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**BANKATLANTIC BANCORP, INC.  
2100 West Cypress Creek Road  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33309**

May , 2008

Dear Shareholder:

You are cordially invited to attend the Annual Meeting of Shareholders of BankAtlantic Bancorp, Inc., which will be held on May 20, 2008 at 11:00 a.m., local time, at the Westin Fort Lauderdale, 400 Corporate Drive, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33334.

Please read these materials so that you will know what we plan to do at the meeting. Also, please sign and return the accompanying proxy card in the postage-paid envelope. This way, your shares will be voted as you direct even if you cannot attend the meeting.

On behalf of your Board of Directors and our employees, I would like to express our appreciation for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Alan B. Levan  
*Chairman of the Board*

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**BANKATLANTIC BANCORP, INC.  
2100 West Cypress Creek Road  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33309**

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS  
To Be Held on May 20, 2008**

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of Shareholders of BankAtlantic Bancorp, Inc. (the Company) will be held at the Westin Fort Lauderdale, 400 Corporate Drive, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33334 on May 20, 2008, commencing at 11:00 a.m., local time, for the following purposes:

1. To elect three directors to the Company's Board of Directors to serve until the Annual Meeting in 2011.
2. To approve an amendment to the Company's Restated Articles of Incorporation increasing the number of authorized shares of the Company's Class A Common Stock from 80,000,000 to 150,000,000.
3. To transact such other business as may properly be brought before the Annual Meeting or any adjournment thereof.

The matters listed above are more fully described in the Proxy Statement that forms a part of this Notice.

Only shareholders of record at the close of business on March 21, 2008 are entitled to notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting.

Sincerely yours,

Alan B. Levan  
*Chairman of the Board*

Fort Lauderdale, Florida  
May , 2008

**IMPORTANT:**

**THE PROMPT RETURN OF PROXIES WILL SAVE THE COMPANY THE EXPENSE OF FURTHER REQUESTS FOR PROXIES; THEREFORE EVEN IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING, PLEASE COMPLETE, SIGN AND RETURN THE ENCLOSED PROXY IN THE ENVELOPE PROVIDED. NO POSTAGE IS REQUIRED IF MAILED IN THE UNITED STATES.**

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**BANKATLANTIC BANCORP, INC.  
2100 West Cypress Creek Road  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33309**

**PROXY STATEMENT**

The Board of Directors of BankAtlantic Bancorp, Inc. (the Company) is soliciting proxies to be used at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders of the Company (the Annual Meeting) to be held at the Westin Fort Lauderdale, 400 Corporate Drive, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33334 on May 20, 2008, at 11:00 a.m., local time, and at any and all postponements or adjournments of the Annual Meeting, for the purposes set forth in the accompanying Notice of Meeting.

This Proxy Statement and the accompanying Notice of Meeting and proxy card are being mailed to shareholders on or about May 15, 2008.

**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE PROXY MATERIALS  
AND THE ANNUAL MEETING**

**What is the purpose of the meeting?**

At our Annual Meeting, shareholders will act upon the matters outlined in the notice of meeting on the cover page of this Proxy Statement, including the election of directors and the amendment to the Company's Restated Articles of Incorporation, as well as any other matters which may properly be brought before the meeting. Also, management will report on the Company's performance during the last fiscal year and respond to appropriate questions from shareholders.

**Who is entitled to vote at the meeting?**

Record holders of the Company's Class A Common Stock (Class A Stock) and record holders of the Company's Class B Common Stock (Class B Stock) at the close of business on March 21, 2008 may vote at the meeting.

On March 21, 2008, 51,379,499 shares of Class A Stock and 4,876,124 shares of Class B Stock were outstanding and, thus, are eligible to vote at the meeting.

**What are the voting rights of the holders of Class A Stock and Class B Stock?**

Holders of Class A Stock and the holder of Class B Stock will vote as one class of common stock on each of the matters to be voted upon at the meeting. Holders of Class A Stock are entitled to one vote per share, with all holders of Class A Stock having in the aggregate 53% of the general voting power. The number of votes represented by each share of Class B Stock, which represent in the aggregate 47% of the general voting power, is calculated each year in accordance with the Company's Restated Articles of Incorporation. At this year's meeting, each outstanding share of Class B Stock will be entitled to 9.34 votes on each matter.

In addition to the approval of the holders of Class A Stock and Class B Stock voting as one class on the amendment to the Company's Restated Articles of Incorporation, the terms of the Company's Restated Articles of Incorporation also require that the holder of the Class B Stock separately approve the amendment. The Company has been advised by BFC Financial Corporation ( BFC ), the sole holder of the Class B Stock, that it will vote its shares in favor of the amendment.

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### **What constitutes a quorum?**

With respect to the vote on the election of directors, the presence at the meeting, in person or by proxy, of the holders of a majority of the aggregate number of shares of Class A Stock and Class B Stock outstanding on the record date will constitute a quorum.

With respect to the vote on the amendment to the Company's Restated Articles of Incorporation, the presence at the meeting, in person or by proxy, of the holders of a majority of the aggregate number of shares of Class A Stock and Class B Stock outstanding on the record date, as well as the presence at the meeting, in person or by proxy, of BFC, the sole holder of the Class B Stock, will constitute a quorum.

### **What is the difference between a shareholder of record and a street name holder?**

If your shares are registered directly in your name with American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, the Company's stock transfer agent, you are considered the shareholder of record with respect to those shares. If your shares are held in a stock brokerage account or by a bank or other nominee, you are considered the beneficial owner of these shares but not the shareholder of record, and your shares are held in street name.

### **How do I vote my shares?**

If you are a shareholder of record, you can give a proxy to be voted at the meeting by mailing in the enclosed proxy card or you may vote your shares at the meeting by completing a ballot at the meeting.

If you hold your shares in street name, you must vote your shares in the manner prescribed by your broker or nominee. Your broker or nominee has enclosed or provided a voting instruction card for you to use in directing the broker or nominee how to vote your shares.

### **Can I vote my shares in person at the meeting?**

If you are a shareholder of record, you may vote your shares at the meeting by completing a ballot at the meeting.

However, if you are a street name holder, you may vote your shares in person only if you obtain a signed proxy from your broker or nominee giving you the right to vote the shares.

Even if you currently plan to attend the meeting, we recommend that you also submit your vote by proxy or by giving instructions to your broker or nominee, as described above, so that your vote will be counted if you later decide not to attend the meeting.

### **What are my choices when voting?**

In the election of directors, you may vote for all nominees, or your vote may be withheld with respect to one or more nominees. The proposal related to the election of directors is described in this Proxy Statement beginning on page .

With respect to the proposal to approve the amendment to the Company's Restated Articles of Incorporation, you may vote for the proposal, against the proposal or abstain from voting on the proposal. The proposal related to the amendment of the Company's Restated Articles of Incorporation is described in this Proxy Statement beginning on page .

### **What is the Board's recommendation?**

The Board of Directors recommends a vote **FOR** all of the nominees for director and **FOR** the approval of the amendment to the Company's Restated Articles of Incorporation.

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**What if I do not specify how I want my shares voted?**

If you do not specify on your proxy card how you want to vote your shares, we will vote them **FOR** all of the nominees for director and **FOR** the approval of the amendment to the Company's Restated Articles of Incorporation.

**Can I change my vote?**

Yes. You can change your vote at any time before your proxy is voted at the meeting. If you are the record owner of your shares, you can do this in one of three ways. First, you can send a written notice of the Company's Secretary stating that you would like to revoke your proxy. Second, you can submit a new valid proxy bearing a later date. Third, you can attend the meeting and vote in person. Attendance at the meeting will not in and of itself constitute revocation of a previously executed proxy.

If you are not the record owner of your shares and your shares are held in street name, you must contact your broker or nominee to find out how to change your vote.

**What vote is required for a proposal to be approved?**

For the election of directors, the affirmative vote of a plurality of the votes cast at the meeting is required. A properly executed proxy marked **WITHHOLD AUTHORITY** with respect to the election of one or more directors will not be voted with respect to the director or directors indicated, although it will be counted for purposes of determining whether there is a quorum.

For the approval of the amendment to the Company's Restated Articles of Incorporation, we must receive the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the votes cast on the proposal by holders of Class A Stock and Class B Stock voting together as one class, as well as the separate approval of the holder of the Class B Stock. Since abstentions are treated for these purposes as votes cast on the proposal, abstentions will effectively count against the adoption of the amendment to the Company's Restated Articles of Incorporation. The Company has been advised by BFC, the sole holder of the Class B Stock, that it will vote its shares in favor of the amendment.

If you hold your shares in street name through a broker or other nominee, whether the broker may vote your shares in its discretion depends on the proposals before the meeting. Under the rules of the New York Stock Exchange, your broker may vote your shares in its discretion on routine matters. The election of directors is a routine matter on which brokers will be permitted to vote your shares if no voting instructions are furnished. The rules of the New York Stock Exchange, however, do not permit your broker to vote your shares in its discretion on proposals that are not considered routine. The approval of the amendment to the Company's Restated Articles of Incorporation is a non-routine matter. Accordingly, if your broker has not received your voting instructions with respect to that proposal, then your broker cannot vote your shares on that proposal. This is called a broker non-vote. However, because shares that constitute broker non-votes (which include shares as to which brokers withhold authority) will not be considered entitled to vote on such matters, broker non-votes will have no effect on the outcome of this proposal.

**Are there any other matters to be acted upon at the meeting?**

We do not know of any other matters to be presented or acted upon at the meeting. If any other matter is presented at the meeting on which a vote may properly be taken, the shares represented by proxies will be voted in accordance with the judgment of the person or persons voting those shares.

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**CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

Pursuant to the Company's bylaws and the Florida Business Corporation Act, the Company's business and affairs are managed under the direction of the Board of Directors. Directors are kept informed of the Company's business through discussions with management, including the Chief Executive Officer and other senior officers, by reviewing materials provided to them and by participating in meetings of the Board of Directors and its committees.

**Determination of Director Independence**

The full Board undertook a review of each director's independence and the facts underlying those determinations on February 12, 2008. During this review, the Board considered transactions and relationships between each director or any member of his or her immediate family and the Company and its subsidiaries and affiliates, including those reported below under *Certain Relationships and Related Transactions*. They also examined transactions and relationships between directors or their affiliates and members of the Company's senior management or their affiliates. The purpose of these reviews was to determine whether any relationship or transaction was inconsistent with a determination that the director is independent under applicable laws and regulations and the listing standards of the New York Stock Exchange. As permitted by the listing standards of the New York Stock Exchange, the Board has determined that the following categories of relationships will not constitute material relationships that impair a director's independence: (i) banking relationships with BankAtlantic in the ordinary course of BankAtlantic's business, (ii) serving on third party boards of directors with other members of the Board, (iii) payments or charitable gifts by the Company to entities with which a director is an executive officer or employee where such payments do not exceed the greater of \$1 million or 2% of such entity's consolidated gross revenues, and (iv) investments by directors in common with each other or the Company. As a result of its review of the relationships of each of the members of the Board, and considering these categorical standards, and in accordance with the recommendations of the Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee, the Board has affirmatively determined that D. Keith Cobb, Steven M. Coldren, Bruno L. DiGiulian, Mary E. Ginestra, Willis N. Holcombe, David A. Lieberman and Charlie C. Winningham, II, who together comprise a majority of the Company's Board members, are independent directors within the meaning of the listing standards of the New York Stock Exchange and applicable law.

**Committees of the Board of Directors and Meeting Attendance**

The Company's Board of Directors has established Audit, Compensation and Nominating/Corporate Governance Committees. The Board has adopted a written charter for each of these three committees and Corporate Governance Guidelines that address the make-up and functioning of the Board. The Board has also adopted a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics that applies to all of our directors, officers and employees. The committee charters, Corporate Governance Guidelines and Code of Business Conduct and Ethics are posted in the Investor Relations section of the Company's website at [www.bankatlanticbancorp.com](http://www.bankatlanticbancorp.com), and each is available in print without charge to any shareholder.

The Board of Directors met 16 times during 2007. Each member of the Board of Directors attended at least 75% of the meetings of the Board and Committees on which he or she served, and all of the members of the Board attended the Annual Meeting of the Company's Shareholders in 2007, although the Company has no formal policy requiring them to do so.

