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Greater Atlantic Financial Corp.

Proxy Statement of

#### MERGER PROPOSAL - YOUR VOTE IS VERY IMPORTANT

You are cordially invited to attend the special meeting of the shareholders of Greater Atlantic Financial Corp. ("Greater Atlantic") to be held on September 4, 2008, at 10:00 a.m., Local Time, at the Crowne Plaza Tysons Corner, 1960 Chain Bridge Road, McLean, VA. At the special meeting, you will be asked to approve the proposed merger of Greater Atlantic and Summit Financial Group, Inc. ("Summit"). In the merger, for each share of Greater Atlantic common stock that you own, subject to the following limitations and adjustments described more fully below, you will receive the number of shares of Summit common stock equal to \$4.00 divided by the average closing price of Summit's common stock as reported on the NASDAQ Capital Market for the twenty (20) trading days before the closing of the merger (the "Merger Consideration"). The number of shares of Summit common stock that you will receive for each share of Greater Atlantic common stock you own will be determined by the exchange ratio at closing.

At the closing, we will determine the exchange ratio by dividing \$4.00 by the average closing price of Summit common stock reported on the NASDAQ Capital Market for the twenty (20) trading days prior to closing (the "Average Closing Price"). The exchange ratio is subject to a ceiling, which sets the maximum number of shares that Summit will issue. Under this ceiling, each share of Greater Atlantic common stock will be exchanged for no more than 0.328625 of a share of Summit common stock. Cash will be paid instead of issuing fractional shares of Summit common stock.

The Merger Consideration and exchange ratio may be further adjusted based on the value of Greater Atlantic's shareholders' equity adjusted at closing. If, at closing, Greater Atlantic's shareholders' equity, as adjusted to exclude (a) accumulated other comprehensive income or loss and (b) the effect of removing the benefit of net operating loss carryforwards from the net deferred tax assets (the "Adjusted Shareholders' Equity"), is less than \$4,213,617 (which equals Greater Atlantic's Adjusted Shareholders' equity at March 31, 2008 and is referred to as the "Benchmark Equity"), then the aggregate value of the merger consideration will be reduced one dollar for each dollar that the Adjusted Shareholders' equity is less than the Benchmark Equity. For purposes of determining Adjusted Shareholders' equity at closing, the Adjusted Shareholders' Equity will be increased by the actual monthly operating losses, up to \$250,000 per month, incurred by Greater Atlantic after March 31, 2008 and before September 1, 2008, the fees accrued or paid to Greater Atlantic's financial advisor, and the fees accrued or paid to Greater Atlantic's legal counsel up to \$150,000.

The Merger Consideration and exchange ratio will also be adjusted based on any additional provisions to Greater Atlantic's loan loss allowance. If Summit's due diligence results in a determination by Summit, with the concurrence of independent accountants retained by Greater Atlantic to review this determination, that additional provisions should be made to Greater Atlantic's allowance for loan losses, then the Merger Consideration will be reduced dollar for dollar by the amount of the additional provisions. In calculating the amount of the Merger Consideration reduction, specific reserve reductions may be used to offset losses from other loans to determine the amount of provisions needed to the allowance for loan losses.

Because of the uncertainties relating to value of Greater Atlantic's shareholders equity at closing and whether any adjustments will be required to be made to Greater Atlantic's loan loss allowance, there can be no guarantee that you will receive shares of Summit stock equal to \$4.00 for each share of Greater Atlantic common stock.

We expect the merger to be tax-free with respect to the shares of Summit common stock that you receive. You may have to recognize income or gain for tax purposes for the cash in lieu of fractional shares of Summit common stock you receive in the merger.

The merger proposal is described in this proxy statement/prospectus. We encourage you to read this entire document carefully, including the "Risk Factors" section beginning on page 14.

Your board of directors recommends that you vote for the merger. We need your vote to complete the merger. Whether or not you plan to attend the special meeting, please complete, sign and date the enclosed proxy card and return it promptly in the enclosed envelope. If you neither return your card nor vote in person or if you abstain from voting, the effect will be to vote against the merger.

You should obtain current market quotations on shares of Summit common stock, which is listed on the NASDAQ Capital Market under the symbol "SMMF." Greater Atlantic common stock is quoted on the Pink Sheets under the symbol "GAFC.PK."

Carroll E. Amos President and Chief Executive Officer Greater Atlantic Financial Corp.

An investment in Summit common stock in connection with the merger involves certain risks and uncertainties. See "Risk Factors" beginning on page 14 of this proxy statement/prospectus.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of the securities to be issued in the merger or determined if this proxy statement/prospectus is truthful or complete. It is illegal to tell you otherwise.

The securities to be issued in the merger are not savings or deposit accounts, deposits or other obligations of any bank or banking association, and are not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other federal or state governmental agency.

This proxy statement/prospectus is dated August 4, 2008, and is expected to be first mailed to shareholders on or about August 7, 2008.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

This document incorporates important business and financial information about Summit from other documents filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission that have not been included in or delivered with this document. You may read and copy these documents at the SEC's public reference facilities. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for information about these facilities. This information is also available at the Internet site the SEC maintains at http://www.sec.gov. See "Where You Can Find More Information" on page 85.

You also may request copies of these documents from Summit. Summit will provide you with copies of these documents, without charge, upon written or oral request to:

Summit Financial Group, Inc. 300 North Main Street Moorefield, West Virginia 26836 Attention: Teresa D. Sherman Telephone: (304) 530-1000

To ensure timely delivery before the special meeting, you should make any requests for these documents by August 28, 2008.

# GREATER ATLANTIC FINANCIAL CORP. NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS TO BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 4, 2008

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED of and invited to attend the special meeting of shareholders of Greater Atlantic Financial Corp., a Delaware corporation, to be held on September 4, 2008, at 10:00 a.m., Local Time, at the Crowne Plaza Tysons Corner, 1960 Chain Bridge Road, McLean, VA, for the purpose of considering and voting upon the following:

- 1. A proposal to approve and adopt the Agreement and Plan of Reorganization dated as of June 9, 2008, by and among Greater Atlantic Financial Corp. ("Greater Atlantic"), Summit Financial Group, Inc. ("Summit") and SFG II, Inc., and the transactions contemplated thereby. In this proxy statement/prospectus, we refer to the Agreement and Plan of Reorganization, as amended, as the merger agreement. The merger agreement provides that Greater Atlantic will merge with and into SFG II, Inc., a subsidiary of Summit, upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the merger agreement, as more fully described in the accompanying proxy statement/prospectus. In the merger, among other things, each share of Greater Atlantic common stock will be converted into and become the right to receive shares of Summit common stock equal to \$4.00 based on an exchange ratio, subject to adjustment as further described in the accompanying proxy statement/prospectus. Cash will be paid instead of issuing fractional shares of Summit common stock.
- 2. A proposal to adjourn the meeting to a later date or dates, if necessary, to permit further solicitation of proxies in the event there are not sufficient votes at the time of the meeting to approve the matters to be considered by the shareholders at the meeting, as more fully described in the accompanying proxy statement prospectus.

Our board of directors has determined that the terms of the merger are advisable and in the best interests of Greater Atlantic and our shareholders, has approved and adopted the merger agreement, and unanimously recommends that our shareholders vote "FOR" the approval and adoption of the merger agreement and the transactions contemplated thereby.

Our board of directors has fixed the close of business on July 28, 2008, as the record date for determination of our shareholders entitled to receive notice of and to vote at the special meeting. A list of shareholders entitled to vote will be available at 10700 Parkridge Boulevard, Suite P50, Reston, Virginia 20191, for ten (10) days before the meeting and will also be available for inspection at the meeting. The meeting may be adjourned or postponed from time to time upon approval of our shareholders without any notice other than by announcement at the special meeting of the adjournment or postponement thereof, and any and all business for which notice is hereby given may be transacted at such adjourned or postponed special meeting.

The affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of our common stock entitled to vote at the special meeting is required to approve and adopt the merger agreement. Please complete, date, sign and promptly return the enclosed proxy card, which is solicited by your board of directors, in the enclosed envelope, whether or not you expect to attend the special meeting. You may revoke the proxy at any time before its exercise by delivering to us a written notice of revocation, by delivering to us a duly executed proxy card bearing a later date or by voting in person at the special meeting. Failure to return a properly executed proxy card, or to vote at the special meeting, or abstaining from voting, will have the same effect as a vote against the merger agreement and the transactions contemplated thereby.

By Order of the Board of Directors

Edward C. Allen Secretary Reston, Virginia August 4, 2008

EACH STOCKHOLDER, WHETHER OR NOT HE OR SHE PLANS TO ATTEND THE SPECIAL MEETING, IS REQUESTED TO SIGN, DATE, AND RETURN THE ENCLOSED PROXY CARD WITHOUT DELAY IN THE ENCLOSED POSTAGE-PAID ENVELOPE.

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D-1 ended September 30, 2007

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D-2 2007

Annex Greater Atlantic Financial Corp. Form 10-Q for the

D-3 period ended March 31, 2008

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#### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE MERGER

Q: What will shareholders be voting on at the special meeting?

