day lead to ongoing successes for our customers, our shareholders, and our bank.

year in review

#### Financial Highlights

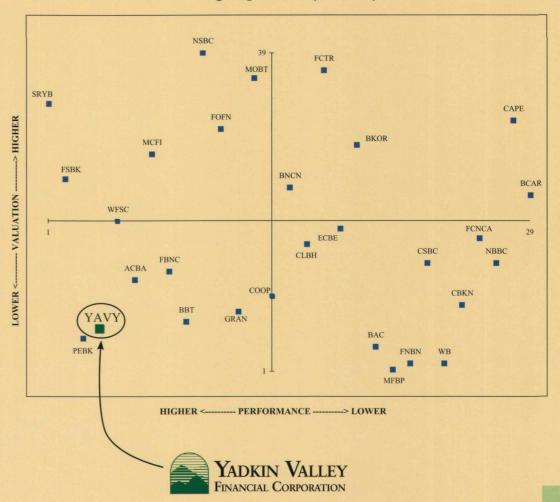
- Increased diluted earnings per share from \$1.28 to \$1.37.
- Increased net income to \$14.7 million, up 6.5%.
- Increased gross loans held for investment by \$83.8 million or 10.3%.
- Increased allowance for loan loss to total loans held for investment from 1.33% to 1.38%.
- Increased deposits by \$55.6 million or 6.1%.
- Increased tangible book value per share from \$8.17 to \$9.10.
- Increased annual cash dividend from \$0.47 to \$0.51.

#### Other Accomplishments

- · New Pfafftown branch opened in April 2007.
- Yadkinville branch moved into its permanent building in July 2007.
- · Loan Production office opened in Wilmington.
- Remote capture established in all branches to reduce current and future operating expenses.
- Check 21 conversion completed with the Federal Reserve, allowing for the electronic sending and receiving of imaged files and further reducing operating expenses.
- Initiated coverage by Howe Barnes Hoefer & Arnett and Stanford Group Co.
- Salary and benefits, occupancy, equipment, and other expenses all came in below budget, due in part to employees' efforts to control costs.
- Joined the Allpoint Network, increasing the bank's customer access to surcharge-free ATMs by more than 647 machines in North Carolina and 32,000 nationwide.

The scatter diagram below plots the overall Performance ranking (combination of Profitability, Capital, Liquidity and Asset Quality) against the Valuation ranking. Therefore, the bottom-left quadrant shows companies with stronger operating performances but lower relative stock prices.

#### NORTH CAROLINA RANKINGS PERFORMANCE vs. VALUATION (Financial groups listed by Stock Symbol)



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#### To the Stockholders and the Board of Directors Yadkin Valley Financial Corporation Elkin, North Carolina

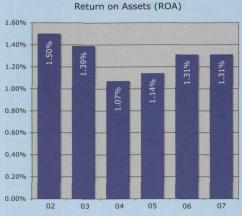
We have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the consolidated balance sheets of Yadkin Valley Financial Corporation and subsidiaries (the "Company") as of December 31, 2007 and 2006, and the related consolidated statements of income, comprehensive income, stockholders' equity and cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2007 (not presented herein); and in our report dated March 31, 2008, we expressed an unqualified opinion on those consolidated financial statements.

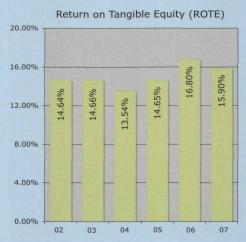
In our opinion, the information set forth in the accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the consolidated financial statements from which it has been derived.

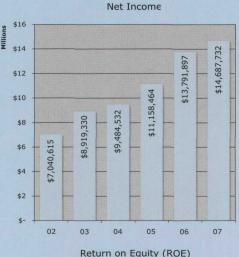
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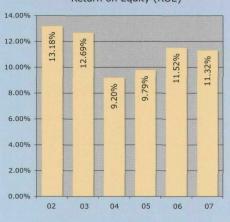
Charlotte, North Carolina March 31, 2008

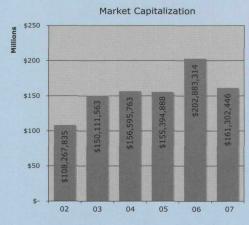














an unshakable foundation

The stability of any structure lies in its foundation.

The same is true for a bank. At the very core of our bank philosophy are values that guide us every day.