***The Audit Committee***

The Audit Committee consists of D. Keith Cobb, Chairman, Steven M. Coldren and David A. Lieberman. The Board has determined that all current members of the Audit Committee are financially literate and independent within the meaning of the listing standards of the New York Stock Exchange and applicable Security and Exchange Commission

( SEC ) regulations. Mr. Cobb, the chair of this committee, and Mr. Lieberman are each qualified as audit committee financial experts within the meaning of SEC regulations, and the Board has determined that each of them has accounting and related financial management expertise within the meaning of the listing standards of the New York Stock Exchange. The Audit Committee met nine times during 2007. The Audit Committee is directly responsible for the appointment, compensation, retention and oversight of the independent auditor. Additionally, the Audit Committee assists Board oversight of: (i) the integrity of the Company's financial statements, (ii) the

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Company's compliance with legal and regulatory requirements, (iii) the qualifications, performance and independence of the Company's independent auditor, and (iv) the performance of the Company's internal audit function. In connection with these oversight functions, the Audit Committee receives reports from the Company's internal audit group, periodically meets with management and the Company's independent auditors to receive information concerning internal control over financial reporting and any deficiencies in such control, and has adopted a complaint monitoring procedure that enables confidential and anonymous reporting to the Audit Committee of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters. A report from the Audit Committee is included on page .

### ***The Compensation Committee***

The Compensation Committee consists of Steven M. Coldren, Chairman, Mary E. Ginestra, Charlie C. Winningham, II and Willis N. Holcombe. All of the members of the Compensation Committee are independent within the meaning of the listing standards of the New York Stock Exchange. The Compensation Committee met eight times during 2007. The Compensation Committee provides assistance to the Board in fulfilling its responsibilities relating to compensation of the Company's executive officers. It reviews and determines the compensation of the Chief Executive Officer and determines or makes recommendations with respect to the compensation of the Company's other executive officers. It also administers the Company's equity-based compensation plans.

### ***The Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee***

The Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee consists of Steven M. Coldren, Chairman, D. Keith Cobb, Bruno L. DiGiulian, Mary E. Ginestra and Charlie C. Winningham, II. All of the members of the Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee are independent within the meaning of the listing standards of the New York Stock Exchange. The Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee met two times during 2007. The Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee is responsible for assisting the Board of Directors in identifying individuals qualified to become directors, making recommendations of candidates for directorships, developing and recommending to the Board a set of corporate governance principles for the Company, overseeing the evaluation of the Board and management, overseeing the selection, composition and evaluation of Board committees and overseeing the management continuity and succession planning process.

Generally, the Committee will identify candidates through the business and other organization networks of the directors and management. Candidates for director will be selected on the basis of the contributions the Committee believes that those candidates can make to the Board and to management and on such other qualifications and factors as the Committee considers appropriate. In assessing potential new directors, the Committee will seek individuals from diverse professional backgrounds who provide a broad range of experience and expertise. Board candidates should have a reputation for honesty and integrity, strength of character, mature judgment and experience in positions with a high degree of responsibility. In addition to reviewing a candidate's background and accomplishments, candidates for director nominees are reviewed in the context of the current composition of the Board and the evolving needs of the Company. The Company also requires that its Board members be able to dedicate the time and resources sufficient to ensure the diligent performance of their duties on the Company's behalf, including attending Board and applicable committee meetings. If the Committee believes a candidate would be a valuable addition to the Board, it will recommend the candidate's election to the full Board.

Under the Company's bylaws, nominations for directors may be made only by or at the direction of the Board of Directors, or by a shareholder entitled to vote who delivers written notice (along with certain additional information specified in the bylaws) not less than 90 nor more than 120 days prior to the first anniversary of the preceding year's annual meeting. For the Company's 2009 Annual Meeting, we must receive this notice between January 20 and February 19, 2009.

**Executive Sessions of Non-Management and Independent Directors**

On April 10, 2007 and September 11, 2007, the non-management directors of the Company met in executive sessions of the Board in which management directors and other members of management did not participate. D. Keith Cobb was selected to be the presiding director for these sessions. The non-management directors have

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scheduled future meetings to be held semi-annually, and may schedule additional meetings without management present as they determine to be necessary.

### **Director and Management Indebtedness**

While the Company does not make loans to its executive officers or directors, BankAtlantic may make such loans in accordance with applicable law, which requires that all loans or extensions of credit by BankAtlantic to executive officers and directors must be made on substantially the same terms, including interest rates and collateral, as those prevailing at the time for comparable transactions with the general public and must not involve more than the normal risk of repayment or present other unfavorable features. All loans made by BankAtlantic to directors or executive officers have been made in the ordinary course of business and on substantially the same terms, including interest rates and collateral, as those prevailing at the time for comparable transactions with other persons and did not involve more than the normal risk of collectibility or present other unfavorable features.

### **Communications with the Board of Directors and Non-Management Directors**

Interested parties who wish to communicate with the Board of Directors, any individual director or the non-management directors as a group can write to the Corporate Secretary, BankAtlantic Bancorp, Inc., 2100 West Cypress Creek Road, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33309. If the person submitting the letter is a shareholder of the Company, the letter should include a statement indicating such. Depending on the subject matter, an officer of the Company will:

forward the letter to the director or directors to whom it is addressed;

attempt to handle the inquiry directly if it relates to routine or ministerial matters, including requests for information; or

not forward the letter if it is primarily commercial in nature or if it is determined to relate to an improper or irrelevant topic.

A member of management will, at each meeting of the Board, present a summary of all letters received since the last meeting that were not forwarded to the Board and will make those letters available to the Board upon request.

### **Code of Ethics**

The Company has a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics that applies to all directors, officers and employees of the Company, including its principal executive officer, principal financial officer and principal accounting officer. The Code of Ethics is available on the Company's website at [www.bankatlanticbancorp.com](http://www.bankatlanticbancorp.com). The Company will post amendments to or waivers from its Code of Ethics (to the extent applicable to the Company's principal executive officer, principal financial officer or principal accounting officer) on its website. There were no such waivers from or amendments to the Company's Code of Ethics in 2007. In February 2008, the Company made ministerial amendments to its Code of Ethics, and the amended Code of Ethics is available on the Company's website at [www.bankatlanticbancorp.com](http://www.bankatlanticbancorp.com).

### **Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation**

The Board of Directors has designated Directors Winningham, Coldren, Ginestra and Holcombe, none of whom are employees of the Company or any of its subsidiaries, to serve on the Compensation Committee. The Company's executive officers are also executive officers of its subsidiary, BankAtlantic. All of the Company's executive officers



are compensated by BankAtlantic except Alan B. Levan, John E. Abdo and Valerie C. Toalson, who are compensated by the Company, and Susan D. McGregor, who is compensated by BFC, the Company's controlling shareholder, as part of BFC's shared services group. A portion of Ms. McGregor's compensation is charged to the Company pursuant to its shared services arrangement with BFC, which is described in more detail below under *Certain Relationships and Related Transactions*. Officers compensated by BankAtlantic receive no additional compensation from the Company for services performed on behalf of BankAtlantic or the Company, except in the form of Company stock or stock options. Director D. Keith Cobb also serves as a director of BFC and receives compensation for his services on BFC's Board and its committees, including BFC's Audit, Compensation, and Nominating/Corporate Governance Committees.

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**Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance**

Based solely upon a review of the copies of the forms furnished to the Company and written representations that no other reports were required, the Company believes that during the year ended December 31, 2007, all filing requirements under Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), applicable to its officers, directors and greater than 10% beneficial owners were complied with on a timely basis.

**PROPOSALS AT THE ANNUAL MEETING**

**1) PROPOSAL FOR ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

***Nominees for Election as Director***

The Company's Board of Directors currently consists of ten directors divided into three classes, each of which has a three year term expiring in annual succession. The Company's bylaws provide that the Board of Directors shall consist of no less than seven nor more than twelve directors. The specific number of directors is set from time to time by resolution of the Board. A total of three directors will be elected at the Annual Meeting, all of whom will be elected for the term expiring in 2011.

Each of the nominees was recommended for nomination by the Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee and has consented to serve for the term indicated. If any of them should become unavailable to serve as a director, the Board may designate a substitute nominee. In that case, the persons named as proxies will vote for the substitute nominee designated by the Board. Except as otherwise indicated, the nominees and directors listed below have had no change in principal occupation or employment during the past five years.

**The Directors Standing For Election Are:**

**TERMS ENDING IN 2011:**

**D. KEITH COBB**

**Director since 2003**

Mr. Cobb, age 67, has served as a business consultant and strategic advisor to a number of companies since 1996. In addition, Mr. Cobb completed a six-year term on the Board of the Federal Reserve Bank of Miami in 2002. Mr. Cobb spent thirty-two years as a practicing CPA at KPMG, and was Vice Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Alamo Rent A Car, Inc. from 1995 until its sale in 1996. Mr. Cobb also serves on the boards of BFC and Alliance Data Systems Corporation.

**BRUNO L. DIGIULIAN**

**Director since 1985\***

Mr. DiGiulian, age 74, is a former partner of the law firm of Ruden, McClosky, Smith, Schuster & Russell, P.A., from which he retired his of counsel position in 2006.

**ALAN B. LEVAN**

**Director since 1984\***

Mr. Levan, age 63, is a director, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of the Company and Chairman of the Board of BankAtlantic. He was first elected as an officer of BankAtlantic in 1987. Mr. Levan also serves as a

director, Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer and President of BFC, and as a director, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Levitt Corporation ( Levitt ). BFC is the controlling shareholder of the Company and Levitt. Mr. Levan is a director and Chairman of the Board of Bluegreen Corporation ( Bluegreen ), a company in which Levitt owns a 31% interest. Levitt and Bluegreen have common stock listed on the New York Stock Exchange, and BFC's Class A common stock is listed on NYSE Arca, Inc. Alan B. Levan is Jarett S. Levan's father.

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS THAT ALL NOMINEES BE ELECTED AS DIRECTORS**

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**The Directors Continuing In Office Are:**

**TERMS ENDING IN 2010:**

**STEVEN M. COLDREN**

**Director since 1986\***

Mr. Coldren, age 60, is President of Business Information Systems, Inc., a distributor of digital recording systems. Until 2004, Mr. Coldren was also Chairman of Medical Information Systems, Corp., a distributor of hospital computer systems.

**MARY E. GINESTRA**

**Director since 1980\***

Ms. Ginestra, age 83, is a private investor.

**WILLIS N. HOLCOMBE**

**Director since 2003**

Dr. Holcombe, age 62, is the Chancellor of the Florida Community College System. Dr. Holcombe was the President of Broward Community College from January 1987 until his retirement in January of 2004, and he resumed service as the interim President of Broward Community College from November 2006 to July 2007.

**JARETT S. LEVAN**

**Director since 1999**

Mr. Levan, age 34, is the President of the Company and the Chief Executive Officer and President of BankAtlantic and has served in various capacities at BankAtlantic, including as Executive Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer; President, Alternative Delivery; President, BankAtlantic.com; and Manager of Investor Relations. He joined BankAtlantic as an attorney in the Legal Department in January 1998. Jarett S. Levan is the son of Alan B. Levan.

**TERMS ENDING IN 2009:**

**JOHN E. ABDO**

**Director since 1984\***

Mr. Abdo, age 64, is a director and Vice Chairman of the Company, BankAtlantic, BFC, Levitt and Bluegreen, as well as a director of Benihana Inc., a public reporting company in which BFC is a minority shareholder.

**DAVID A. LIEBERMAN**

**Director since 2006**

Mr. Lieberman, age 72, served as Senior Vice President for Business and Finance at the University of Miami from 1978 until his retirement in 2006. He was a practicing CPA at Arthur Andersen for the twelve years ended 1969. Mr. Lieberman previously served as a director of Foamex International, Inc., whose stock is traded on the Nasdaq Global Market, and IVAX Corporation, whose stock was traded on the American Stock Exchange, the London Stock Exchange and the Warsaw Stock Exchange prior to its acquisition in January 2006 by Teva Pharmaceutical Industries, Ltd.

**CHARLIE C. WINNINGHAM, II**

**Director since 1976\***

Mr. Winningham, age 75, is a private investor. Mr. Winningham was the President of C.C. Winningham Corporation, a land surveying firm, from 1963 until his retirement in 2003.

\* Date indicated is date when the named individual became a director of BankAtlantic. Each such director became a director of the Company in 1994 when BankAtlantic reorganized into a holding company structure.