A: Shareholders will be voting on a proposal to approve and adopt the merger agreement between Greater Atlantic and Summit and the transactions contemplated thereby.

Shareholders will also consider any other matters that may properly come before the meeting.

Q: Why is Greater Atlantic proposing the merger?

A: We believe the proposed merger is in the best interests of Greater Atlantic and its shareholders. Our board of directors believes that combining with Summit provides significant value to our shareholders and provides those shareholders the option to participate in the opportunities for growth offered by the combined company.

You should review the reasons for the merger described in greater detail under the caption "The Merger - Background of the Merger; Board Recommendations and Reasons for the Merger" beginning on page 42.

Q: When and where is the shareholder meeting?

A: The special meeting is scheduled to take place on September 4, 2008, at 10:00 a.m., Local Time, at the Crowne Plaza Tysons Corner, 1960 Chain Bridge Road, McLean, VA.

Q: What does the Greater Atlantic board of directors recommend?

A: The Greater Atlantic board of directors has approved the merger agreement. The Greater Atlantic board unanimously recommends that shareholders vote "FOR" the proposal to approve the merger agreement and the transactions contemplated thereby.

O: What will Greater Atlantic shareholders receive for their stock?

A: For each share of Greater Atlantic common stock that you own, you will receive shares of Summit common stock equal to \$4.00 divided by the average closing price of Summit Stock reported on the NASDAQ Capital Market for the twenty (20) trading days prior to the closing. This exchange ratio is subject to a "ceiling" or a limit on the maximum number of shares Summit will issue. Under that ceiling, each share of Greater Atlantic common stock will be exchanged for no more than 0.328625 of a share of Summit common stock. The amount of shares of Summit common stock that you will receive is also subject to adjustment based on the value of Greater Atlantic's shareholders' equity at the time of closing and whether any adjustments will be required to be made to Greater Atlantic's loan loss allowance. These adjustments are described more fully below.

The Merger Consideration and exchange ratio may be further adjusted based on the value of Greater Atlantic's shareholders' equity adjusted at closing. If, at closing, Greater Atlantic's shareholders' equity, as adjusted to exclude (a) accumulated other comprehensive income or loss and (b) the effect of removing the benefit of net operating loss carryforwards from the net deferred tax assets (the "Adjusted Shareholders' Equity"), is less than \$4,213,617 (which equals Greater Atlantic's Adjusted Shareholders' Equity at March 31, 2008 and is referred to as the "Benchmark"

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Equity"), then the aggregate value of the merger consideration will be reduced one dollar for each dollar that the Adjusted Shareholders' equity is less than the Benchmark Equity. For purposes of determining Adjusted Shareholders' equity at closing, the Adjusted Shareholders' Equity will be increased by the actual monthly operating losses, up to \$250,000 per month, incurred by Greater Atlantic after March 31, 2008 and before September 1, 2008, the fees accrued or paid to Greater Atlantic's financial advisor, and the fees accrued or paid to Greater Atlantic's legal counsel up to \$150,000.

The Merger Consideration and exchange ratio will also be adjusted based on additional provisions to Greater Atlantic's loan loss allowance. If Summit's due diligence results in a determination by Summit, with the concurrence of independent accountants retained by Greater Atlantic to review this determination, that additional provisions should be made to Greater Atlantic's allowance for loan losses, then the Merger Consideration will be reduced dollar for dollar by the amount of the additional provisions. In calculating the amount of the Merger Consideration reduction, specific reserve reductions may be used to offset losses from other loans to determine the amount of provisions needed to the allowance for loan losses.

Because of the uncertainties relating to value of Greater Atlantic's shareholders equity at closing and whether any adjustments will be required to be made to Greater Atlantic's loan loss allowance, there can be no guarantee that you will receive shares of Summit stock equal to \$4.00 per share.

Cash will be paid instead of issuing fractional shares of Summit common stock. A chart on page 37 under "The Merger - Merger Consideration" provides examples of the value of the transaction to shareholders of Greater Atlantic at selected Average Closing Prices of Summit common stock. This chart includes assumptions regarding the value of Greater Atlantic's shareholders' equity at closing and whether any adjustments will be made to Greater Atlantic's allowance for loan losses.

Q: How will I receive my shares of Summit common stock and cash in lieu of fractional shares?

A: The exchange agent will mail transmittal forms to each Greater Atlantic shareholder within five (5) business days after completion of the merger. You should complete the transmittal form and return it to the exchange agent as soon as possible. Once the exchange agent has received the proper documentation, it will forward to you the shares of Summit common stock to which you are entitled.

Shareholders will not receive any fractional shares of Summit common stock. Instead, they will receive cash, without interest, for any fractional share of Summit common stock that they might otherwise have been entitled to receive based on the market value of the Summit common stock on the date that the merger occurs.

Q: How do I exchange my Greater Atlantic stock certificates?

A: If the merger is completed, the exchange agent will send Greater Atlantic shareholders written instructions for exchanging their stock certificates. You will be asked to return your Greater Atlantic stock certificates, and shortly after the merger, the exchange agent will allocate cash and Summit common stock among Greater Atlantic shareholders. In any event, you should not forward your Greater Atlantic certificates with your proxy card.

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- Q: What should I do if my shares of Greater Atlantic are held by my broker or otherwise in "street name?"
- A: If you hold your shares of Greater Atlantic common stock in "street name" (i.e., your bank or broker holds your shares for you), you should receive instructions regarding exchange procedures directly from your bank or broker. If you have any questions regarding these procedures, you should contact your bank or broker directly, or you may contact Summit or Greater Atlantic at the addresses or telephone numbers listed on page 73.
- Q: When will we complete the merger?
- A: We intend to complete the merger as soon as possible after shareholder approval is received, all regulatory approvals have been obtained, and all other conditions to the closing have been satisfied or waived.

The regulatory approvals are described under "The Merger – Regulatory Approvals" beginning on page 66.

- O: What should I do now?
- A: Mail your signed and dated proxy card in the enclosed return envelope as soon as possible so that your shares may be represented at the special meeting. It is important that the proxy card be received as soon as possible and in any event before the special meeting.
- Q: Can I change my vote after I mail my proxy card?
- A: Yes. You can change your vote at any time before your proxy is voted at the special meeting. You can do this in one of three ways:
  - First, you can send a written notice stating that you revoke your proxy.
    - Second, you can complete, sign, date and submit a new proxy card.
- Third, you can attend the special meeting and vote in person. Simply attending the special meeting, however, will not revoke your proxy.

If you choose either of the first or second methods, you must submit your notice of revocation or your new proxy card to Greater Atlantic prior to the special meeting. Your submissions must be mailed to the Secretary of Greater Atlantic at the address listed on page 33.

Q: Who will be soliciting proxies?

A: In addition to solicitation of proxies by officers, directors and employees of Greater Atlantic, Greater Atlantic has engaged a professional proxy solicitation firm, Laurel Hill Advisory Group, LLC, to assist it in soliciting proxies.

Q: What if I do not vote or I abstain from voting?

A: If you do not vote or you abstain from voting, your failure to vote or abstention will count as a "NO" vote on the proposal to approve and adopt the merger agreement.

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- Q: If my shares are held by my broker in "street name," will my broker vote my shares for me?
- A: Your broker will vote your shares on the proposal to approve and adopt the merger agreement only if you provide instructions on how to vote. You should follow the directions provided by your broker to vote your shares. If you do not provide your broker with instructions on how to vote your shares held in "street name," your broker will not be permitted to vote your shares on the proposal to approve and adopt the merger agreement, which will have the effect of a "NO" vote on the items being considered.
- Q: Will I be able to sell the shares of Summit common stock that I receive in the merger?
- A: Yes. The shares of Summit common stock to be issued in the merger will be registered under the Securities Act of 1933 (the "Securities Act") and listed on the NASDAQ Capital Market.
- Q: What are the tax consequences of the merger to me?
- A: Your tax consequences will depend on whether you received solely shares of Summit stock or received cash in lieu of fractional shares or pursuant to an exercise of dissenters' rights. For greater detail, see "Certain Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Merger" beginning on page 70.
- Q: Who should shareholders call with questions?
- A: If you have more questions about the merger, you should contact:

Carroll E. Amos President and Chief Executive Officer Greater Atlantic Financial Corp. 10700 Parkridge Boulevard Suite P50 Reston, Virginia 20191 Telephone: (703) 391-1300

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#### **SUMMARY**

This brief summary highlights selected information from this proxy statement/prospectus and may not contain all of the information that is important to you. We urge you to carefully read the entire proxy statement/prospectus and the other documents to which this proxy statement/prospectus refers to fully understand the merger. See "Where You Can Find More Information" on page 85. Each item in this summary includes a page reference directing you to a more complete description of that item.

## The Merger (page 36)

We have attached the merger agreement, as amended, to this proxy statement/prospectus as Annex A. Please read the merger agreement. It is the legal document that governs the merger.

In the merger, Summit will acquire Greater Atlantic by means of the merger of Greater Atlantic into SFG II, Inc., a subsidiary of Summit formed to facilitate the merger.