They influence the way we do business and the means by which we serve our communities.

## financial highlights

#### Yadkin Valley Financial Corporation

(Dollars in thousands except per share information)

For the year Operating Results		2007		2006
Net income	\$	14,688	\$	13,792
Basic earnings per share	\$	1.39	\$	1.30
Diluted earnings per share	\$ \$ \$	1.37	\$ \$	1.28
Cash dividends per common share	\$	0.51	\$	0.47
Weighted average shares (basic)		10,595		10,641
Weighted average shares (diluted)		10,713		10,789
Return on average assets		1.31%		1.31%
Return on average equity		11.32%		11.52%
Return on tangible equity		15.90%		16.80%
Net interest margin		4.20%		4.45%
Efficiency ratio		55.45%		56.16%
At Year End				
Total assets	\$	1,211,077	\$	1,120,865
Loans held for investment, net		886,308	\$	804,081
Total deposits	\$ \$ \$	963,442	\$ \$ \$ \$	907,847
Total shareholders' equity	\$	133,269	\$	124,399
Book value per share	\$	12.62	\$	11.72
Tangible book value per share	\$	9.12	\$	8.17
Shares outstanding		10,563		10,611
Risk-Based Capital Ratios*				
Tier 1		9.2%		9.2%
Total		10.4%		10.4%

<sup>\*</sup>Risk-Based Capital Ratios are for Yadkin Valley Bank and Trust Company

condensed consolidated balance sheets

(Amounts in thousands)		Decembe	er 31
	2007		2006
Assets			
Cash and due from banks	\$ 24,268	\$	42,387
Federal funds sold and interest bearing deposits	2,058		1,669
Securities, available for sale, at fair value			
(amortized cost \$141,440 in 2007 and \$128,278 in 2006)	142,484		127,521
Loans held for sale	52,754		42,351
Gross loans held for investment	898,753		814,910
Allowance for loan losses	(12,446)		(10,829)
Premises and equipment, net	26,780		27,098
Federal Home Loan Bank stock, at cost	2,557		3,633
Investment in bank-owned life insurance	22,683		22,797
Goodwill and core deposit intangibles	36,958		37,735
Other assets	14,228		11,593
Total assets	\$ 1,211,077	\$	1,120,865
Liabilities  Deposits  Noninterest bearing  NOW, savings, and money market  Time deposits  Total deposits  Borrowed funds Other liabilities  Total liabilities	\$ 154,979 232,888 575,575 963,442 104,199 10,167 1,077,808	\$	151,812 233,032 523,003 907,847 79,063 9,556 996,466
Stockholders' equity Preferred stock, no par value, 1,000 shares authorized; no shares issued Common stock: authorized 20,000 shares; \$1.00 par value; issued 10,563 shares (2007) and 10,611 shares (2006) Surplus Retained earnings Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	10,563 70,987 51,087 632		10,611 71,152 43,107 (471)
Total stockholders' equity	133,269		124,399
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 1,211,077		1,120,865

Certain amounts in the 2006 financial statements have been reclassified to conform to the 2007 presentation.

Refer to the Yadkin Valley Bank Financial Corporation Annual Report on Form 10-K included with the proxy statement for the 2008 Annual Shareholders Meeting for a complete set of consolidated financial statements.

condensed consolidated statements of income

(Amounts in thousands except per share information)		Years Ended December 31				
( who are a more and a cheepe per share information)		2007	10010	2006		2005
Interest income		200.				
Interest and fees on loans	\$	68,225	\$	61,799	\$	48,814
Interest and dividends on securities		6,521		5,224		4,19
Federal funds sold and interest bearing deposits		447		283		24
Total interest income		75,193		67,306		53,25
Interest expense						
Deposits		30,993		23,846		15,64
Borrowed funds		2,308		2,583		2,94
Total interest expense		33,301		26,429		18,58
Net interest income		41,892		40,877		34,66
Provision for loan losses		2,489		2,165		1,72
Net interest income after provision for loan losses		39,403		38,712		32,94
Other income						
Service charges on deposit accounts		3,946		3,758		3,50
Other service fees		3,560		3,400		3,35
Mortgage banking income		451		257		36
Net gain on sales of mortgage loans		5,882		6,026		5,22
Other income		1,605		904		80
Total other income		15,444		14,345		13,24
Other expense						
Personnel		19,161		18,693		17,42
Occupancy and equipment expense		3,917		3,901		3,29
General administrative and miscellaneous		9,103		8,686		8,05
Amortization of core deposit intangibles		777		813		85
Total other expense		32,958		32,093		29,62
Income before income taxes		21,889		20,964		16,55
Income tax expense		7,201		7,172		5,39
Net income	\$	14,688	\$	13,792	\$	11,15
Per share information						
Basic income	\$	1.39	\$	1.30	\$	1.0
Diluted income	\$	1.37	\$	1.28	\$	1.0
Cash dividends	\$	0.51	\$	0.47	\$	0.4
Weighted Average Number of Common Shares-Basic		10,595		10,641		10,68
Weighted Average Number of Common Shares-Diluted		10,713		10,789		10,82