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The following individuals are executive officers of the Company and/or its wholly-owned subsidiary, BankAtlantic:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Position</b>
Alan B. Levan	63	Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of the Company and Chairman of the Board of BankAtlantic
John E. Abdo	64	Vice Chairman of the Company and BankAtlantic
Jarett S. Levan	34	President of the Company and President and Chief Executive Officer of BankAtlantic
Lloyd B. DeVaux	55	Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the Company and BankAtlantic
Douglas K. Freeman	57	Executive Vice President, Corporate Banking Division of BankAtlantic
Patricia M. Lefebvre	55	Executive Vice President, Retail Banking Division of BankAtlantic
Jay C. McClung	59	Executive Vice President and Chief Risk Officer of BankAtlantic
Susan D. McGregor	47	Executive Vice President and Chief Talent Officer of the Company and BankAtlantic
Lewis F. Sarrica	64	Executive Vice President and Chief Investment Officer of BankAtlantic
Marcia K. Snyder	52	Executive Vice President, Commercial Lending Division of BankAtlantic
Valerie C. Toalson	42	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Company and BankAtlantic

All officers serve until they resign or are replaced or removed by the Board of Directors.

The following additional information is provided for the executive officers shown above who are not directors of the Company or director nominees:

*Lloyd B. DeVaux* joined BankAtlantic as an Executive Vice President and Chief Information Officer in June 2001. Mr. DeVaux became Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer in March 2004 and was named Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the Company in April 2005. From 1995 until he joined BankAtlantic, Mr. DeVaux was Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Information Officer of Union Planters Corporation in Memphis, Tennessee.

*Douglas K. Freeman* joined BankAtlantic in August 2007, as Executive Vice President and Chief Corporate Banking Executive. Prior to joining the bank, Mr. Freeman served as Chairman and CEO of NetBank, and was a member of the Executive Committee and President of the Consumer Finance Division of NationsBank (subsequently Bank of America). Additionally, he was a member of Barnett Bank's Senior Management Committee from 1991-1998, serving as Chief Corporate Bank Executive and Chief Consumer Bank Executive. Previous to that, Mr. Freeman headed the Business Banking Group at Wells Fargo.

*Patricia M. Lefebvre* joined BankAtlantic in 1999 as Regional Market Manager and became President, Miami-Dade, in 2006 and President, South Florida Stores, in 2007. In December 2007, Ms. Lefebvre became Executive Vice

President, Retail Banking Division of BankAtlantic.

*Jay C. McClung* joined BankAtlantic as Executive Vice President and Chief Credit Officer in February 2000 and served as a consultant to BankAtlantic during a leave of absence from April 2002 to April 2003. In December 2004, he became BankAtlantic's Executive Vice President and Chief Risk Officer. Before joining BankAtlantic, Mr. McClung was the Executive Vice President and Chief Credit Officer at Synovus Financial Corporation from 1995 through 2000.

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*Susan D. McGregor* has been the Executive Vice President, Human Resources, of the Company and BankAtlantic since March 2004, which position was restyled as Chief Talent Officer in 2006. She also serves as the senior human resources executive for both BFC and Levitt. She had served as Senior Vice President, Human Resources of BankAtlantic since 1991 and in various other capacities in the Human Resources Department of BankAtlantic since joining BankAtlantic in November 1986.

*Lewis F. Sarrica* joined BankAtlantic in April 1986 and became Executive Vice President and Chief Investment Officer in December 1986. Previously, Mr. Sarrica served as the Investment Division Director for Dollar Dry Dock Savings Bank.

*Marcia K. Snyder* joined BankAtlantic in November 1987 and became Executive Vice President, Commercial Lending Division in August 1989. Between 1987 and 1989, she served as Senior Vice President and Manager of the Commercial Real Estate Lending Department. Prior to joining BankAtlantic, she served as Vice President and Manager of the Broward Commercial Real Estate Lending Department at Sun Bank/South Florida.

*Valerie C. Toalson* joined BankAtlantic in February 2006 as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. She was promoted to Executive Vice President of BankAtlantic in January 2007 and Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Company in July 2007. Previously, she served as Senior Vice President and Controller of Bank of Oklahoma, NA, and in several other senior operating positions with that company. Prior to 1993, she was a Manager and practicing CPA in the financial services industry practice with Price Waterhouse.

## **Certain Relationships and Related Transactions**

The Company has a policy for the review and approval of transactions in which the Company is to be a participant and any of the Company's directors or executive officers, or their immediate family members, will have a direct or indirect material interest. Any such related party transaction is to be for the benefit of the Company and upon terms no less favorable to the Company than if the related party transaction was with an unrelated party. During 2007, this policy provided for any new related party transaction to be approved in advance by a committee of the Board of Directors composed of independent directors. The Company's Chief Financial Officer was responsible for reviewing any proposed related party transactions and presenting them to the committee for approval. The Chief Financial Officer's review included, among other things, an evaluation of the terms of the related party transaction and an assessment of the arms-length nature of the terms. The committee then reviewed the terms of the related party transaction and the Chief Financial Officer's review and evaluation of the related party transaction and ultimately made a decision as to whether the proposed related party transaction was approved. The Committee's decisions were subsequently reported to the Company's Board of Directors. During 2007, no related party transaction occurred where this policy was not followed.

In February 2008, the Board of Directors approved an amendment to the Company's Code of Business Conduct and Ethics. In connection with this amendment, the Board of Directors delegated to the Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee the review and approval of related party transactions relating to directors, executive officers, and their immediate family, other than those presenting issues regarding accounting, internal accounting controls or audit matters, the review and approval of which was delegated by the Board of Directors to the Audit Committee. In reviewing related party transactions, the Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee or the Audit Committee, as applicable, evaluates the related party transaction based on, among other factors it deems appropriate, those factors evaluated by the Chief Financial Officer as described above.

The Company's policy and practices with respect to related party transactions are reviewed by the Company's outsourced internal audit department as part of the Company's assessment on internal controls and corporate governance.



Alan B. Levan, the Company's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, and John E. Abdo, the Company's Vice Chairman, serve as executive officers and directors of BFC and Levitt and may be deemed to control BFC through their direct and indirect interests in and voting control over BFC. BFC is the controlling shareholder of the Company and Levitt. Levitt owns 31% of the outstanding common stock of Bluegreen. Additionally, Mr. Levan is Chairman and Mr. Abdo is Vice Chairman of Bluegreen. Mr. Levan and Mr. Abdo receive compensation from BFC and Levitt, and, during 2007, were granted stock options and paid \$100 by Bluegreen.

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The Company, BFC, Levitt and Bluegreen share various office premises and employee services, pursuant to the arrangements described below.

BFC leases office space in premises owned by BankAtlantic on a month-to-month basis. For the year ended December 31, 2007, BFC paid \$172,000 as rent for such facilities. BankAtlantic also received \$33,000 for the year ended December 31, 2007 from BFC for services provided to a BFC subsidiary in connection with the management of an office building.

The Company, BFC, Levitt and Bluegreen have entered into a shared services arrangement, pursuant to which BFC provides the Company, Levitt and Bluegreen with various executive and administrative services. The Company was billed \$1.4 million during 2007 for risk management, investor relations, human resources and other administrative services provided to the Company by BFC. During the year ended December 31, 2007, the Company issued to BFC employees who perform services for the Company options to acquire 49,000 shares of the Company's Class A Stock at an exercise price of \$9.38. These options vest in five years and expire ten years from the grant date.

Levitt and BFC each maintain securities sold under repurchase agreements at BankAtlantic. The balance in those accounts at December 31, 2007 was \$6.1 million and \$1.2 million, respectively, and BankAtlantic paid interest to Levitt and BFC on those accounts in 2007 of \$146,000 and \$39,000, respectively.

BankAtlantic has entered into an agreement with Levitt, pursuant to which BankAtlantic agreed to host Levitt's information technology servers and to provide hosting and certain other information technology services to Levitt. The annual amount to be paid under this agreement is estimated to be approximately \$120,000.

During 2007, BankAtlantic utilized the legal services of Ruden, McClosky, Smith, Schuster & Russell, P.A. (Ruden McClosky), a law firm in which Company director Bruno DiGiulian was of counsel until September 30, 2006. BankAtlantic paid Ruden McClosky fees of approximately \$274,000 in 2007.

The BankAtlantic Foundation is a non-profit foundation established by BankAtlantic. During 2007, the Foundation and BankAtlantic together made donations aggregating approximately \$560,000, including \$16,000 to the Leadership Broward Foundation; \$35,000 to Nova Southeastern University Wayne Huizenga School of Business (including \$5,000 as the fifth installment of a 5-year commitment of \$25,000); \$2,500 to Nova Southeastern University Libraries; \$2,500 to Nova Southeastern Farguar College of Arts and Sciences; \$25,000 to the Museum of Art of Fort Lauderdale (including \$25,000 as the first installment of a 3-year \$75,000 commitment); \$3,000 to Art Serve; and \$6,000 to West & East Broward Family YMCA.

Alan B. Levan sits on the Board of Nova Southeastern University; Jarett S. Levan sits on the Boards of Leadership Broward Foundation, and the Museum of Art of Fort Lauderdale; Lloyd B. DeVaux sits on the Boards of West Broward Family YMCA and YMCA of Broward County.

Jarett S. Levan, a director and the President of the Company and son of its director, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Alan B. Levan, is employed by BankAtlantic as Chief Executive Officer and President. His total compensation was approximately \$529,303 during 2007. Mr. Alan B. Levan's daughter, Shelley Levan Margolis, served as executive director of the BankAtlantic Foundation, receiving an aggregate base salary and bonus of approximately \$61,690, and benefits provided to all salaried employees generally, during 2007.

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**COMPENSATION DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

**Overview of Compensation Program**

The Compensation Committee administers the compensation program for the Company's executive officers and the executive officers of the Company's subsidiary BankAtlantic. Each of the Company's executive officers also serves on the Executive Management Council of BankAtlantic with the other executive officers of BankAtlantic. The Compensation Committee reviews and determines all executive officer compensation, administers the Company's equity incentive plans (including reviewing and approving grants to the Company's executive officers), makes recommendations to shareholders with respect to proposals related to compensation matters and generally consults with management regarding employee compensation programs.

The Compensation Committee's charter reflects these responsibilities, and the Compensation Committee and the Board periodically review and, if appropriate, revise the charter. The Board determines the Compensation Committee's membership, which is composed entirely of independent directors. The Compensation Committee meets at regularly scheduled times during the year, and it may also hold specially scheduled meetings and take action by written consent. At Board meetings, the Chairman of the Compensation Committee reports on Compensation Committee actions and recommendations.

Throughout this Proxy Statement, the term "named executive officers" is used to refer collectively to the individuals named in the Summary Compensation Table on page .

**Compensation Philosophy and Objectives**

The Company's compensation program for executive officers consists of a base salary, an annual cash incentive program, periodic grants of restricted stock or stock options, and health and welfare benefits. The Compensation Committee believes that the most effective executive officer compensation program is one that is designed to align the interests of the executive officers with those of shareholders by compensating the executive officers in a manner that advances both the short- and long-term interests of the Company and its shareholders. The Compensation Committee believes that the Company's compensation program for executive officers is appropriately based upon the performance of the Company, the performance and level of responsibility of the executive officer, and market data regarding the value of the executive officer's position at organizations similar to the Company.

Pursuant to its authority under its charter to engage the services of outside advisors, experts and others to assist the Compensation Committee, the Compensation Committee engaged the services of Mercer (US) Inc. ("Mercer"), a human resources consulting firm, to meet with and advise the Compensation Committee with respect to establishing the Company's 2008 compensation program for Mr. Alan Levan, the Company's Chairman, and Mr. Abdo, the Company's Vice Chairman.

Messrs. Alan Levan and Abdo hold senior positions in BFC, the controlling shareholder of the Company, and Levitt, an affiliate of the Company that is also controlled by BFC. During 2007, in addition to the compensation paid to them by the Company, Messrs. Alan Levan and Abdo also received compensation from BFC and Levitt. While the Compensation Committee does not determine the compensation paid to Messrs. Alan Levan and Abdo by BFC and Levitt, the Compensation Committee considers the fact that Messrs. Alan Levan and Abdo allocate a portion of their time to those companies when determining the compensation the Company pays to them.