Each share of Greater Atlantic common stock outstanding will be converted in the merger into shares of Summit common stock as further described below. We expect to complete the merger in the fourth quarter of 2008, although there can be no assurance in this regard.

#### Our Reasons for the Merger (page 49)

The terms of the merger agreement were the results of arm's length negotiations between representatives of Greater Atlantic and Summit. In deciding to enter into the merger agreement, Greater Atlantic's board of directors considered a number of factors including:

- The understanding of the board of directors of the strategic options available to Greater Atlantic and the board of directors' assessment of those options with respect to the prospects and estimated results of the execution by Greater Atlantic of its business plan as an independent entity under various scenarios, and the determination that none of those options or the execution of the business plan under the best case scenarios was likely to create greater present value for Greater Atlantic's stockholders than the value to be paid by Summit. In particular, the board of directors considered Greater Atlantic's ability to achieve consistent profitability as an independent entity, the prospects for profitable operations under the cease and desist order, which became effective on April 25, 2008, and prospects for further adverse regulatory action if it failed to do so. See "CEASE AND DESIST ORDER APPLICABLE TO GREATER ATLANTIC BANK".
- The ability of Greater Atlantic's stockholders to participate in the future prospects of the combined entity through ownership of Summit common stock, and that Greater Atlantic's shareholders would have potential value appreciation by owning the common stock of Summit.
- Summit's ability to continue to pay cash dividends on its common stock (Greater Atlantic has never paid cash dividends).
- Sandler O'Neill's written opinion that, as of June 9, 2008, and subject to the assumptions and limitations set forth in the opinion, the merger consideration was fair to Greater Atlantic's stockholders from a financial point of view.
- The wider array of financial products and services that would be available to customers of Greater Atlantic and the communities served by Greater Atlantic.

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- The current and prospective economic, competitive and regulatory environment and the regulatory compliance costs facing Greater Atlantic and other similar size, independent, community banking institutions generally, including the cost of compliance with the requirements of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act.
- A review, with the assistance of Greater Atlantic's financial and legal advisors, of the terms of the merger agreement, including that the merger is intended to qualify as a transaction that is generally tax-free for U.S. federal income tax purposes.
  - The results of the due diligence review of Summit.
- The Greater Atlantic employees to be retained after the merger would have opportunities for career advancement in a larger organization.
- The likelihood of receiving timely regulatory approval and the approval of Greater Atlantic's stockholders and the estimated transaction and severance costs associated with the merger and payments that could be triggered upon termination of or failure to consummate the merger.

In deciding to enter into the merger agreement, Summit's board of directors considered a number of factors, including the opportunity the merger presented to expand its presence in attractive markets in Virginia. Summit believes the acquisition of Greater Atlantic's operations is consistent with its plan to have operations, offices and distinct capabilities in every market of its choice within its region.

## What Shareholders Will Receive (page 36)

If the merger is completed, Greater Atlantic stockholders will receive shares of Summit common stock based on the number of shares of Greater Atlantic common stock he or she owns at closing.

At the closing, we will determine the exchange ratio by dividing \$4.00 by the average closing price of Summit common stock reported on the NASDAQ Capital Market for the twenty (20) trading days prior to closing (the "Average Closing Price"). The exchange ratio is subject to a ceiling which provides that each share of Greater Atlantic common stock will be exchanged for no more than 0.328625 of a share of Summit common stock. The amount of shares of Summit common stock that you will receive is also subject to adjustment based on the amount of Greater Atlantic's shareholders' equity at the time of closing and whether any adjustments will be required to be made to Greater Atlantic's loan loss allowance. These adjustments are described more fully below.

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Because of the uncertainties relating to the amount of Greater Atlantic's shareholders equity at closing and whether any adjustments will be required to be made to Greater Atlantic's loan loss allowance, there can be no guarantee that you will receive shares of Summit stock equal to \$4.00 per share.

A chart on page 37 under "The Merger - Merger Consideration" provides examples of the value of the transaction to shareholders of Greater Atlantic at selected Average Closing Prices of Summit common stock. This chart includes assumptions regarding the value of Greater Atlantic's shareholders' equity at closing, and whether any adjustments will be made to Greater Atlantic's allowance for loan losses.

Summit will not issue any fractional shares in the merger. Instead, you will receive cash for any fractional share of Summit common stock owed to you. The amount of cash that you will receive for any such fractional share will be calculated by multiplying the fractional share interest by the closing price of Summit common stock on the NASDAQ Capital Market on the effective date of the merger.

Dissenters' or Appraisal Rights (page 35)

Under Delaware law, Greater Atlantic stockholders may object to the merger and demand to be paid the fair value of their shares. Under Delaware law, you should know that in determining the fair value of your shares, any appreciation or depreciation resulting from the accomplishment or expectation of the merger will not be considered. To properly exercise your appraisal rights and avoid a waiver of such rights, you must not vote your shares in favor of the merger and you must follow the exact procedures required by Delaware law (see Annex B).

Resale of Summit Shares Received in the Merger (page 69)

Summit has registered the shares of its common stock to be issued in the merger under the federal securities laws. Therefore, you may sell shares that you receive in the merger without restriction even if you are considered an affiliate of Greater Atlantic or you become an affiliate of Summit. A director, executive officer or stockholder who beneficially owns 10% or more of the outstanding shares of a company is generally deemed to be an affiliate of that company.

#### Our Recommendation (page 42)

The Greater Atlantic board of directors believes that the merger is advisable and in the best interests of Greater Atlantic's shareholders. Greater Atlantic's board unanimously recommends that shareholders vote "FOR" the proposal to approve and adopt the merger agreement and the transactions contemplated thereby.

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Risk Factors (page 14)

The merger is subject to risks, some of which are summarized below. You should carefully consider these risk factors and others discussed in more detail on pages 14 through 17 in deciding whether to vote for approval of the merger agreement.

- Summit may be unable to effectively integrate the operations of Greater Atlantic;
  - changes in interest rates may adversely affect Summit's business;
- loss of Summit's CEO or other executive officers could adversely affect its business;
  - Summit and its subsidiaries operate in highly competitive markets;
- dividend payments by Summit's subsidiaries to Summit and by Summit to its stockholders could be restricted;
- Summit's business is concentrated in the Eastern Panhandle and South Central regions of West Virginia and in the Shenandoah Valley and Northern Virginia, and a downturn in the local economies may adversely affect its business;
- determination of the adequacy of the allowance for loan losses is based upon estimates that are inherently subjective and dependent on the outcome of future events. Ultimate losses may differ from current estimates. As a result, such losses may increase significantly.

#### Opinion of Financial Advisor (page 51)

In approving the merger, Greater Atlantic's board considered the opinion of its financial advisor, Sandler O'Neill & Partners, L.P., as to the fairness from a financial point of view of the consideration to be paid by Summit in the merger as of June 9, 2008. We have attached this opinion to this proxy statement/prospectus as Annex C. You should read this opinion completely to understand the assumptions made, matters considered and limitations of the review undertaken by Sandler O'Neill & Partners, L.P. in providing its opinion.

#### Accounting Treatment (page 69)

The merger will be accounted for under the purchase method of accounting.

Certain Federal Income Tax Consequences (page 70)

A holder of Greater Atlantic common stock who exchanges his or her Greater Atlantic common stock actually owned for shares of common stock of Summit generally will not recognize gain or loss with respect to the shares of Greater Atlantic common stock exchanged if they only receive shares of Summit common stock in the exchange, except with respect to any cash received instead of a fractional share or pursuant to the exercise of dissenters' rights.

Shareholders will be required to file certain information with their federal income tax returns and to retain certain records with regard to the merger.

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The discussion of United States federal income tax consequences set forth above is for general information only and does not purport to be a complete analysis or listing of all potential tax effects that may apply to a holder of Greater Atlantic common stock. Shareholders of Greater Atlantic are strongly urged to consult their tax advisors to determine the particular tax consequences to them of the merger, including the application and effect of federal, state, local, foreign and other tax laws.

The Companies (page 73)

Summit Financial Group, Inc. 300 North Main Street Moorefield, West Virginia 26836 (304) 530-1000

Summit is a \$1.5 billion financial holding company headquartered in Moorefield, West Virginia, at 300 North Main Street. Summit provides commercial and retail banking services primarily in the Eastern Panhandle and South Central regions of West Virginia and the Northern region of Virginia. Summit provides these services through its community bank subsidiary, Summit Community Bank. Summit also operates Summit Insurance Services, LLC in Moorefield, West Virginia and Leesburg, Virginia.

As of March 31, 2008, Summit had total assets of \$1.5 billion, net loans of \$1.1 billion, total deposits of \$836.9 million, and shareholders' equity of \$92.0 million.

Greater Atlantic Financial Corp. 10700 Parkridge Boulevard, Suite P50 Reston, Virginia 20191 (703) 391-1300

Greater Atlantic is organized under the laws of the State of Delaware and is registered as a savings and loan holding company under the Home Owners' Loan Act. It has one subsidiary, Greater Atlantic Bank, which has four offices in Virginia and an office in Maryland through which all of its business is conducted.