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## corporate information

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Customers seeking assistance with their Yadkin Valley Bank accounts and services may call 336-526-6223 or toll free 1-866-867-9979. Copies of the Company's Forms 10-K and 10-Q, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, are available at their website (www.sec.gov), and prior annual and quarterly reports to shareholders may be obtained on our website under Investor Relations, by writing to the above address or by calling 336-526-6312.

#### Shareholder Information

For shareholder inquiries concerning dividend checks, tax information, transferring ownership, address changes, or lost or stolen stock certificates, please contact our transfer agent:

First Citizens Bank Corporate Trust Department Raleigh, NC 27626 1-877-685-0576

Yadkin Valley Financial Corporation common stock is traded under the YAVY symbol. The stock is traded on the NASDAQ® Global Select Market, and daily quotations may be obtained from area and regional newspapers. The primary market makers for Yadkin Valley Financial Corporation are Howe Barnes Investments, Inc., FTN Midwest Securities, Morgan Stanley & Co., Inc., FIG Partners, Morgan Keegan & Company, and BB&T Investment Services.

#### **Annual Meeting**

The Yadkin Valley Financial Corporation Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 22nd, at Holiday Inn Express, 1713 NC 67 Hwy., Jonesville, NC 28642.

This Annual Report contains forward-looking statements. Such statements are subject to certain factors that may cause the Company's results to vary from those expected. These factors include changing economic and financial market conditions, competition, ability to execute our business plan, items already mentioned in this annual report, and other factors described in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which reflect management's judgment only as of the date hereof. The Company undertakes no obligation to publicly revise these forward-looking statements to reflect events and circumstances that arise after the date hereof.

#### YADKIN VALLEY BANK



## 30 Locations Throughout the Yadkin Valley, High Country, Piedmont & Cardinal State Markets.

#### Yadkin Valley Bank

110 West Market Street	Elkin	336-526-6301
1318 North Bridge Street	Elkin	336-526-6372
117 Paulines Street	East Bend	336-699-2930
709 East Main Street	Jefferson	336-246-4555
101 North Bridge Street	Jonesville	336-835-6197
1404 West D Street	North Wilkesboro	336-838-3300
4611 Yadkinville Road	Pfafftown	336-922-9888
1488 Mount Jefferson Road	West Jefferson	336-246-9800
107 North Fifth Avenue	West Jefferson	336-246-4644
301 West Main Street	Wilkesboro	336-838-0123
104 Progress Lane	Yadkinville	336-677-2000

#### Piedmont Bank

19525 W. Catawba Avenue	Cornelius	704-892-7887
100 North Statesville Road	Huntersville	704-875-7759
520 East Plaza Drive	Mooresville	704-799-2102
165 Williamson Road	Mooresville	704-660-0111
197 Medical Park Road	Mooresville	704-235-5888
127 North Cross Lane	Statesville	704-873-4130
325 East Front Street	Statesville	704-871-1100
3475 East Broad Street	Statesville	704-978-2222

#### High Country Bank

149 Jefferson Road	Boone	828-265-4333
176 Shadowline Drive	Boone	828-263-8900
783 West King Street, Suite A	Boone	828-263-8943
520 Church Road	Boone	828-263-8950
3618 Mitchell Avenue	Linville	828-733-9903

#### Cardinal State Bank

405 Main Street	Creedmoor	*Opening 2008
5309 Highgate Drive	Durham	919-806-8881
115 East Carver Street	Durham	919-477-9921
3400 Westgate Drive	Durham	919 403-2266
100 South Churton Street	Hillsborough	919-732-5003
237 South Churton Street	Hillsborough	*Opening 2008