**Role of Executive Officers in Compensation Decisions**

The Compensation Committee makes all compensation decisions for the named executive officers, the Company's other executive officers and the executive officers of BankAtlantic, and approves recommendations regarding equity awards to all employees of the Company. The Compensation Committee reviews the performance of and establishes the compensation of the Company's Chief Executive Officer. The Company's Chief Executive Officer reviews the performance of the Company's Vice Chairman and President. The Company's President reviews the performance of the other named executive officers, as well as other members of the Executive Management Council of BankAtlantic. Based on these reviews, the Company's Chief Executive Officer and President make

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recommendations to the Compensation Committee regarding the compensation of the other named executive officers and the other members of the Executive Management Council of BankAtlantic. These recommendations include, among others, those with respect to setting and adjusting base salary, annual cash incentive awards and equity awards. In approving compensation recommendations for such executive officers, the Compensation Committee can exercise its discretion in modifying upward or downward any recommended amounts or awards to executive officers. In 2007, the Compensation Committee accepted without modification the recommendations of the Company's Chief Executive Officer and President with respect to the base salary, annual cash incentive awards and equity awards paid or to be paid by the Company to the executive officers.

### **Executive Officer Compensation Components**

Based on the objectives outlined in the Compensation Philosophy and Objectives section above, the Compensation Committee has structured the Company's compensation program for executive officers to motivate and reward the executive officers for achievements of the business goals set by the Company. For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007, the principal components of compensation for the named executive officers were:

base salary;

annual incentive program; and

long-term equity incentive compensation.

### ***Base Salary***

The Compensation Committee believes that the base salaries offered by the Company are competitive based on a review of market practices and the duties and responsibilities of each executive officer. In setting base salaries, the Compensation Committee periodically examines market compensation levels and trends observed in the market for executives of comparable experience and skills. Market information is used as an initial frame of reference for establishing and adjusting base salaries. The Compensation Committee believes that the named executive officers' base salaries should be competitive with those of other executives with comparable experience at organizations similar to the Company.

In addition to examining market compensation levels and trends, the Compensation Committee makes base salary decisions for the named executive officers based on an annual review by the Compensation Committee with input and recommendations from the Company's Chief Executive Officer and President. The Compensation Committee's review includes, among other things, the functional and decision-making responsibilities of each position, the significance of the executive officer's specific area of individual responsibility to the Company's financial performance and achievement of overall goals, and the contribution, experience and work performance of each executive officer.

With respect to base salary decisions for the Company's Chief Executive Officer, the Compensation Committee made an assessment of Mr. Alan Levan's past performance as the Company's Chief Executive Officer and its expectations as to his future contributions to the Company, as well as the factors described above for the other named executive officers, including examining market compensation levels and trends and evaluating his individual performance. Mercer provided a presentation to the Compensation Committee regarding the overall compensation to be paid to Chairman Levan and Vice Chairman Abdo, including market surveys and comparisons, market data and alternatives to consider when making determinations with respect to appropriate compensation. In evaluating the performance of Mr. Alan Levan for purposes of not only his base salary, but also his cash bonus under the Company's annual incentive program and equity awards under the Company's long-term equity incentive compensation program, the Compensation Committee considered the Company's 2007 operating results and its financial condition. In its review, the

Compensation Committee noted several specific items relative to Mr. Alan Levan's performance, including, the successful consummation of the sale of Ryan Beck and his efforts in maintaining the well capitalized status of BankAtlantic in the current challenging economic environment in Florida.

The 2007 base salary for the Company's Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Alan Levan, increased by 4% from 2006. The 2007 base salary for the Company's President, Mr. Jarett Levan, was \$415,000. The other named executive officers' 2007 base salaries increased in the range of 4% to 12% from 2006. For 2008, the Company's Chief

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Executive Officer's base salary was set at \$540,858 (a decrease of 9% from 2007) and the Vice Chairman's base salary was increased to \$540,858 from \$425,600, and the base salaries of Ms. Toalson and Messrs. DeVaux and Jarett Levan were increased by 3%. As described in further detail throughout this Proxy Statement, each of Messrs. White, Fuchs and Begelman retired or resigned from their respective executive positions with the Company during 2007. Mr. White continues to serve the Company in a non-executive capacity, and the Compensation Committee approved the payment to Mr. White of \$94,900 on an annual basis over a four-year period commencing on June 30, 2007, the effective date of his retirement as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Company. For a detailed description of the amounts paid or to be paid by the Company to each of Messrs. White, Fuchs and Begelman in connection with their respective retirements or resignations from executive positions with the Company, see Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change-in-Control below.

### ***Annual Incentive Program***

The Company's annual incentive program is intended to promote high performance and achievement of certain corporate strategic goals and initiatives, encourage the growth of shareholder value, and allow executives, including the named executive officers, to participate in the growth and profitability of the Company. The Company's 2007 annual incentive program was a cash bonus plan, based solely upon the achievement of a pre-established objective relating to financial performance. This objective was established during the Company's annual budget cycle. All members of the Executive Management Council of BankAtlantic, including the named executive officers (other than Messrs. White, Fuchs and Begelman), were eligible for a cash bonus, ranging from 0% to 200% of base salary, under the Company's 2007 annual incentive program. In 2007, the threshold objective was not achieved and, accordingly, no cash bonuses were awarded to these named executive officers under the Company's annual incentive program. As discussed in further detail throughout this Proxy Statement, Mr. Begelman resigned from his executive position with BankAtlantic during 2007 and has advised BankAtlantic that he intends to resign from his non-executive position in June 2008. For 2007, Mr. Begelman was paid a discretionary bonus of \$250,000, a portion of which will reduce any amounts payable to him as severance.

For 2008, the Compensation Committee modified the Company's annual incentive program. Under the 2008 annual incentive program, an executive officer's cash bonus will be dependent, in whole or in part, upon his or her achievement of financial performance goals which vary based upon the role the executive officer plays with respect to the overall financial performance of the Company and the financial performance of his or her respective division. Bonuses paid under the Company's 2008 annual incentive program may also depend on the executive officer's achievement of certain pre-established division specific goals. Additionally, for certain of the named executive officers, but not for the Company's Chief Executive Officer, the 2008 annual incentive program also includes a discretionary component under which bonuses may be paid based upon a subjective evaluation of the named executive officer's performance in areas outside those that may be objectively measured based on specific financial goals. In 2008, all of the Company's Chief Executive Officer's cash bonus and 70% to 100% of the other named executive officers' cash bonuses will be related to the achievement of the pre-established objectives under the Company's 2008 annual incentive program. The remaining 30% of the other named executive officers' cash bonuses will be payable under the discretionary component of the Company's 2008 annual incentive program. As discussed in further detail throughout this Proxy Statement, each of Messrs. White, Fuchs and Begelman retired or resigned from their respective executive positions with the Company during 2007. Accordingly, Messrs. White, Fuchs and Begelman will not be eligible to receive bonuses under the Company's 2008 annual incentive program.

In addition to being eligible for a cash bonus under the Company's annual incentive program, the named executive officers are eligible for a cash award under the BankAtlantic Profit Sharing Stretch Plan (the Profit Sharing Plan). The Profit Sharing Plan provides a payout to all BankAtlantic employees, including the named executive officers, in an amount equal to a percentage of annual base salary based upon the achievement of certain





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pre-established financial goals. In 2007, a total of \$99,878 in cash was awarded to the named executive officers under the Profit Sharing Plan as follows:

Alan B. Levan	\$ 21,793
Valerie Toalson	\$ 8,706
Lloyd B. DeVaux	\$ 16,099
John E. Abdo	\$ 15,240
Jarett S. Levan	\$ 11,850
Mark D. Begelman	\$ 15,131
James A. White	\$ 11,059

***Long-Term Equity Incentive Compensation***

The Company's long-term equity incentive compensation program provides an opportunity for the named executive officers, and the other executive officers, to increase their stake in the Company through grants of options to purchase shares of the Company's common stock and encourages executive officers to focus on long-term Company performance by aligning the executive officers' interests with those of the Company's shareholders, since the ultimate value of such compensation is directly dependent on the stock price.

The Compensation Committee's grant of stock options to executive officers is entirely discretionary based on an assessment of the individual executive officer's contribution to the success and growth of the Company. Decisions by the Compensation Committee regarding grants of stock options to executive officers are generally made based upon the recommendation of the Company's Chief Executive Officer (other than with respect to grants of stock options to the Company's Chief Executive Officer), the level of the executive officer's position with the Company, an evaluation of the executive officer's past and expected future performance, the number of outstanding and previously granted stock options to the executive officer, and discussions with the executive officer.

In 2007, all of the executive officers, including the named executive officers (other than Messrs. White and Fuchs) were granted options to purchase shares of Class A Stock, with an exercise price equal to the market value of the Class A Stock on the date of grant, and which vest on the fifth anniversary of the date of grant. The Compensation Committee believes that such stock options serve as a significant aid in the retention of the executive officers, since these stock option awards do not vest until five years after the grant date.

**Internal Revenue Code Limits on Deductibility of Compensation**

Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code generally disallows a tax deduction to public corporations for compensation over \$1,000,000 paid for any fiscal year to the corporation's chief executive officer and four other most highly compensated executive officers as of the end of any fiscal year. However, the statute exempts qualifying performance-based compensation from the deduction limit if certain requirements are met.

The Compensation Committee believes that it is generally in the Company's best interest to attempt to structure performance-based compensation, including stock option grants or performance-based restricted stock awards and annual bonuses, to executive officers who may be subject to Section 162(m) in a manner that satisfies the statute's requirements for full tax deductibility for the compensation. In an effort to meet these objectives, among others, the Company adopted the 2007 annual incentive program to provide performance based goals. The Compensation Committee also recognizes the need to retain flexibility to make compensation decisions that may not meet Section 162(m) standards when necessary to enable the Company to meet its overall objectives, even if the Company may not deduct all of the compensation. Accordingly, there is no assurance that compensation paid by the Company in

the future will meet the requirements for deductibility under Section 162(m).

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All officers of the Company are also officers of BankAtlantic. The following table sets forth certain summary information concerning compensation paid or accrued by the Company or BankAtlantic during the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006 to or on behalf of the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer and each of the next three highest paid executive officers (determined as of December 31, 2007), the former Chief Financial Officer who served in that position through June 30, 2007, and two individuals who were executive officers during 2007 but not at December 31, 2007, who otherwise would have been included as one of the next three highest paid executive officers but for the fact that they were not executive officers as of December 31, 2007. Officers of the Company who also serve as officers or directors of affiliates also receive compensation from such affiliates for services rendered on behalf of the affiliates.

Principal Position	Year	Salary	Bonus	Stock Awards	Option Awards	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation	Change in Pension Value and Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Earnings	All Other Compensation
Chief Executive Officer	2007	\$ 590,480			\$ 351,664(2)	\$ 21,793(3)	\$ 53,905(4)	\$ 21,000(5)
	2006	\$ 567,769	\$ 11,688		\$ 348,152	\$ 248,655	\$ 104,639	\$ 22,269
Chief Financial Officer	2007	\$ 266,566			\$ 47,059(2)	\$ 8,706(3)		\$ 56,395(5)
	2006	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Vice President	2007	\$ 445,095		\$ 139,815(1)	\$ 146,527(2)	\$ 16,099(3)		\$ 165,867(5)
	2006	\$ 412,923	\$ 52,887	\$ 139,815	\$ 145,063	\$ 126,053		\$ 249,729
Vice President	2007	\$ 415,140			\$ 234,443(2)	\$ 15,240(3)	\$ 25,849(4)	\$ 21,675(5)
	2006	\$ 385,585	\$ 8,170		\$ 232,101	\$ 172,174	\$ 47,221	\$ 29,484
Vice President (BankAtlantic)	2007	\$ 385,489			\$ 107,213(2)	\$ 11,850(3)	(4)	\$ 24,773(5)
	2006	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Vice President (BankAtlantic)	2007	\$ 424,531	\$ 250,000(10)		\$ 94,434(2)	\$ 15,131(3)		\$ 18,013(5)
	2006	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Vice President (BankAtlantic)	2007	\$ 125,321			\$ 235,318(2)			\$ 427,336(5)
	2006	\$ 539,040			\$ 150,615	\$ 154,482		\$ 22,766
Vice President (BankAtlantic)	2007	\$ 234,442			\$ 136,928(2)	\$ 11,059(3)		\$ 14,538(5)
	2006	\$ 362,296	\$ 37,791		\$ 145,063	\$ 119,211		\$ 21,209

- (1) All restricted stock are shares of the Company's Class A Stock. The amount represents the dollar amount recognized for financial statement reporting purposes for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007 in accordance with FAS 123(R), without taking into account an estimate of forfeitures related to service-based vesting, of restricted stock grants, including amounts from awards granted prior to 2007. There were no forfeitures during 2007. Additional information regarding shares of restricted stock held by Mr. DeVaux is set forth in the Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End 2007, Option Exercises and Stock Vested 2007 and Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change-in-Control tables below.
- (2) All options indicated are options to purchase shares of the Company's Class A Stock. The amount represents the dollar amount recognized for financial statement reporting purposes for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007 in accordance with FAS 123(R), without taking into account an estimate of forfeitures related to service-based vesting of stock option grants, including amounts from awards granted prior to 2007. Assumptions used in the calculation of these amounts are included in footnote 17 to the Company's audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007 included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 17, 2008. There were no forfeitures during 2007. Additional information regarding stock options awarded to the named executive officers in 2007, including the grant date fair value of such stock options, is set forth in the Grants of Plan-Based Awards 2007 table below.
- (3) Amounts for each named executive officer pursuant to the Company's Profit Sharing Plan. The Company's Profit Sharing Plan is more fully described in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis section beginning on page .