Greater Atlantic is engaged in the business of offering banking services to the general public. Through its subsidiary, Greater Atlantic offers checking accounts, savings and time deposits, and commercial, real estate, personal, home improvement, automobile and other installment and term loans. It also offers financial services, travelers' checks, safe deposit boxes, collection, notary public and other customary bank services (with the exception of trust services) to its customers. The principal types of loans that the bank makes are commercial loans, commercial and residential real estate loans and loans to individuals for household, family and other consumer expenditures.

Effective April 25, 2008, Greater Atlantic Bank consented to the issuance of a Cease and Desist Order by the office of Thrift Supervision. See "CEASE AND DESIST ORDER APPLICABLE TO GREATER ATLANTIC BANK."

As of March 31, 2008, Greater Atlantic reported total assets of \$230.4 million, net loans of \$159.7 million, deposits of \$188.8 million and shareholders' equity of \$3.3 million.

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The Special Meeting and Required Vote (page 34)

Greater Atlantic is holding a special shareholders' meeting on September 4, 2008, at 10:00 a.m., Local Time, at the Crowne Plaza Tysons Corner, 1960 Chain Bridge Road, McLean, VA. The purpose of the meeting is for Greater Atlantic Financial Corp. stockholders to consider and vote on the merger agreement. The record date for the meeting is the close of business on July 28, 2008. On that date, Greater Atlantic had 3,024,220 shares of common stock outstanding and entitled to vote. Only stockholders of record at the close of business on the record date will be entitled to vote at the meeting and any adjournment. You can cast one vote for each share of Greater Atlantic common stock that you owned on that date.

The approval of the merger agreement and the transactions contemplated thereby requires the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of Greater Atlantic's outstanding shares entitled to vote at the special meeting. As of July 28, 2008, Greater Atlantic's directors and executive officers, and their affiliates, held 301,759 shares of Greater Atlantic common stock, which represents approximately 9.98% of the total outstanding shares of Greater Atlantic common stock entitled to vote at the special meeting. The Greater Atlantic directors intend to vote the shares of Greater Atlantic common stock that they own for approval of the merger agreement and the transactions contemplated thereby.

Conditions to Completion of the Merger (page 61)

The obligations of Summit and Greater Atlantic to complete the merger depend on a number of conditions being met. These include:

- Greater Atlantic's shareholders' approval of the merger agreement;
- approval of the merger by the necessary federal and state regulatory authorities;
- authorization for the listing on the NASDAQ Capital Market of the shares of Summit common stock to be issued in the merger;
  - absence of any law or court order prohibiting the merger;
- receipt of an opinion from counsel to Summit that the merger will qualify as a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Internal Revenue Code;
- the balance of Greater Atlantic Bank's core deposits (as defined in the merger agreement) being not less than \$144 million;
- Greater Atlantic and its subsidiary, Greater Atlantic Bank, must have minimum regulatory capital ratios of: Tier 1 (core) capital equal to 4.0%, Tier 1 risk-based capital equal to 4.0% and total risk-based capital equal to 8.0%;
- Greater Atlantic Bank's ratio of the sum of non-performing loans, other real estate owned and net loans charged off after March 31, 2008, to total consolidated assets must not exceed 2.78%;
- Greater Atlantic's allowance for loan losses must be adequate in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and applicable regulatory guidance, as determined by Summit with the concurrence of independent accountants retained by Greater Atlantic to review this determination;

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- All consents or approvals of any third party required to be made or obtained by Greater Atlantic or Greater Atlantic Bank in connection with the assignment of any real property lease must be obtained and satisfactory to Summit;
  - No regulatory authority shall have issued any order, decree, agreement, memorandum of understanding, administrative action or similar arrangement with, or commitment letter or similar submission to, or extraordinary supervisory letter from such regulatory authority relating to Greater Atlantic or its subsidiaries that remains in effect after the closing of the merger;
- If Summit must obtain shareholder approval of an amendment to its Articles of Incorporation in order to assume Greater Atlantic's trust preferred securities, then the merger is conditioned on receipt of such approval; and
  - the continued accuracy of certain representations and warranties.

Where the law permits, either of us could choose to waive a condition to our obligation to complete the merger although that condition has not been satisfied. We cannot be certain when, or if, the conditions to the merger will be satisfied or waived, or that the merger will be completed.

#### Regulatory Approvals (page 66)

We cannot complete the merger unless it is approved by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. Summit filed an application to obtain approval of the merger with the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond. The Division of Banking Supervision and Regulation of the Board of Governors in Washington, D.C. is responsible for processing the application. A discussion of the status of the application filed with the Federal Reserve is set forth on page 66.

Following the closing of the merger, Summit will file notices of closing with the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond.

As of the date of this proxy statement/prospectus, we have not yet received the required approvals. While we do not know of any reason why we would not be able to obtain the necessary approvals in a timely manner, we cannot be certain when or if we will receive them.

Termination of the Merger Agreement (page 64)

Greater Atlantic and Summit may mutually agree to terminate the merger at any time.

Either Greater Atlantic or Summit may terminate the merger agreement if any of the following occurs:

either party breaches any of its representations or obligations under the merger agreement, and does not cure the breach within 30 days and provided that with respect to any breach of the covenants and agreements relating to (i) the filing of the registration statement on Form S-4 with the SEC, (ii) the issuance of press releases relating to the merger, (iii) benefit plans and (iv) contractual rights of Greater Atlantic's and its subsidiaries' employees, if such breach individually or in the aggregate with other breaches results in a material adverse effect;

• the conditions to the consummation of the merger (other than receipt of regulatory approvals and the approval of Greater Atlantic's shareholders and Summit's shareholders, if the

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assumption of Greater Atlantic's trust preferred securities by Summit requires Summit to obtain shareholder approval to amend Summit's Articles of Incorporation) have not been fulfilled by September 30, 2008, unless the failure of the fulfillment of the conditions arises out of or results from the knowing action or inaction of the party seeking to terminate:

the merger is not completed by December 31, 2008, unless the failure of the merger to be consummated arises out of or results from the knowing action or inaction of the party seeking to terminate; or

the approval of any governmental entity required for consummation of the merger is denied, the shareholders of Greater Atlantic do not approve the merger agreement or the shareholders of Summit do not approve an amendment to Summit's Articles of Incorporation (if required by Summit for the assumption of Greater Atlantic's trust preferred securities).

Summit may terminate the merger agreement if Greater Atlantic's board fails to recommend approval of the merger agreement, withdraws its recommendation or modifies its recommendation in a manner adverse to Summit before the special meeting.

Greater Atlantic may terminate the merger agreement in order to enter into an agreement with respect to an unsolicited proposal that if consummated would result in a transaction more favorable to Greater Atlantic's shareholders from a financial point of view, provided that Summit does not make a counteroffer that is at least as favorable to the other proposal and Greater Atlantic pays the termination fee described below.

#### Termination Fee (page 65)

In the event the merger agreement is terminated (i) due to failure to obtain Greater Atlantic's shareholder approval and prior to such time a competing acquisition proposal for Greater Atlantic has been made public and not withdrawn or (ii) by Greater Atlantic in order to enter into an agreement with respect to a superior proposal, then in either case Greater Atlantic must pay Summit a termination fee of \$550,000 according to the following schedule: (i) \$150,000 no later than two (2) business days after the date of termination, (ii) \$100,000 on the date that is one (1) year after the termination date, (iii) \$100,000 on the date that is two (2) years after the termination date, and (iv) \$200,000 on the date that is three (3) years after the termination date.

In the event the merger agreement is terminated (i) because Greater Atlantic's board fails to recommend, withdraws, modifies, or changes its recommendation of the merger before Greater Atlantic's shareholder meeting, or (ii) by Summit due to a breach by Greater Atlantic of any representation, warranty, covenant or other agreement, then in either of those cases Greater Atlantic must pay Summit a cash termination fee of \$250,000 no later than two (2) business days after the termination date.

#### Waiver and Amendment (page 65)

We may jointly amend the merger agreement, and each of us may waive our right to require the other party to adhere to the terms and conditions of the merger agreement. However, we may not do so after Greater Atlantic's shareholders approve the merger agreement if the amendment or waiver would violate the Delaware General Corporation Law or the West Virginia Business Corporation Act.

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Interests of Directors and Officers in the Merger that Differ from Your Interests (page 60)

Some of the directors and officers of Greater Atlantic have interests in the merger that differ from, or are in addition to, their interests as shareholders of Greater Atlantic. These interests exist because of, among other things, employment or severance agreements that the officers entered into with Greater Atlantic, and rights that these officers and directors have under Greater Atlantic's benefit plans. These employment and severance agreements provide certain officers with severance benefits if their employment is terminated following the merger. Further, certain officers and employees of Greater Atlantic will benefit from accelerated vesting of stock options. The members of the Greater Atlantic board of directors knew about these additional interests and considered them when they approved the merger agreement.

# Stock Options (page 38)

If the merger is completed, each outstanding option to purchase shares of Greater Atlantic common stock under any and all plans of Greater Atlantic under which stock options have been granted and are outstanding shall vest and holders of Greater Atlantic stock options shall be entitled to receive cash in an amount equal to the difference between the value of (a) the merger consideration and (b) the applicable exercise price (rounded to the nearest cent) for each outstanding Greater Atlantic stock option.

Comparative Rights of Summit Shareholders and Greater Atlantic Shareholders (page 76)

The rights of Summit's shareholders are governed by West Virginia law and by Summit's articles of incorporation and bylaws. The rights of Greater Atlantic's shareholders are governed by Delaware law and by Greater Atlantic's certificate of incorporation and bylaws. Upon completion of the merger, the rights of the Summit shareholders, including former shareholders of Greater Atlantic, will be governed by West Virginia law and the articles of incorporation and bylaws of Summit.

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#### RISK FACTORS

You should carefully read and consider the following risk factors concerning Summit, Greater Atlantic and the merger before you decide whether to vote to approve the merger and/or the other matters to be considered and voted upon at the shareholder meeting.

Risks Associated with the Merger

Fluctuations in the trading price of Summit common stock will change the value of the shares of Summit common stock you receive in the merger.

The number of shares of Summit common stock that you will receive for each share of Greater Atlantic common stock will be calculated at closing based on the exchange ratio. At the closing, we will determine the exchange ratio by dividing the average closing price of Summit common stock reported on the NASDAQ Capital Market for the twenty (20) trading days prior to closing (the "Average Closing Price") by \$4.00. However, the exchange ratio is subject to a ceiling, which sets the maximum number of shares that Summit will issue. The ceiling provides that each share of Greater Atlantic common stock will be exchanged for no more than 0.328625 of a share of Summit common stock. As a result, the market value of the Summit common stock that you receive in the merger will increase or decrease depending on the direction of the price movement of the Summit common stock. See chart on page 37 under the heading "The Merger - Merger Consideration" for an illustration of what you will receive based on Summit's stock price. Also, after the merger, the market value of Summit common stock may decrease and be lower than the market value of Summit common stock that was used in calculating the exchange ratio in the merger.

The amount of Greater Atlantic's shareholders' equity at closing and any adjustments to Greater Atlantic's allowance for loan losses as required by the merger agreement may reduce the value of the shares of Summit common stock you receive in the merger.

The Merger Consideration and exchange ratio may be adjusted based on the amount of Greater Atlantic's shareholders' equity adjusted at closing. If, at closing, Greater Atlantic's shareholders' equity, as adjusted to exclude (a) accumulated other comprehensive income or loss and (b) the effect of removing the benefit of net operating loss carryforwards from the net deferred tax assets (the "Adjusted Shareholders' Equity"), is less than \$4,213,617 (which equals Greater Atlantic's Adjusted Shareholders' Equity at March 31, 2008 and is referred to as the "Benchmark Equity"), then the aggregate value of the merger consideration will be reduced one dollar for each dollar that the Adjusted Shareholders' equity is less than \$4,213,617. For purposes of determining Adjusted Shareholders' equity at closing, the Adjusted Shareholders' Equity will be increased by the actual monthly operating losses, up to \$250,000 per month, incurred by Greater Atlantic after March 31, 2008 and before September 1, 2008, the fees accrued or paid to Greater Atlantic's financial advisor, and the fees accrued or paid to Greater Atlantic's legal counsel up to \$150,000.

The Merger Consideration and exchange ratio may also be adjusted based on additional provisions to Greater Atlantic's loan loss allowance. If Summit's due diligence results in a determination by Summit, with the concurrence of independent accountants retained by Greater Atlantic to review this determination, that additional provisions should be made to Greater Atlantic's allowance for loan losses, then the Merger Consideration will be reduced dollar for dollar by the amount of additional provisions. In calculating the amount of the Merger Consideration reduction, specific reserve reductions may be used to offset losses from other loans to determine the amount of provisions needed to the allowance for loan losses.

Because of the uncertainties relating to amount of Greater Atlantic's shareholders equity at closing and whether any adjustments will be required to be made to Greater Atlantic's loan loss allowance, there can be no guarantee that you will receive shares of Summit stock equal to \$4.00 for each share of Greater Atlantic common stock.

The integration of the operations of Summit and Greater Atlantic may be more difficult than anticipated.

The success of the merger will depend on a number of factors, including but not limited to Summit's ability to:

- timely and successfully integrate the operations of Summit and Greater Atlantic;
- maintain existing relationships with depositors in Greater Atlantic to minimize withdrawals of deposits subsequent to the merger;
- maintain and enhance existing relationships with borrowers to limit unanticipated losses of loan customers of Greater Atlantic:
  - control the incremental non-interest expense from Summit to maintain overall operating efficiencies;
    - retain and attract qualified personnel at Summit and Greater Atlantic;
- compete effectively in the communities served by Summit and Greater Atlantic and in nearby communities; and
  - manage effectively its anticipated growth resulting from the merger.

The merger with Greater Atlantic may distract management of Summit from its other responsibilities.

The Merger of Greater Atlantic could cause the management of Summit to focus its time and energies on matters related to the Merger that otherwise would be directed to the business and operations of Summit. Any such distraction on the part of management, if significant, could affect its ability to service existing business and develop new business and adversely effect the business and earnings of Summit.

Greater Atlantic's shareholders will have less influence as shareholders of Summit than as shareholders of Greater Atlantic

Greater Atlantic's shareholders currently have the right to vote in the election of the board of directors of Greater Atlantic and on other matters affecting Greater Atlantic. After the merger, the shareholders of Greater Atlantic as a group will own approximately 11.35% of the combined organization. When the merger occurs, each shareholder that receives shares of Summit common stock will become a shareholder of Summit with a percentage ownership of the combined organization much smaller than such shareholder's percentage ownership of Greater Atlantic. Consequently, Greater Atlantic's shareholders will have less influence on the management and policies of Summit than they now have on the management and policies of Greater Atlantic.

Directors and officers of Greater Atlantic have interests in the merger that differ from the interests of non-director or non-management shareholders.

Some of the directors and officers of Greater Atlantic have interests in the merger that differ from, or are in addition to, their interests as shareholders of Greater Atlantic, generally. These interests exist because of, among other things, employment or severance agreements that certain officers entered into with Greater Atlantic, rights that Greater Atlantic officers and directors have under Greater Atlantic's benefit plans (including the treatment of their stock options and warrants following the merger) and rights

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to indemnification following the merger. Although the members of each of Summit's and Greater Atlantic's board of directors knew about these additional interests and considered them when they approved the merger agreement and the merger, you should understand that some of the directors and officers of Greater Atlantic will receive benefits or other payments in connection with the merger that you will not receive. See "The Merger – Interests of Certain Persons in the Merger" on page 60.

#### Risks Associated with Summit

Changes in interest rates may adversely affect Summit's business.

Summit's earnings, like most financial institutions, depend significantly on its net interest income. Net interest income is the difference between the interest income Summit earns on loans and other assets which earn interest and the interest expense incurred to fund those assets, such as on savings deposits and borrowed money. Therefore, changes in general market interest rates, such as a change in the monetary policy of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System or otherwise beyond those which are contemplated by Summit's interest rate risk model and policy, could have an effect on net interest income.

Our success depends on key personnel.

Summit depends, and for the foreseeable future will depend, on the services of H. Charles Maddy, III, the President and Chief Executive Officer of Summit, Robert S. Tissue, the Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Summit, Patrick N. Frye, the Senior Vice President and Chief Credit Officer of Summit, Scott C. Jennings, the Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Summit, Ronald F. Miller, the President and Chief Executive Officer of Summit Community Bank, C. David Robertson, the Chairman of the Board of Summit Community Bank and Doug A. Mitchell, the Senior Vice President, Retail Banking of Summit. Summit's board of directors will continue to rely on the expertise and management abilities of Messrs. Maddy, Tissue, Frye, Jennings, Miller, Robertson and Mitchell, and the other principal officers of Summit. If Summit loses the services of one or more of these key personnel, it could have a negative impact on its business because of their skills, years of industry experience and the difficulty of promptly finding qualified replacement personnel.

Summit faces strong competition.

Summit engages in highly competitive activities. Each activity and market served involves competition with other banks and savings institutions, as well as with non-banking and non-financial enterprises that offer financial products and services that compete directly with Summit's products and services. Summit actively competes with other banks, mortgage companies and other financial service companies in its efforts to obtain deposits and make loans, in the scope and types of services offered, in interest rates paid on deposits and charged on loans, and in other aspects of banking.

In addition to competing with other banks and mortgage companies, Summit competes with other financial institutions engaged in the business of making loans or accepting deposits, such as savings and loan associations, credit unions, industrial loan associations, insurance companies, small loan companies, finance companies, real estate investment trusts, certain governmental agencies, credit card organizations and other enterprises. In recent years, competition for money market accounts from securities brokers has also intensified. Additional competition for deposits comes from government and private issues of debt obligations and other investment alternatives for depositors such as money market funds. Summit takes an aggressive competitive posture, and intends to continue vigorously competing for market share within our service areas by offering competitive rates and terms on both loans and deposits.

Summit's ability to pay dividends is subject to regulation.