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- (4) Represents the increase in the actuarial present value of accumulated benefits under the Retirement Plan for Employees of BankAtlantic (the Retirement Plan ); however, Mr. Jarett Levan had a \$22 decrease in the actuarial present value of accumulated benefits under the Retirement Plan. Additional information regarding the Retirement Plan is set forth in the Pension Benefits 2007 table below.
- (5) Items included under All Other Compensation for 2007 for each named executive officer are set forth in the table below:

**All Other Compensation**

Year	Perquisites and Other	Tax	Insurance	Dividends Company Contribution to Retirement and 401(k) Plans	Restricted Stock, REIT Shares	BankAtlantic Pension Plan Trustee Fee	Auto Allowance	Separation Payments	Other Compensation	Total
2007	\$ 1,523	\$	\$ 10,437	\$ 9,000	\$ 40	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 21,000
2007	502	12,972		9,000			7,163		26,758	56,000
2007	1,285	133,263		9,000	14,934		7,385			165,000
2007				9,000	40	5,250	7,385			21,000
2007	8,348			9,000	40		7,385			24,000
2007	1,628			9,000			7,385			18,000
2007							2,215	425,121		427,000
2007				9,000			5,538			14,000

Amounts included under Insurance Premiums in the table above were paid in connection with the Split-Dollar Life Insurance Plan (the Split-Dollar Plan). Additional information regarding the Split-Dollar Plan is set forth in the narrative accompanying the Pension Benefits 2007 table below.

The value of perquisites and other personal benefits included under Perquisites and Other Personal Benefits in the table above is calculated based on their incremental cost to the Company, which is determined based on the actual cost of providing these perquisites and other personal benefits. During 2007, no named executive officer had perquisites which in the aggregate exceeded \$10,000.

- (6) Mr. DeVaux entered into a letter agreement with BankAtlantic, dated April 18, 2001 and effective June 4, 2001, pursuant to which BankAtlantic employed Mr. DeVaux as Executive Vice President and Chief Information Officer. The agreement provides Mr. DeVaux with an initial annual base salary of \$288,750, with discretionary annual adjustments, and incentive compensation based on the achievement of certain performance goals of up to 50% of base salary. Mr. DeVaux also received a one-time payment of \$100,000 and 195,000 restricted shares of the Company's Class A Stock, which restricted shares vest 10% per year for 10 years beginning June 4, 2002. He is entitled to the dividends on all such shares as such dividends are paid. The Company also pays Mr. DeVaux a gross-up for taxes due on vested restricted shares, which is included in All Other Compensation. The agreement also contains provisions regarding termination and change-in-control, including acceleration of vesting of his restricted shares, which are more fully described in the Potential Payments upon Termination or Change-in-Control table below.
- (7) Mr. Fuchs entered into an agreement with BankAtlantic, dated February 9, 2007 and effective February 16, 2007, in connection with his resignation as Executive Vice President of Community Banking Division of BankAtlantic. Additional information regarding this agreement and the cessation of Mr. Fuchs' employment with BankAtlantic is set forth in the narrative accompanying the Potential Payments upon Termination or Change-in-Control table below.
- (8) Pursuant to its agreement with Ms. Toalson, dated October 19, 2005 and effective February 13, 2006, BankAtlantic employed Ms. Toalson as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of BankAtlantic. The agreement calls for an additional payment to Ms. Toalson of \$24,700 per year, grossed-up for taxes, for four years beginning in May 2006. This amount is included in All Other Compensation. The agreement also provided for options to acquire 25,000 shares of Class A Stock which will vest five years from date of grant subject to accelerated vesting in the case of change-in-control, as more fully described in the Potential Payments upon Termination or Change-in-Control table below.

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- (9) Effective June 30, 2007, Mr. White, the Company's former Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, became a non-executive officer of the Company. He is to receive an annual salary of \$94,900 per year for four years.
- (10) Effective July 31, 2007, Mr. Begelman, formerly Executive Vice President and Chief Sales & Marketing Officer of BankAtlantic, resigned from his executive position and transitioned to a non-executive position as President of Store Real Estate. He has indicated that he will resign from his non-executive position in June 2008. Mr. Begelman's 2007 cash bonus was discretionary in nature and a portion of the bonus will reduce any amounts payable to him as severance, as more fully described in Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change-in-Control below.

**Grants of Plan-Based Awards 2007**

The following table sets forth certain information concerning grants of awards to the named executive officers pursuant to the Company's non-equity and equity incentive plans in the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007.

Name	Grant Date	Estimated Possible Payouts Under Non-Equity Incentive Plan Awards(1)			Estimated Future Payouts Under Equity Incentive Plan Awards			All Other Stock Awards: Number of Shares or	All Other Option Awards: Number of Underlying Securities	Exercise or Base Price of Option Awards (\$ / Sh)	Grant Date Fair Value of Stock and Option Awards
		Threshold	Target	Maximum	Threshold	Target	Maximum	Units	Options(2)		
John B. Levan	6/5/2007		\$ 594,880	\$ 1,189,760	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	60,000	\$ 9.38	\$ 197,400
Marie C. Larson	6/5/2007		144,720	289,440	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	20,000	9.38	65,800
David B. Vaux	6/5/2007		229,440	458,880	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	25,000	9.38	82,200
John E. Abdo	6/5/2007		425,600	851,200	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	40,000	9.38	131,600
Scott S. Levan	6/5/2007		254,760	509,520	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	35,000	9.38	115,100
Mark Begelman	6/5/2007	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	25,000	9.38	82,200
John Fuchs	6/5/2007	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	0	0	0
James A. White	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	0	0	0

- (1) Represents the estimated possible payouts of cash awards under the formula-based component of the Company's annual incentive program which is tied to financial performance goals. Because the threshold objective was not achieved during 2007, no cash awards were made under the Company's annual incentive program for 2007. The Company's annual incentive program is more fully described in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis section beginning on page 10.

- (2) All options are to purchase shares of the Company's Class A Stock, were granted under the Company's 2005 Restricted Stock and Option Plan, and vest on the fifth anniversary of the date of grant.
- (3) Represents the grant date fair value computed in accordance with FAS 123(R).



**Table of Contents****Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End 2007**

The following table sets forth certain information regarding equity-based awards held by the named executive officers as of December 31, 2007.

Name	Option Awards					Stock Awards			
	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options(1) Exercisable	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options(1) Unexercisable	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options	Exercise Price	Option Expiration Date	Number of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested	Market Value of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Number of Unearned Shares, or Other Rights That Have Not Vested	Market Value of Unearned Shares, or Other Rights That Have Not Vested
Alan B. Levan	78,377(6)		N/A	\$ 8.56	3/4/2012	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
		78,377(7)		\$ 7.41	3/31/2013				
		60,000(8)		\$ 18.20	7/5/2014				
		60,000(9)		\$ 19.02	7/11/2015				
		60,000(10)		\$ 14.81	7/10/2016				
		60,000(11)		\$ 9.38	6/4/2017				
Valerie C. Toalson		25,000(10)	N/A	\$ 13.60	2/13/2016	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
		10,000(10)		\$ 14.81	7/10/2016				
		20,000(11)		\$ 9.38	6/4/2017				
Lloyd B. DeVaux	32,656(6)		N/A	\$ 8.56	3/4/2012	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
		32,657(7)		\$ 7.41	3/31/2013				
		25,000(8)		\$ 18.20	7/5/2014				
		25,000(9)		\$ 19.02	7/11/2015				
		25,000(10)		\$ 14.81	7/10/2016				
		25,000(11)		\$ 9.38	6/4/2017				

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78,000(13) \$ 319,800  
 19,500(14) \$ 42,900

John E. Abdo	52,251(6)		N/A	\$ 8.56	3/4/2012	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
		52,251(7)		\$ 7.41	3/31/2013				
		40,000(8)		\$ 18.20	7/5/2014				
		40,000(9)		\$ 19.02	7/11/2015				
		40,000(10)		\$ 14.81	7/10/2016				
		40,000(11)		\$ 9.38	6/4/2017				
Jarett S. Levan	1,502(2)		N/A	\$ 4.33	9/8/2008	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	3,755(3)			\$ 4.74	4/6/2009				
	9,797(4)			\$ 2.82	5/2/2010				
	16,328(5)			\$ 2.97	1/2/2011				
	16,328(6)			\$ 8.56	2/4/2012				
		19,594(7)		\$ 7.41	3/31/2013				
		15,000(8)		\$ 18.20	7/5/2014				
		15,000(9)		\$ 19.02	7/11/2015				
		25,000(10)		\$ 14.81	7/10/2016				
		35,000(11)		\$ 9.38	6/4/2017				
Mark D. Begelman		7,500(9)		\$ 19.02	7/11/2015	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
		42,500(12)		\$ 14.02	10/10/2015				
		25,000(10)		\$ 14.81	7/10/2016				
		25,000(11)		\$ 9.38	6/4/2017				
Jay R. Fuchs	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
James A. White	7,838(3)		N/A	\$ 3.01	12/31/2009	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	19,594(4)			\$ 2.82	5/2/2010				
	32,657(5)			\$ 2.97	1/2/2011				
		32,656(6)		\$ 8.56	3/4/2012				
		32,657(7)		\$ 7.41	3/31/2013				
		25,000(8)		\$ 18.20	7/5/2014				
		25,000(9)		\$ 19.02	7/11/2015				
		25,000(10)		\$ 14.81	7/10/2016				

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- (1) All options are to purchase shares of the Company's Class A Stock.
- (2) Vested on December 14, 1998.
- (3) Vested on December 31, 2004.
- (4) Vested on May 2, 2005.
- (5) Vested on January 2, 2006.
- (6) Vested on March 4, 2007.
- (7) Although these options vested on March 31, 2008, they are included as unexercisable because they were not exercisable as of December 31, 2007. As a result of their vesting on March 31, 2008, these options are currently exercisable.
- (8) Vests on July 6, 2009.
- (9) Vests on July 12, 2010.
- (10) Vests on July 11, 2011.
- (11) Vests on June 5, 2012.
- (12) Vests on October 11, 2010.
- (13) Pursuant to the letter agreement between Mr. DeVaux, the Company's Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, and BankAtlantic, dated April 18, 2001 and effective June 4, 2001, Mr. DeVaux received, among other things, 195,000 restricted shares of the Company's Class A Stock, which restricted shares vest at the rate of 19,500 shares per year for 10 years beginning on June 4, 2002, subject to acceleration in the circumstances described in the Potential Payments upon Termination or Change-in-Control table below. He is entitled to the dividends on all such shares as such dividends are paid. The Company also pays Mr. DeVaux a gross-up for taxes due on vested restricted shares, which is included under Tax Reimbursement in the All Other Compensation table included as footnote 6 to the Summary Compensation Table above.
- (14) As a result of the Company's spin-off of Levitt, Mr. DeVaux received 48,750 restricted shares of Levitt common stock on the same terms as his restricted shares of the Company's Class A Stock.

**Option Exercises and Stock Vested 2007**

The following table sets forth certain information regarding exercises of stock options and vesting of restricted stock held by the named executive officers in the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007.

Name	Option Awards		Stock Awards	
	Number of Shares	Value Realized on Exercise	Number of Shares	Value Realized on Vesting

	<b>Acquired on Exercise(1)</b>		<b>Acquired on Vesting</b>		
Alan B. Levan	0		0		
Valerie C. Toalson	0		0		
James A. White	0		0		
Lloyd B. DeVaux	0		19,500(2)	\$	185,250
			4,875(3)	\$	47,434
John E. Abdo	0		0		
Jarett S. Levan	0		0		
Jay R. Fuchs	145,088	\$	617,098		
Mark D. Begelman	0		0		

(1) Represents the number of shares of the Company's Class A Stock acquired upon exercise of stock options.