Summit's ability to pay dividends on its common stock is subject to its profitability and to government regulations that limit the aggregate amount of cash dividends paid to shareholders based on

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retained earnings and then-current income levels. There can be no assurance that Summit's future earnings will support dividend payments in the future. See "Price Range of Common Stock and Dividends' beginning on page 20.

There is a concentration of ownership of Summit's common stock.

Summit's directors and executive officers beneficially own approximately 24.19% of Summit's outstanding common stock. Accordingly, such persons effectively have the ability to control Summit and direct its affairs and business, which may include taking actions that may be inconsistent with the interests of non-affiliated shareholders.

Common Stock is not Insured.

Summit's common stock is not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other governmental agency.

Risk Factors Relating to Summit's Growth.

Summit may not be able to maintain and manage its growth, which may adversely affect its results of operations and financial condition. Summit has had significant growth during the past five years, and Summit plans to continue to grow and expand. Summit's ability to continue to grow depends on its ability to open new branch offices, attract deposits to those locations, and identify loan and investment opportunities. Summit's ability to manage growth successfully also will depend on whether it can maintain capital levels adequate to support its growth and maintain cost controls and asset quality. Summit expects to remain well-capitalized upon the acquisition of Greater Atlantic. It is possible that Summit may need to raise additional capital to support future growth. Summit cannot provide any assurance that additional capital would be available on terms satisfactory to all shareholders. This could force Summit to limit its growth strategy. If Summit is unable to sustain its growth, its earnings could be adversely affected. If Summit grows too quickly, however, and is not able to control costs and maintain asset quality, rapid growth also could adversely affect its financial performance.

Summit depends on local economic conditions, over which it has no control.

Summit's success depends to a certain extent upon the general economic conditions in the geographic markets in which it operates. Although Summit anticipates that economic conditions in these markets will continue to be favorable, no assurance can be given that these economic conditions will continue. Adverse changes in economic conditions in the geographic markets in which Summit's subsidiaries are located would likely impair their ability to collect loans and could otherwise have a negative effect on Summit's financial condition. In addition, Summit's deposit balances may fluctuate due to economic conditions or other conditions over which it has no control.

There are no assurances as to the adequacy of the allowance for credit losses.

Summit believes that its allowance for credit losses is maintained at a level adequate to absorb probable losses in its loan portfolio given the current information known to management.

Management establishes the allowance based upon many factors, including, but not limited to:

- historical loan loss experience;
- industry diversification of the commercial loan portfolio;
- the effect of changes in the local real estate market on collateral values;

• the amount of nonperforming loans and related collateral security;

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- current economic conditions that may affect the borrower's ability to pay and value of collateral;
  - sources and cost of funds;
  - volume, growth and composition of the loan portfolio; and
    - other factors management believes are relevant.

These determinations are based upon estimates that are inherently subjective, and their accuracy depends on the outcome of future events, so ultimate losses may differ from current estimates. Depending on changes in economic, operating and other conditions, including changes in interest rates, that are generally beyond its control, Summit's actual loan losses could increase significantly. As a result, such losses could exceed Summit's current allowance estimates. Summit can provide no assurance that its allowance is sufficient to cover actual loan losses should such losses differ substantially from our current estimates.

In addition, federal and state regulators, as an integral part of their respective supervisory functions, periodically review Summit's allowance for credit losses. Summit's independent auditors also review the allowance as a part of their audit. Any increase in its allowance required by either the regulatory agencies or independent auditors would reduce Summit's pre-tax earnings.

#### FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This proxy statement/prospectus contains data and information that constitute forward-looking statements (within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995) regarding, among other things, the anticipated closing date of the merger, the expected pro forma effect of the merger, and plans and objectives of Summit's management for future operations of the combined organization following consummation of the merger. You can identify these forward-looking statements because they may include terms such as "believes," "anticipates," "intends," "expects," or similar expressions and may include discussions of future strategy. Each of

Summit and Greater Atlantic caution you not to rely unduly on any forward-looking statements in this proxy statement/prospectus. These forward-looking statements are based on current expectations that involve a number of risks and uncertainties. Actual results may differ materially from the results expressed in these forward-looking statements.

Factors that might cause such a difference include the following:

- the ability of Greater Atlantic to obtain the required shareholder approval or the ability of Summit to obtain the required regulatory approvals for the merger;
  - the ability of the companies to consummate the merger;
  - Summit's ability to successfully integrate Greater Atlantic into Summit following the merger;
- a material adverse change in the financial condition, results of operations or prospects of either Summit or Greater Atlantic:
- Summit's ability to fully realize any cost savings and revenues or the ability to realize them on a timely basis;
  - the risk of borrower, depositor and other customer attrition after the merger is completed;
    - a change in general business and economic conditions;
  - changes in the interest rate environment, deposit flows, loan demand, real estate values, and competition;
    - changes in accounting principles, policies or guidelines;
      - changes in legislation and regulation;
- other economic, competitive, governmental, regulatory, geopolitical, and technological factors affecting the companies' operations, pricing, and services; and

• other risk factors described on pages 14 to 17 of this proxy statement/prospectus.

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## RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

On July 25, 2008, Summit issued a News Release announcing its earnings for the second quarter of 2008. This news release is furnished as Exhibit 99 to the Current Report filed on Form 8-K by Summit on July 25, 2008, and is incorporated herein by reference.

#### CEASE AND DESIST ORDER APPLICABLE TO GREATER ATLANTIC BANK

Effective April 25, 2008, Greater Atlantic Bank consented to the issuance of a Cease and Desist Order (the "Order") by the Office of Thrift Supervision (the "OTS").

The Order, as modified effective June 30, 2008, requires Greater Atlantic Bank, among other things, to:

- 1.report, within prescribed time periods to the OTS Regional Director for the Southeast Region (the "Regional Director") on the status of the then ongoing negotiations with Summit;
- 2. have, at September 30, 2008, and maintain a Tier One (Core) Capital Ratio of at least 6% and a total risk based capital ratio of at least 12%;
- 3. develop a comprehensive long term operating strategy to be implemented if the proposed merger with Summit is not consummated;
- 4. incorporate the long term operating strategy into a three-year business plan containing at a minimum the requirements set forth in the Order;
- 5. cease, as of the effective date of the Order, making commercial real estate loans, commercial loans and loans on raw land without the prior written approval of the Regional Director, except for such loans as to which Greater Atlantic Bank has a legally binding written commitment to lend as of the effective date of the Order;
  - 6. cease, as of the effective date of the Order; accepting brokered deposits; and
    - 7. refrain from the payment of dividends or other capital distributions.

In addition, the Order requires the board of directors of Greater Atlantic Bank to take action with respect to credit administration, classified assets and accounting system controls and to establish a regulatory compliance committee of three or more non-employee directors to monitor and coordinate compliance with the provisions of the Order and provide the board of directors with progress reports on compliance, which reports are to be transmitted by the board of directors of the bank to the Regional Director.

The Order provides that it will remain in effect until terminated, modified, or suspended in writing by the OTS, acting through the Regional Director or other authorized representative.

As of the date of this proxy statement/prospectus, Greater Atlantic Bank believes that it has complied with the terms of the Order applicable to it as of that date.

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#### PRICE RANGE OF COMMON STOCK AND DIVIDENDS

Summit common stock is traded on the NASDAQ Capital Market (formerly known as the NASDAQSmallCap Market) under the symbol "SMMF". The closing sale price reported for Summit common stock on June 9, 2008, the last trading date preceding the public announcement of the merger agreement, was \$13.05. Since February 22, 2007, Greater Atlantic common stock has been quoted on the Pink Sheets under the symbol "GAFC.PK." Before that date, Greater Atlantic common stock was quoted on the NASDAQ Capital Market. The closing sale price reported for Greater Atlantic common stock on June 9, 2008, the last trading date preceding the public announcement of the merger agreement, was \$1.25.

The following table sets forth for the periods indicated the high and low prices per share of Summit common stock and Greater Atlantic common stock as reported on their respective market, along with the semi-annual cash dividends per share declared. The per share prices do not include adjustments for markups, markdowns or commissions.