(2) See footnote 13 of the Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End 2007 table above.

(3) See footnote 14 of the Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End 2007 table above.

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The following table sets forth certain information with respect to accumulated benefits as of December 31, 2007 under any plan that provides for payments or other benefits to the named executive officers at, following, or in connection with, retirement.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Plan Name</b>	<b>Number of Years Credited Service</b>	<b>Present Value of Accumulated Benefit(1)</b>	<b>Payments During Last Fiscal Year</b>
Alan B. Levan	Retirement Plan for Employees of BankAtlantic	27	\$ 1,469,500	\$ 0
Valerie C. Toalson	N/A	0	0	0
James A. White	N/A	0	0	0
Lloyd B. DeVaux	N/A	0	0	0
John E. Abdo	Retirement Plan for Employees of BankAtlantic	15	651,522	0
Jarett S. Levan	Retirement Plan for Employees of BankAtlantic	2	609	0
Jay R. Fuchs	N/A	0	0	0
Mark D. Begelman	N/A	0	0	0

(1) Assumptions used in the calculation of these amounts are included in footnote 19 to the Company's audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007 included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 17, 2008, except that retirement age was assumed to be 65, the normal retirement age as defined in the Retirement Plan for Employees of BankAtlantic (the Retirement Plan).

**Retirement Plan**

Alan B. Levan, John E. Abdo and Jarett S. Levan are participants in the Retirement Plan for Employees of BankAtlantic (the Retirement Plan), which is a defined benefit plan. Effective December 31, 1998, the Company froze the benefits under the Retirement Plan. Participants who were employed at December 1, 1998, became fully vested in their benefits under the Retirement Plan. While the Retirement Plan is frozen, there will be no future benefit accruals.

None of the other individuals named in the Summary Compensation Table is a participant in the Retirement Plan. The Retirement Plan was designed to provide retirement income based on an employee's salary and years of active service, determined as of December 31, 1998. The cost of the Retirement Plan is paid by BankAtlantic and all contributions are actuarially determined.

In general, the Retirement Plan provides for monthly payments to or on behalf of each covered employee upon such employee's retirement (with provisions for early or postponed retirement), death or disability. As a result of the freezing of future benefit accruals, the amount of the monthly payments is based generally upon two factors: (1) the employee's average regular monthly compensation for the five consecutive years out of the last ten years ended December 31, 1998, or prior retirement, death or disability, that produces the highest average monthly rate of regular compensation and (2) upon the employee's years of service with BankAtlantic at December 31, 1998. Benefits are payable for the retiree's life, with ten years' worth of payments guaranteed. The benefits are not subject to any reduction for Social Security or any other external benefits.

In 1996, BankAtlantic amended the Retirement Plan and adopted a supplemental benefit for certain executives, as permitted by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). This was done because of a change in the Code that operated to restrict the amount of the executive's compensation that may be taken into account for Plan purposes, regardless of the executive's actual compensation.

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The intent of the supplemental benefit, when added to the regular Plan benefit, was to provide to certain executives the same retirement benefits that they would have received had the Code limits not been enacted, subject to other requirements of the Code. The approximate targeted percentage of pre-retirement compensation for which Mr. Alan B. Levan will be eligible under the Retirement Plan as a result of the supplemental benefit at age 65 is 33%. No other individuals named in the Summary Compensation Table are entitled to the supplemental benefit. The supplemental benefit also was frozen as of December 31, 1998. Because the percentage of pre-retirement compensation payable from the Retirement Plan to Mr. Alan B. Levan, including the Plan's supplemental benefit, fell short of the benefit that Mr. Alan B. Levan would have received under the Plan absent the Code limits, BankAtlantic adopted the BankAtlantic Split-Dollar Life Insurance Plan, an employee benefit plan described below.

The following table illustrates annual pension benefits at age 65 for various levels of compensation and years of service at December 31, 1998, the date on which Retirement Plan benefits were frozen.

Average Five Year Compensation at December 31, 1998	Estimated Annual Benefits				
	Years of Credited Service at December 31, 1998				
	5 Years	10 Years	20 Years	30 Years	40 Years
\$120,000	\$ 10,380	\$ 20,760	\$ 41,520	\$ 62,280	\$ 83,160
\$150,000	13,005	26,010	52,020	78,030	104,160
\$160,000 and above	13,880	27,760	55,520	83,280	111,160

**Split-Dollar Plan**

BankAtlantic adopted the Split-Dollar Life Insurance Plan (the Split-Dollar Plan) in 1996 to provide additional retirement benefits to Alan B. Levan, whose monthly benefits under the Retirement Plan were limited by changes to the Code. Under the Split-Dollar Plan and its accompanying agreement with Mr. Alan B. Levan, BankAtlantic arranged for the purchase of an insurance policy (the Policy) insuring the life of Mr. Alan B. Levan. Pursuant to its agreement with Mr. Alan B. Levan, BankAtlantic will make premium payments for the Policy. The Policy is anticipated to accumulate significant cash value over time, which cash value is expected to supplement Mr. Alan B. Levan's retirement benefit payable from the Retirement Plan. Mr. Alan B. Levan owns the Policy but BankAtlantic will be reimbursed for the amount of premiums that BankAtlantic pays for the Policy upon the earlier of his retirement or death. The portion of the amount paid in prior years attributable to the 2007 premium for the Policy that is considered compensation to Mr. Alan B. Levan is included under All Other Compensation in the Summary Compensation Table. The Split-Dollar Plan was not included in the freezing of the Retirement Plan and BankAtlantic has continued to make premium payments for the Policy since 1998.

**Potential Payments upon Termination or Change-in-Control**

The following table sets forth certain information with respect to compensation that would become payable if the named executive officers had ceased employment under the various circumstances below. Except as set forth in the Actual Payments column, which represents full payments under the referenced agreements, the amounts

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shown in the table below assume that such cessation of employment was effective as of December 31, 2007. The actual amounts to be paid can only be determined at the time of such executive's separation from the Company.

Name	Benefit	Before Change in Control		After Change In Control		Actual Payments
		Termination without Cause	At the Event of Change in Control	Resignation within One Year after Change in Control	Termination without Cause	
Alan B. Levan	N/A					
Valerie C. Toalson(1)	Vesting of Stock Options					
Lloyd B. DeVaux(2)	Salary	\$ 458,880	\$	\$ 917,760	\$ 458,880	
	Bonus	156,000		312,000	156,000	
	Vesting of Restricted Stock	181,350	362,700			
	Total	\$ 796,230	\$ 362,700	\$ 1,229,760	\$ 614,880	
John E. Abdo	N/A					
Jarett S. Levan	N/A					
Mark D. Begelman(3)	N/A					
Jay R. Fuchs(4)	Salary					\$ 543,057
	Bonus					124,536
	Vesting of Stock Options					235,318
	Total					\$ 902,911
James A. White(5)	N/A					

(1) Pursuant to the letter agreement between Ms. Toalson, the Company's Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, and BankAtlantic, dated October 19, 2005 and effective February 13, 2006, in the event of a change-in-control (which is defined as Mr. Alan Levan or BFC ceasing to control more than 50% of the common voting rights), any of the unvested stock options granted to her on February 13, 2006 would immediately fully vest. The exercise price of these stock options exceeded the market share price at December 31, 2007.

(2) Pursuant to the letter agreement between Mr. DeVaux, the Company's Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, and BankAtlantic, dated April 18, 2001 and effective June 4, 2001, in the event of a change-in-control of BankAtlantic (which is defined as 50% or more of BankAtlantic's stock being acquired by a third party which did not, as of the date of his employment, hold such stock), any of his unvested restricted shares of the Company's Class A Stock vest immediately and, if Mr. DeVaux resigns within one year after such



change of control, he will be entitled to a payment equal to two times his annual salary plus two times the higher of his preceding two years' cash incentive compensation. Notwithstanding any change-in-control of BankAtlantic, if Mr. DeVaux's employment is terminated without cause, then he will be entitled to a payment equal to his annual salary plus the higher of his preceding two years' cash incentive compensation, and 39,000 restricted shares (in addition to those which have theretofore vested) will immediately vest.

- (3) Mr. Begelman resigned from his executive position with BankAtlantic during 2007 and has advised BankAtlantic that he intends to resign from his non-executive position in June 2008. For 2007, Mr. Begelman was paid a discretionary bonus of \$250,000, a portion of which will reduce any amounts payable to him as severance.
- (4) Mr. Fuchs entered into an agreement with BankAtlantic, dated February 9, 2007. Under the terms of this agreement, Mr. Fuchs agreed to, among other things, grant a general release to BankAtlantic and its affiliates and to abide by a covenant-not-to-solicit and covenant-not-to-compete. In exchange, BankAtlantic agreed to, among other things, continue to pay Mr. Fuchs his annual base salary of \$543,057 through January 9, 2008, pay Mr. Fuchs his bonus of \$124,536 for the year ended December 31, 2006, continue Mr. Fuchs' medical/health/vision coverage in accordance with COBRA, extend the exercise period of all of Mr. Fuchs' vested stock options through May 15, 2007 and vest all of Mr. Fuchs' unvested stock options with a pro-rata date of January 9, 2008.
- (5) Effective June 30, 2007, Mr. White, the Company's former Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, became a non-executive officer. He is to receive an annual salary of \$94,900 per year for four years.

**Table of Contents****Compensation of Directors**

The Company's Compensation Committee recommends director compensation to the Board based on factors it considers appropriate and based on the recommendations of management. Currently, each non-employee director receives \$100,000 annually for service on the Board of Directors, payable in cash, restricted stock or non-qualified stock options, in such combinations as the director may elect, provided that no more than \$50,000 may be paid in cash. The restricted stock and stock options are granted in Class A Stock under the Company's 2005 Restricted Stock and Option Plan. Restricted stock vests monthly over a 12-month service period beginning on July 1 of each year and stock options are fully vested on the date of grant, have a ten-year term and have an exercise price equal to the closing market price of the Class A Stock on the date of grant. The number of stock options and restricted stock granted is determined by the Company based on assumptions and formulas typically used to value these types of securities. Members of the Audit Committee receive an additional \$4,000 per quarter for their service on that committee. The Chairman of the Audit Committee receives an additional fee of \$1,000 per quarter for service as Chairman. The Chairmen of the Compensation Committee and the Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee receive an annual cash fee of \$3,500. Other than the Chairmen, members of the Compensation Committee and the Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee do not receive additional compensation for service on those committees. Directors Abdo, DiGiulian and Ginestra serve as trustees of the Company's pension plan, for which they are compensated directly by the pension plan in the amount of \$9,000 per year. Other than the \$9,000 per year paid to Mr. Abdo directly by the Company's pension plan as described in the preceding sentence, directors who are also officers of the Company or its subsidiaries do not receive additional compensation for their service as directors.

**Director Compensation 2007**

The following table sets forth certain information regarding the compensation paid to the Company's non-employee directors for their service during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007.

Name	Fees Earned or Paid in Cash	Stock Awards(1)(3)	Option Awards(2)(3)	Change in Pension Value and Nonqualified Non-Equity Deferred Incentive			All Other Compensation(4)	Total
				Plan Compensation	Earnings	Compensation		
D. Keith Cobb	\$ 70,000	\$ 24,998	\$ 50,000	N/A	N/A	0	\$ 144,998	
Steven M. Coldren	\$ 73,000	\$ 54,162	0	N/A	N/A	0	\$ 127,162	
Bruno L. DiGiulian	\$ 50,000	\$ 24,998	\$ 50,000	N/A	N/A	\$ 9,000	\$ 133,398	
Mary E. Ginestra	\$ 50,000	\$ 54,162	0	N/A	N/A	\$ 9,000	\$ 113,162	
Willis N. Holcombe	\$ 50,000	0	\$ 50,000	N/A	N/A	0	\$ 100,000	
David A. Lieberman	\$ 46,000	\$ 34,999	\$ 70,000	N/A	N/A	0	\$ 150,999	
Charles C. Winningham, II	\$ 50,000	\$ 24,998	\$ 50,000	N/A	N/A	0	\$ 124,998	

- (1) All restricted stock are shares of the Company's Class A Stock. The amount represents the dollar amount recognized for financial statement reporting purposes for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007, in accordance with FAS 123(R), without taking into account an estimate of forfeitures related to service-based vesting, of restricted stock grants, including amounts from awards granted prior to 2007. There were no forfeitures during 2007. The grant date fair value of the restricted stock awards computed in accordance with FAS 123(R) is as follows: Mr. Coldren \$50,000 and Ms. Ginestra \$50,000.
- (2) All options are to purchase shares of the Company's Class A Stock. The amount represents the dollar amount recognized for financial statement reporting purposes for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007, in accordance with FAS 123(R), without taking into account an estimate of forfeitures related to service-based vesting, of stock option grants, including amounts from awards granted prior to 2007. Assumptions used in the calculation of these amounts are included in footnote 17 to the Company's audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007 included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 17, 2008. There were no forfeitures during 2007. The grant

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date fair value of the stock option awards computed in accordance with FAS 123(R) is as follows: each of Messrs. Cobb, DiGiulian, Holcombe and Winningham \$50,000; and Mr. Lieberman \$70,000.

- (3) The table below sets forth the aggregate number of shares of restricted Class A Stock and the aggregate number of options to acquire shares of Class A Stock held by each non-employee director as of December 31, 2007:

Name	Restricted Stock	Stock Options
D. Keith Cobb	0	34,392
Steven M. Coldren	2,222	32,536
Bruno L. DiGiulian	0	52,463
Mary E. Ginestra	2,222	46,146
Willis N. Holcombe	0	44,543
David A. Lieberman	0	34,539
Charles C. Winningham, II	0	39,401

- (4) Represents amounts paid as fees for service as trustee of the BankAtlantic Pension Plan.

**2) PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE COMPANY S RESTATED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION****Description of the Amendment**

The amendment (referred to in this section as the Amendment ) amends Article III of the Company s Restated Articles of Incorporation to increase the number of authorized shares of Class A Stock from 80 million shares to 150 million shares. The form of the Amendment is attached to this Proxy Statement as Appendix A. The relative rights, powers and limitations of the Class A Stock and Class B Stock, and the number of authorized shares of Class B Stock, remain unchanged by the Amendment. Holders of Class A Stock and holders of Class B Stock have no preemptive right to acquire or subscribe for any of the additional shares of Class A Stock authorized by the Amendment.

**Reasons for the Amendment**

The Company s Restated Articles of Incorporation presently authorize the issuance of a total of 80 million shares of Class A Stock and 45 million shares of Class B Stock. At March 21, 2008, 51,379,499 shares of Class A Stock and 4,876,124 shares of Class B Stock were issued and outstanding. In addition, an aggregate of 5,172,459 shares of Class A Stock were reserved for issuance upon exercise of stock options outstanding at March 21, 2008. Also, shares of Class B Stock are convertible into shares of Class A Stock on a share-for-share basis.

The Board approved the Amendment to give the Company greater flexibility to consider potential future actions which involve the issuance of shares, including possible future financings, stock offerings, acquisitions, stock dividends or distributions or other corporate purposes which may be identified in the future by the Board.

The Company is considering seeking to raise additional capital, but the Company currently has no agreements with respect to the issuance of any shares of Class A Stock or Class B Stock. However, no subsequent shareholder approval will be required prior to the issuance of the authorized number of shares of Class A Stock (including the additional shares authorized by the Amendment), nor is it anticipated that shareholder approval will be sought in connection with any such future issuances, unless such approval is otherwise required by law or regulation.

**Possible Anti-Takeover Effects of the Amendment**

The increase in the number of authorized shares of Class A Stock contemplated by the Amendment is not intended to have an anti-takeover effect. However, the issuance of Class A Stock, which has relatively less voting power than the Class B Stock, whether in connection with the previously announced offering, another offering, an acquisition or a stock dividend, could have the effect of enabling existing management and shareholders, including BFC, to retain substantially their current relative voting power without the dilution which would be experienced if additional shares of Class B Stock were issued. Future issuances of additional shares of Class A Stock would have the effect of diluting the voting rights of existing holders of Class A Stock and could have the effect of diluting

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earnings per share and book value per share of all existing shareholders. Further, in the event that a stock dividend on the Class B Stock was declared which was payable in Class A Stock, BFC could dispose of shares of Class A Stock without significantly affecting its voting power. The Amendment will allow BFC, as the sole existing holder of Class B Stock, to continue to exercise voting control over the Company even if the Company were to raise additional capital through the issuance of Class A Stock, and the Amendment will result in the authorization of additional shares of Class A Stock which may be issued without additional shareholder approval. As a consequence, the Amendment may further limit the circumstances in which a sale or transfer of control of the Company could be consummated which was not acceptable to management or BFC. However, it should be noted that a sale, contested merger, assumption of control by an outside principal shareholder or the removal of incumbent directors, would at the present time be impossible without the concurrence of BFC, given its ownership position in the Company.

The Company's Restated Articles of Incorporation and bylaws also presently contain other provisions which could have anti-takeover effects. These provisions include, without limitation, (i) the higher relative voting power of the Class B Stock as compared to the Class A Stock, (ii) the division of the Company's Board of Directors into three classes of directors with three-year staggered terms, (iii) the authority of the Board of Directors to issue additional shares of preferred stock and to fix the relative rights and preferences of the preferred stock without additional shareholder approval, and (iv) certain notice procedures to be complied with by shareholders in order to make shareholder proposals or nominate directors.

The Company is also subject to the Florida Business Corporation Act, including provisions related to control share acquisitions and affiliated transactions. The control share acquisition statute generally provides that shares acquired within specified voting ranges (shares representing in excess of 20%, 33% and 50% of outstanding voting power) will not possess voting rights unless the acquisition of the shares is approved by the Company's Board of Directors before acquisition of the shares or the voting rights associated with the shares are approved by a majority vote of the Company's disinterested shareholders following the acquisition of the shares. Subject to exceptions for certain transactions based on pricing or approval by a majority of disinterested directors, the affiliated transaction statute generally requires the approval of the holders of 66 2/3% of our outstanding voting power, other than the shares owned by an interested shareholder, to effectuate certain transactions involving the Company and an interested shareholder or an affiliate of an interested shareholder, including, among others, a merger, sale of assets or issuance of shares.

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT SHAREHOLDERS VOTE FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE AMENDMENT TO THE COMPANY'S RESTATED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION.**

### **AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT**

*The following Report of the Audit Committee does not constitute soliciting material and should not be deemed filed or incorporated by reference into any other Company filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act, except to the extent the Company specifically incorporates this Report by reference therein.*

The Audit Committee's charter (available at [www.bankatlanticbancorp.com](http://www.bankatlanticbancorp.com)) sets forth the Audit Committee's responsibilities, which include oversight of the Company's financial reporting on behalf of its Board of Directors and shareholders. In fulfilling its responsibilities, the Audit Committee reviewed and discussed the Company's audited consolidated financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007 with management, internal auditors and the independent registered certified public accounting firm engaged by the Company for 2007, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (PwC). The Audit Committee also discussed with PwC the matters required by *Statement on Auditing Standards No. 61 (The Auditor's Communication with Those Charged with Governance)*, as amended by *Statement on Auditing Standards No. 90 (Audit Committee Communications)*.

The Audit Committee also received from PwC the written disclosures and the letter required by *Independence Standards Board Standard No. 1 (Independence Discussions with Audit Committees)*, and discussed with PwC its independence from the Company. When considering PwC's independence, the Audit Committee considered whether PwC's provision of services to the Company beyond those rendered in connection with its audit and review of the Company's consolidated financial statements was compatible with maintaining its independence. The Audit Committee also reviewed, among other things, the amount of fees paid to PwC for audit and non-audit services.

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Based on these reviews, meetings, discussions and reports, the Audit Committee recommended to the Board of Directors that the Company's audited consolidated financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007 be included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007.

**Submitted by the Members of the Audit Committee:**

D. Keith Cobb, Chairman  
 Steven M. Coldren  
 David A. Lieberman

**Fees to Independent Auditors for Fiscal 2007 and 2006**

The following table presents fees for professional services rendered by PwC for the audit of the Company's annual financial statements for fiscal 2007 and 2006 and fees billed for audit-related services, tax services and all other services rendered by PwC for fiscal 2007 and 2006. PwC also served as independent registered certified public accounting firm for the Company's controlling shareholder, BFC, for the 2007 and 2006 fiscal years. The aggregate fees for professional services rendered by PwC in connection with its audit of BFC's consolidated financial statements and reviews of the consolidated financial statements included in BFC's Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the 2007 and 2006 fiscal years were approximately \$716,000 and \$248,000, respectively.

	<b>Fiscal 2007</b>	<b>Fiscal 2006</b>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>	
Audit fees	\$ 1,659(a)	\$ 1,783(a)
Audit-related fees	42(b)	425(b)(c)
Tax services		
All other fees		3

- (a) Includes primarily fees for services related to the annual financial statement audits, the 2007 and 2006 audit of effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, and review of quarterly financial statements filed in the Company's Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q.
- (b) Audits of employee benefit plans.
- (c) Includes fees for services related to the previously proposed initial public offering of Ryan Beck & Co.

All audit related services, tax services and other services were pre-approved by the Audit Committee, which concluded that the provision of such services by PwC was compatible with the maintenance of that firm's independence in the conduct of its auditing functions. Under its charter, the Audit Committee must review and pre-approve both audit and permitted non-audit services provided by the independent auditors and shall not engage the independent auditors to perform any non-audit services prohibited by law or regulation. Each year, the independent auditor's retention to audit the Company's financial statements, including the associated fee, is approved by the Audit Committee. Under its current practices, the Audit Committee does not regularly evaluate potential engagements of the independent auditor and approve or reject such potential engagements. At each Audit Committee meeting, the Audit Committee receives updates on the services actually provided by the independent auditor, and management may present additional services for pre-approval. The Audit Committee has delegated to the Chairman of the Audit



Committee the authority to evaluate and approve engagements on behalf of the Audit Committee in the event that a need arises for pre-approval between regular Audit Committee meetings. If the Chairman so approves any such engagements, he will report that approval to the full Audit Committee at the next Audit Committee.

The Audit Committee has determined that the provision of the services other than audit services, as described above, are compatible with maintaining the principal independent registered certified public accounting firm's independence.

On March 18, 2008, the Audit Committee approved the continued engagement of PwC as the Company's independent registered certified public accounting firm.

**Table of Contents****SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT****Principal Shareholders of the Company**

The following table sets forth, as of March 21, 2008, certain information as to Class A Stock and Class B Stock beneficially owned by persons owning in excess of 5% of the outstanding shares of such stock. Management knows of no person, except as listed below, who beneficially owned more than 5% of the Company's outstanding Class A Stock or Class B Stock as of March 21, 2008. Except as otherwise indicated, the information provided in the following table was obtained from filings with the SEC and with the Company pursuant to the Exchange Act. Addresses provided are those listed in the filings as the address of the person authorized to receive notices and communications. For purposes of the table below and the table set forth under Security Ownership of Management, in accordance with Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act, a person is deemed to be the beneficial owner of any shares of common stock (1) over which he or she has or shares, directly or indirectly, voting or investment power, or (2) of which he or she has the right to acquire beneficial ownership at any time within 60 days after March 21, 2008. As used herein, voting power is the power to vote, or direct the voting of, shares and investment power includes the power to dispose, or direct the disposition of, such shares. Unless otherwise noted, each beneficial owner has sole voting and sole investment power over the shares beneficially owned.

<b>Title of Class</b>	<b>Name and Address of Beneficial Owner</b>	<b>Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership</b>	<b>Percent of Class</b>
Class A Common Stock	BFC Financial Corporation 2100 W. Cypress Creek Road Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 33309	8,329,236(1)(4)	23.47%
Class A Common Stock	Wellington Management Company LLP 75 State Street Boston, Massachusetts 02109	5,734,321(2)	11.17%
Class A Common Stock	QVT Financial LP 1177 Avenue of the Americas New York, New York 10036	5,155,800(3)	10.05%
Class B Common Stock	BFC Financial Corporation 2100 W. Cypress Creek Road Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 33309	4,876,124(1)(4)	100.00%

(1) BFC has sole voting and dispositive power over all shares listed. BFC may be deemed to be controlled by Alan B. Levan and John E. Abdo, who collectively may be deemed to have an aggregate beneficial ownership of shares of common stock representing approximately 74% of the total voting power of BFC. Mr. Alan B. Levan serves as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Company and BFC and Chairman of BankAtlantic, and Mr. John E. Abdo serves as Vice Chairman of the Company, BankAtlantic and BFC.