	Summit Financial Group, Inc.							Greater Atlantic Financial Corp.				
		Cash						Cash				
		Sales	Sales Price			vidend	Sales	Dividend				
		High		Low Declared			High		Low	Declared		
2006												
First Quarter	\$	25.09	\$	19.90	\$	-	\$	6.05	\$	4.60	\$	-
Second Quarter	\$	24.52	\$	19.10	\$	0.16	\$	5.90	\$	5.04	\$	-
Third Quarter	\$	24.18	\$	17.95	\$	-	\$	5.36	\$	4.75	\$	-
Fourth Quarter	\$	20.16	\$	17.50	\$	0.16	\$	5.20	\$	4.30	\$	-
2007												
First Quarter	\$	21.51	\$	19.49	\$	-	\$	4.30	\$	2.35	\$	_
Second Quarter	\$	21.20	\$	19.80	\$	0.17	\$	5.10	\$	2.25	\$	_
Third Quarter	\$	19.65	\$	18.28	\$	-	\$	5.50	\$	5.00	\$	-
Fourth Quarter	\$	18.96	\$	13.60	\$	0.17	\$	5.35	\$	4.69	\$	-
2008												
First Quarter	\$	16.25	\$	13.51	\$	-	\$	4.95	\$	3.85	\$	-
Second Quarter	\$	14.47	\$	12.50	\$	0.18	\$	3.00	\$	1.17	\$	-
Third Quarter												
(through July 25,												
2008)	\$	11.50	\$	10.08	\$	-	\$	2.47	\$	2.00	\$	-

The shareholders of Summit are entitled to receive dividends when and as declared by its board of directors. Dividends have been paid semi-annually. Dividends were \$0.34 per share in 2007 and \$0.32 per share in 2006. The payment of dividends is subject to the restrictions set forth in the West Virginia Business Corporation Act and the limitations imposed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Payment of dividends by Summit depends upon receipt of dividends from its banking subsidiary. Payment of dividends by Summit's state non-member banking subsidiary is regulated by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") and the West Virginia Division of Banking and generally, the prior approval of the FDIC is required if the total dividends declared by a state non-member bank in any calendar year exceeds its net profits, as defined, for that year combined with its retained net profits for the preceding two years. Additionally, prior approval of the FDIC is required when a state non-member bank has deficit retained earnings but has sufficient current year's net income, as defined, plus the retained net profits of the two preceding years. The FDIC may prohibit dividends if it

deems the payment to be an unsafe or unsound banking practice. The FDIC has issued guidelines for dividend payments by state non-member banks emphasizing that proper dividend size depends on the bank's earnings and capital.

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The following table sets forth historical per share market values for Summit common stock and Greater Atlantic common stock (i) on June 9, 2008, the last trading day prior to public announcement of the merger agreement, and (ii) on July 25, 2008, the most recent practicable date before the printing and mailing of this proxy statement/prospectus. The table also shows the equivalent pro forma market value of Greater Atlantic common stock on June 9, 2008, and July 25, 2008.

The equivalent pro forma market value per share of Greater Atlantic common stock is the result obtained by multiplying the historical market price of Summit common stock by the applicable exchange ratio. For purposes of determining the equivalent pro forma market value and the applicable exchange ratio, we have assumed that the average closing price of a share of Summit common stock is equal to the historical market price on June 9, 2008, and on July 25, 2008. Accordingly, the pro forma market value of Greater Atlantic common stock (i) on June 9, 2008, is determined by multiplying \$13.05 by the exchange ratio of 0.3065, and (ii) on July 25, 2008, is determined by multiplying \$11.50 by the exchange ratio of 0.328625.

The historical market prices represent the last sale prices on June 9, 2008, and July 25, 2008(July 24, 2008 with respect to Greater Atantic). The average closing price of Summit common stock used to determined the exchange ratio and the market price may be higher or lower than the closing prices of Summit common stock on the dates shown in the table and, therefore, the market value of the Summit common stock that you receive may be higher or lower than the equivalent pro forma market value shown in the table.

	Histori	cal Market Price Per	Share	reater Atlantic
		Greater	Equivalent Pro	Forma
Summit	Atlantic	Market Valu	e Per Share	
June 9, 2008		\$ 13.05	\$ 1.25	\$ 4.00
July 25, 2008		\$ 11.50	\$ 2.00	\$ 3.78

Once the merger is completed, there will be no further public market for Greater Atlantic common stock.

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#### UNAUDITED COMPARATIVE PER SHARE DATA

We have summarized below historical earnings, dividend and book value per share information for Summit and Greater Atlantic and additional similar information as if the companies had been combined for the periods shown, which we refer to as "pro forma" information. The pro forma and pro forma equivalent per share information gives effect to the merger as if the transaction had been effective at the year end dates presented, in the case of book value data, and as if the transaction had been effective at the beginning of each period presented, in the case of the earnings and dividend data.

The pro forma combined and pro forma equivalent per share information below assume that Summit will pay consideration totaling \$4.00 per share for each outstanding share of Greater Atlantic common stock, 100% in the form of Summit common stock. For purposes of valuing Summit's common stock paid, a price per share of \$13.05 was assumed, which represents the average closing price of Summit's common stock on the last trading day preceding the public announcement of the merger and which results in an exchange ratio 0.3065 shares of Summit common stock for each share of Greater Atlantic common stock.

The Greater Atlantic pro forma equivalent per share amounts below are calculated by multiplying the Summit pro forma combined earnings per share and book value per share by the exchange ratio of 0.3065 so that the per share amounts equate to the respective values for one share of Greater Atlantic common stock.

We expect that both Summit and Greater Atlantic will incur merger and integration costs as a result of the merger. We also anticipate that the merger will provide the combined company with financial benefits that may include reduced operating expenses. The information set forth below, while helpful in illustrating the financial characteristics of the combined company under one set of assumptions, may not reflect all of these anticipated financial expenses and does not reflect any of these anticipated financial benefits and, accordingly, does not attempt to predict or suggest future results. It also does not necessarily reflect what the historical results of the combined company would have been had our companies been combined during the periods presented.

Summit reports on a calendar year basis while Greater Atlantic reports on a fiscal year ending on September 30. Accordingly for purposes of the below earnings per share data, Summit's statements of income for the three months ended March 31, 2008, and the year ended December 31, 2007, have been combined with Greater Atlantic's statements of income for the three months ended December 31, 2007, and the year ended September 30, 2007, respectively.

The information in the following table is based on, and you should read it together with, the historical financial information and the notes thereto for Summit and Greater Atlantic contained in this proxy statement/prospectus.

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For the Three Months Ended 3/31/08-Summit & 12/31/07-Greater Atlantic

			G	reater		Pro	At	reater lantic Pro	
			tlantic storical	Forma			Forma Equivalent		
Basic earnings (loss) per share	\$	0.52	\$	(0.28)	\$	0.42	\$	0.13	
Diluted earnings (loss) per share	\$	0.51	\$	(0.28)	\$	0.40	\$	0.12	
Dividends declared per share	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	
Book value per share (at 3/31/2008)	\$	12.41	\$	1.08	\$	12.48	\$	3.83	

## For the Year Ended 12/31/07-Summit & 9/30/07-Greater Atlantic

	Greater  Summit Atlantic					Pro orma	At Fe	reater lantic Pro orma
Basic earnings (loss) per share	Hı	storical	His	torical	Co	mbined	Equ	ivalent
from continuing operations	\$	1.87	\$	0.31	\$	1.84	\$	0.56
Diluted earnings (loss) per share								
from continuing operations	\$	1.85	\$	0.31	\$	1.74	\$	0.53
Dividends declared per share	\$	0.34	\$	-	\$	0.30	\$	0.10
Book value per share (at 12/31/2007)	\$	12.07	\$	2.86	\$	12.17	\$	3.73

#### UNAUDITED PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The following unaudited pro forma condensed combined consolidated balance sheet as of March 31, 2008, and unaudited pro forma condensed combined consolidated statements of income for the three months ended March 31, 2008, and the year ended December 31, 2007, combine the historical financial statements of Summit and Greater Atlantic. The unaudited pro forma financial statements give effect to the proposed merger of Greater Atlantic with and into Summit as if the merger occurred on March 31, 2008, with respect to the balance sheet, and on January 1, 2008, and January 1, 2007, with respect to the statements of income for the three months ended March 31, 2008, and the year ended December 31, 2007, respectively. The unaudited pro forma financial statements give effect to the proposed merger under the purchase method of accounting using an acquisition price of \$4.00 per share for Greater Atlantic common stock.

Summit reports on a calendar year basis while Greater Atlantic reports on a fiscal year ending on September 30. Accordingly, for purposes of the unaudited pro forma condensed combined consolidated statements of income, Summit's statements of income for the three months ended March 31, 2008, and the year ended December 31, 2007, have been combined with Greater Atlantic's statements of income for the three months ended December 31, 2007, and the year ended September 30, 2007, respectively.

The purchase method of accounting requires that all of Greater Atlantic's assets and liabilities be adjusted to their estimated fair market values as of the date of merger. For purposes of the unaudited pro forma financial statements, fair market value of assets and liabilities as of March 31, 2008, has been estimated by management of Summit using market information available on March 31, 2008. Accordingly, these adjustments are only approximations. This information may not necessarily be indicative of the financial position or results of operations that would have occurred if the merger had been consummated on the date or at the beginning of the periods indicated or which may be obtained in the future. Upon consummation of the merger, Summit will make adjustments as of the date of consummation based on appraisals and estimates.

The unaudited pro forma information, while helpful in illustrating the financial characteristics of the combined company under one set of assumptions, does not reflect benefits of expected cost savings or opportunities to earn additional revenue and, accordingly, does not attempt to predict or suggest future results. It also does not necessarily reflect what the historical results of the combined company would have been had our companies been combined during this period.