(2) As reported on Wellington Management Company, LLP's Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on February 14, 2008, Wellington Management Company, LLP has sole voting power for 4,835,361 shares and shared dispositive power for 5,734,321 shares.

- (3) As reported on QVT Financial LP's Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on February 7, 2008, QVT Financial LP has shared voting power for 5,155,800 shares and shared dispositive power for 5,155,800 shares.
- (4) Class B Stock is convertible on a share-for-share basis at any time at BFC's discretion.

**Table of Contents****Security Ownership of Management**

Listed in the table below are the outstanding securities beneficially owned as of March 21, 2008 by (i) each director as of March 21, 2008, (ii) each named executive officer and (iii) all directors and executive officers as of March 21, 2008 as a group. The address of all parties listed below is 2100 West Cypress Creek Road, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33309.

<b>Name of Beneficial Owner</b>	<b>Class A Stock Ownership</b>	<b>Class B Stock Ownership</b>	<b>Percent of Class A Stock</b>	<b>Percent of Class B Stock</b>
BFC Financial Corporation(1)	8,329,236(10)	4,876,124(10)	23.47%	100%
Alan B. Levan(1)(7)	1,080,014(2)(3)(5)	0(2)	2.1%	0
John E. Abdo(1)	725,079(3)(5)	0	1.4%	0
Mark D. Begelman	6,794(3)	0	*	0
D. Keith Cobb	45,738(4)(5)	0	*	0
Steven M. Coldren	40,798(5)(9)	0	*	0
Lloyd B. DeVaux	303,690(3)(5)(6)	0	*	0
Bruno L. DiGiulian	53,463(5)	0	*	0
Jay R. Fuchs	100,000	0	*	0
Mary E. Ginestra	56,728(5)(9)	0	*	0
Willis N. Holcombe	47,933(5)	0	*	0
Jarett S. Levan(7)	78,124(5)	0	*	0
David A. Lieberman	51,218(5)	0	*	0
Valerie C. Toalson	10,316(3)	0	*	0
James A. White	130,402(5)	0	*	0
Charlie C. Winningham, II	154,416(5)	0	*	0
All directors and executive officers of the Company as of March 21, 2008 as a group (18 persons)	11,742,403(8)(10)	4,876,124(10)	29.5%	100%

\* Less than one percent of the class.

- (1) BFC may be deemed to be controlled by Alan B. Levan and John E. Abdo, who collectively may be deemed to have an aggregate beneficial ownership of shares of common stock representing approximately 74% of the total voting power of BFC. Mr. Alan B. Levan serves as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Company and BFC and Chairman of BankAtlantic, and Mr. John E. Abdo serves as Vice Chairman of the Company, BankAtlantic and BFC.
- (2) Mr. Alan B. Levan may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of the shares of Class A Stock and Class B Stock owned by BFC and 815,800 shares of Class A Stock held by various personal interests. The share amounts set forth for Mr. Levan do not include the shares of Class A Stock or Class B Stock beneficially owned by BFC, but do include the 815,800 shares of Class A Stock held by various personal interests.
- (3) Includes beneficial ownership of the following units of interest in shares of Class A Stock held by the BankAtlantic 401(k) Plan: Mr. Abdo 44,767 shares; Mr. Begelman 1,294 shares; Mr. Alan B. Levan 12,164 shares; Mr. DeVaux 43,377 shares; Ms. Toalson 316 shares.

- (4) 470 shares of Class A Stock are held by Mr. Cobb's wife, as to which Mr. Cobb does not have voting or investment power.
- (5) Includes beneficial ownership of the following shares of Class A Stock which may be acquired within 60 days pursuant to stock options: Mr. Abdo 104,502 shares; Mr. Cobb 34,392 shares; Mr. Coldren 32,536 shares; Mr. DeVaux 65,313; Mr. DiGiulian 52,463 shares; Ms. Ginestra 46,146 shares; Mr. Holcombe 44,543 shares; Mr. Alan B. Levan 156,754 shares; Mr. Jarett S. Levan 67,304 shares; Mr. Lieberman 34,539 shares; Mr. White 125,402 shares; and Mr. Winningham 39,401 shares.
- (6) Includes beneficial ownership of 78,000 shares of restricted Class A Stock held on behalf of Mr. DeVaux, as to which Mr. DeVaux has voting, but not dispositive, power.
- (7) Mr. Jarett S. Levan is the son of Mr. Alan B. Levan.

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- (8) Includes beneficial ownership of 1,155,195 shares of Class A Stock which may be acquired by executive officers and directors within 60 days pursuant to stock options, units of interest held by executive officers in 112,413 shares of Class A Stock held by the BankAtlantic 401(k) Plan, 78,000 shares of restricted stock held on behalf of Mr. DeVaux, as to which he has voting, but not dispositive, power, 1,776 shares of restricted stock issued to directors which have not yet vested, and shares of Class A stock owned by BFC that may be deemed beneficially owned by Mr. Alan B. Levan.
- (9) Includes restricted stock granted in connection with non-employee director compensation. The restricted stock is granted in Class A Stock under the Company's 2005 Restricted Stock and Option Plan and vests monthly over a 12-month service period commencing June 2007. Total includes 888 shares of Class A Stock which may be acquired within 60 days after March 21, 2008 by each of Mr. Coldren and Mrs. Ginestra.
- (10) Class B Stock is convertible on a share-for-share basis into Class A Stock at any time at BFC's discretion.

**OTHER MATTERS**

As of the date of this Proxy Statement, the Board of Directors is not aware of any matters, other than those referred to in the accompanying Notice of Meeting, that may be brought before the Annual Meeting.

**INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS**

Pricewaterhouse Coopers LLP served as the Company's independent public accountants for the year ended December 31, 2007. A representative of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP is expected to be present at the Annual Meeting, will have the opportunity to make a statement if he or she desires to do so, and will be available to respond to appropriate questions from shareholders.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

*Householding of Proxy Material.* The SEC has adopted rules that permit companies and intermediaries such as brokers to satisfy delivery requirements for proxy statements with respect to two or more shareholders sharing the same address by delivering a single proxy statement addressed to those shareholders. This process, which is commonly referred to as householding, potentially provides extra convenience for shareholders and cost savings for companies. The Company and some brokers household proxy materials, delivering a single proxy statement to multiple shareholders sharing an address unless contrary instructions have been received from the affected shareholders. Once you have received notice from your broker or the Company's transfer agent, American Stock Transfer & Trust Company (AST), that they or the Company will be householding materials to your address, householding will continue until you are notified otherwise or until you revoke your consent. However, the Company will deliver promptly upon written or oral request a separate copy of this Proxy Statement to a shareholder at a shared address to which a single Proxy Statement was delivered. If, at any time, you no longer wish to participate in householding and would prefer to receive a separate proxy statement, or if you are receiving multiple proxy statements and would like to request delivery of a single proxy statement, please notify your broker if your shares are held in a brokerage account or AST if you hold registered shares. You can notify AST by sending a written request to American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, 59 Maiden Lane Plaza Level, New York, NY 10038, attention Jennifer Donovan, Vice President.

*Advance Notice Procedures.* Under the Company's bylaws, no business may be brought before an annual meeting unless it is specified in the notice of the meeting or is otherwise brought before the meeting by or at the direction of the Board or by a shareholder entitled to vote who has delivered written notice to the Company's Corporate Secretary

(containing certain information specified in the bylaws about the shareholder and the proposed action) not less than 90 or more than 120 days prior to the first anniversary of the preceding year's annual meeting that is, with respect to the 2009 annual meeting, between January 20 and February 19, 2009. In addition, any shareholder who wishes to submit a nomination to the Board must deliver written notice of the nomination within this time period and comply with the information requirements in the bylaws relating to shareholder

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nominations. These requirements are separate from and in addition to the SEC's requirements that a shareholder must meet in order to have a shareholder proposal included in the Company's proxy statement.

*Shareholder Proposals for the 2009 Annual Meeting.* Shareholders interested in submitting a proposal for inclusion in the proxy materials for the annual meeting of shareholders in 2009 may do so by following the procedures prescribed in Rule 14a-8 under the Exchange Act. To be eligible for inclusion, shareholder proposals must be received by the Company's Secretary no later than January 7, 2009 at the Company's main offices, 2100 West Cypress Creek Road, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33309.

*Proxy Solicitation Costs.* The Company will bear the expense of soliciting proxies and of reimbursing brokers, banks and nominees for the out-of-pocket and clerical expenses of transmitting copies of the proxy materials to the beneficial owners of shares held of record by such persons. The Company does not currently intend to solicit proxies other than by use of the mail, but certain directors, officers and regular employees of the Company or its subsidiary, BankAtlantic, without additional compensation, may solicit proxies personally or by telephone, fax, special letter or otherwise.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Alan B. Levan  
*Chairman*

May , 2008



**FORM OF ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT  
TO THE  
RESTATED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
BANKATLANTIC BANCORP, INC.**

The Restated Articles of Incorporation of BANKATLANTIC BANCORP, INC., a Florida corporation (the Corporation ), are hereby amended pursuant to the provisions of Section 607.1006 of the Florida Business Corporation Act and such amendments are set forth as follows:

1. The first sentence of the first paragraph of Article III is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

The aggregate number of shares of capital stock which this Corporation shall have authority to issue is Two Hundred Five Million (205,000,000) of which Ten Million (10,000,000) shall be preferred stock, par value \$.01 per share, and of which One Hundred Ninety-Five Million (195,000,000) shall be common stock, par value \$.01 per share, consisting of One Hundred Fifty Million (150,000,000) shares of a class designated Class A Common Stock and Forty-Five Million (45,000,000) shares of a class designated Class B Common Stock (the Class A Common Stock and the Class B Common Stock are sometimes hereinafter referred to collectively as the Common Stock ).

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**THIS PROXY IS SOLICITED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
BANKATLANTIC BANCORP, INC.  
2100 W. CYPRESS CREEK ROAD  
FT. LAUDERDALE, FL 33309**

The undersigned hereby appoints Valerie C. Toalson and Lloyd B. DeVaux and each of them, acting alone, with the power to appoint his or her substitute, proxy to represent the undersigned and vote as designated on the reverse all of the shares of Class A Common Stock of BankAtlantic Bancorp, Inc. held of record by the undersigned on March 21, 2008 at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held on May 20, 2008 and at any adjournment or postponement thereof.

(Continued and to be signed on the reverse side)  
**ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS OF  
BANKATLANTIC BANCORP, INC.  
MAY 20, 2008**

**Please date, sign and mail your proxy card in the envelope provided as soon as possible.  
Please detach along perforated line and mail in the envelope provided.**

PLEASE SIGN, DATE AND RETURN PROMPTLY IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE. PLEASE MARK YOUR VOTE IN BLUE OR BLACK INK AS SHOWN HERE [X]

1. Election of three directors, each for a term of three years.

**NOMINEES: 3-YEAR TERM:**

D. Keith Cobb  
Bruno L. DiGiulian  
Alan B. Levan

- FOR ALL NOMINEES
- WITHHOLD AUTHORITY FOR ALL NOMINEES
- FOR ALL EXCEPT (See instructions below)

INSTRUCTION: To withhold authority to vote for any individual nominee(s), mark FOR ALL EXCEPT and write the nominee's name(s) below.

To change the address on your account, please check the box at right and indicate your new address in the address space above. Please note that changes to the registered name(s) on the account may not be submitted via this method.

2. Approval of the amendment to the Company's Restated Articles of Incorporation increasing the number of authorized shares of Class A Common Stock from 80,000,000 to 150,000,000.  
 FOR  
 AGAINST  
 ABSTAIN

3. In his or her discretion, the proxy is authorized to vote upon such other matters as may properly come before the meeting.

**THIS PROXY WHEN PROPERLY EXECUTED WILL BE VOTED IN THE MANNER DIRECTED HEREIN BY THE UNDERSIGNED SHAREHOLDER. IF NO DIRECTION IS MADE, THIS PROXY WILL BE VOTED FOR THE ELECTION OF THE DIRECTORS NAMED IN PROPOSAL 1 AND FOR PROPOSAL 2.**

PLEASE MARK, SIGN, DATE AND RETURN THE PROXY CARD PROMPTLY USING THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE.

Signature of Shareholder \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Shareholder  
\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: Please sign exactly as your name or names appear on this Proxy. When shares are held jointly, each holder should sign. When signing as executor, administrator, attorney, trustee or guardian, please give full title as such. If the signer is a corporation, please sign full corporate name by duly authorized officer, giving full title as such. If signer is a partnership, please sign in partnership name by authorized person.