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	Actual Greater Summit Atlantic Financial Financial					Pro Forma					
ASSETS	Group, Inc			Corp.	Adj	ustments		Co	ombined		
Cash and due from banks	\$	21,912	\$	2,408	\$	_		\$	24,320		
Interest bearing deposits	Ψ	21,712	Ψ	2,100	Ψ			Ψ	24,320		
with other banks		103		14,874		(478)	(1)		14,149		
				,		(350)	(2)				
Federal funds sold		1,514		-		-			1,514		
Securities available for sale		284,082		43,841		(693)	(1)		327,230		
Securities held to maturity		-		2,720		-			2,720		
Other investments		17,947		-		-			17,947		
Loans held for sale, net		489		-		-			489		
Loans, net		1,079,223		159,724		1,400	(3)		1,240,347		
Premises and equipment, net		22,055		2,093		-			24,148		
Accrued interest receivable		6,851		1,319		-	(2)		8,170		
Identifiable intangibles		3,770		-		1,244	(3)		5,014		
Goodwill		6,198		956		7,706	(3)		14,860		
Other assets		20,966		2,485		(390)	(3)		26,850		
						2,900	(3)				
Total assets	\$	1,465,110	Φ	220 420	\$	889	(3)	\$	1 707 750		
Total assets	Ф	1,403,110	Ф	230,420	Ф	12,228		Ф	1,707,758		
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDER	SC' FOLIIT	ΓV									
Liabilities  Liabilities	to LQUII	. 1									
Deposits	\$	836,944	\$	188,805	\$	641	(3)	\$	1,026,390		
Short-term borrowings	Ψ	93,950	Ψ	1,732	Ψ	-	(0)	Ψ.	95,682		
Long-term borrowings		412,329		25,000		976	(3)		438,305		
Subordinated debentures owed to		,		,,,,,,,			(- )		/		
unconsolidated subsidiary trusts		19,589		9,379					28,968		
Other liabilities		10,343		2,223		1,000	(3)		14,904		
						418	(3)				
						920	(3)				
Total liabilities		1,373,155		227,139		3,955			1,604,249		
Shareholders' Equity											
Common stock and related surplus		24,394		25,303		11,554	(1)		35,948		
						(25,303)	(4)				
Retained earnings		68,901		(20,260)		(350)	(2)		68,901		
						20,610	(4)				
A											
Accumulated other comprehensive		(1.240)		(1.7(0)		1.760	(4)		(1.240)		
(loss) Total shareholders' equity		(1,340)		(1,762)		1,762	(4)		(1,340)		
Total liabilities and sharaholders' agui	ity \$	91,955	•	3,281	\$	8,273		Ф	103,509		
Total liabilities and shareholders' equi	ity \$	1,465,110	Ф	230,420	Ф	12,228		\$	1,707,758		

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Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Consolidated Statement of Income (dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)

	V	Actual Three Months	Ende	cember	Pro Forma					
		arch 31,	,	31,						
		2008		2007						
	C	it		reater tlantic						
		ummit nancial		nantic nancial						
		oup, Inc.			A dinet	monte		Co	mbined	
Interest income	\$	23,859	\$	Corp. 3,878	Adjusti	114	(6)	\$	27,851	
interest income	Ψ	23,639	Ψ	3,070		114	(0)	Ψ	27,031	
Interest expense		12,920		2,600		(282)	(7)		15,238	
Net interest income		10,939		1,278	,	(202)	(,)		12,613	
Provision for loan losses		1,000		102					1,102	
Net interest income after		1,000		102					1,102	
provision for loan										
losses		9,939		1,176					11,511	
Noninterest income		, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		,					,-	
Service fees		743		139					882	
Other		2,105		(2)					2,103	
Total noninterest income		2,848		137					2,985	
Noninterest expense		ĺ							,	
Salaries and employee										
benefits		4,395		943					5,338	
Net occupancy expense		476		324					800	
Equipment expense		534		105					639	
Other		1,684		785		44	(8)		2,513	
Total noninterest expense		7,089		2,157					9,290	
Income (loss) before										
income taxes		5,698		(844)					5,206	
Income tax expense		1,874		-	(	(320)	(9)		1,688	
						134	(10)			
Net income (loss)	\$	3,824	\$	(844)	\$	538		\$	3,518	
Basic earnings (loss) per										
share	\$	0.52	\$	(0.28)				\$	0.42	
D'1 + 1 - 1 - 1 - 1										
Diluted earnings (loss)	Φ.	0.51	Φ.	(0.20)				Φ.	0.40	
per share	\$	0.51	\$	(0.28)				\$	0.40	
Dividendo mar como en										
Dividends per common	\$		¢					Ф		
share	Φ	-	\$	-				\$	-	

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Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Consolidated Statement of Income (dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)

		Actua Year End	ded		Pro Forma						
	S	ember 31, 2007 ummit nancial	G A	otember 30, 2007 Greater tlantic nancial							
		oup, Inc.		Corp.	Δdi	ustments		Combined			
Interest income	\$	91,384	\$	18,421	\$	(2,225)	(5)	\$	108,036		
interest meome	Ψ	71,504	Ψ	10,721	Ψ	456	(6)	Ψ	100,030		
Interest expense		52,317		11,993		(1,692)	(5)		61,489		
interest expense		32,317		11,773		(1,129)	(7)		01,402		
Net interest income		39,067		6,428		(1,12)	(1)		46,547		
Provision for loan losses		2,055		685					2,740		
Net interest income after		2,033		003					2,740		
provision for loan											
losses		37,012		5,743					43,807		
Noninterest income		37,012		5,7 15					13,007		
Service fees		3,004		613		(40)	(5)		3,577		
Other		4,353		4,257		(10)	(5)		8,610		
Total noninterest income		7,357		4,870					12,187		
Noninterest expense		.,,		1,0,0					,,		
Salaries and employee											
benefits		14,608		4,446		(256)	(5)		18,798		
Net occupancy		,		, -		()	(- )		-,		
expense		1,758		1,394		(102)	(5)		3,050		
Equipment expense		2,004		516		(24)	(5)		2,496		
Other		6,728		3,270		(62)	(5)		10,113		
		•		,		177	(8)		•		
Total noninterest expense		25,098		9,626			` '		34,457		
Income (loss) from continuing operations											
before income taxes		19,271		987					21,537		
Income tax expense		5,734		36		339	(9)		6,595		
						486	(10)				
Income (loss) from											
continuing operations	\$	13,537	\$	951	\$	454		\$	14,942		
Basic earnings (loss) per share											
from continuing operations	\$	1.87	\$	0.31				\$	1.84		

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Diluted earnings (loss) per share					
from continuing					
operations	\$	1.85	\$ 0.31	\$	1.74
Dividends per common					
share	\$	0.34	\$ -	\$	0.30
See Notes to Unaudited Pro	Forma Fina	ncial			
Statements					

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#### Notes to Unaudited Pro Forma Financial Statements

- (1) Effect of stock consideration paid by Summit to Greater Atlantic's shareholders in conjunction with the merger and record cash paid by Summit for its estimated direct transaction costs. Under the terms of the Greater Atlantic transaction, Summit will pay total consideration of \$4.00 per share for each of the 3,024,220 outstanding common shares of Greater Atlantic, less the 135,800 shares of Greater Atlantic previously acquired by Summit. Such consideration will be paid 100% in the form of Summit common stock.
- (a) Stock consideration: Issuance of 809,081 shares of Summit common stock to Greater Atlantic shareholders assuming that Summit's average stock price for the 20 trading days preceding March 31, 2008 is \$14.28.
- (b) Estimated direct transactions costs and costs of Greater Atlantic shares previously acquired: Summit's estimated direct transaction costs of \$478,000 and cost for Greater Atlantic shares previously acquired by Summit for \$693,000.
- (2) Effect of Greater Atlantic's estimated direct transaction costs.
- (3) Adjust acquired assets and liabilities of Greater Atlantic to fair value and record related tax effects as follows (in thousands):

Purchase price, estimated transaction costs and cost of Greater Atlantic shares previously acquired (\$12,725) paid by Summit in excess of Greater Atlantic's shareholders' equity at March 31, 2008 (\$2,931) adjusted for the direct transaction costs paid by Greater Atlantic.

\$ 9,794

Estimated fair value purchase accounting adjustments:

Loans	\$ 1,400	
Deposits	(641)	
Borrowings	(976)	
Core deposit intangible	1,244	
Net deferred tax liabilities on purchase accounting adjustments	(390)	
Tax benefit of purchased net operating loss carryforwards	2,900	
	\$ 3,537	(3,537)
Purchase price and estimated transaction costs in excess of fair value of net assets		
acquired		6,257
Estimated exit and other restructuring costs expected to be incurred in connection with		
the acquisition of Greater Atlantic:		
Employee severance costs	\$ 1,000	
EDP contracts cancellation costs	418	
Lease termination costs	920	
Net deferred tax asset on exit and restructuring costs	(889)	
	\$ 1,449	1,449
Goodwill	\$	7,706

Reflect elimination of Greater Atlantic's equity accounts.

(4)

(5) Estimated reductions to interest income, interest expense, non-interest income and non-interest expense as result of
sale of Greater Atlantic's Pasadena, Maryland branch office in August 2007.

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(6) Other pro forma adjustments to interest income, as follows (in thousands):

	Three				
	Mo				
	En	ded	Year	Ended	
	Marc	ch 31,	Dece	ember	
	2008		31, 2007		
Estimated accretion of fair value adjustment to securities over portfolio's estimated 4 year					
average life to maturity	\$	149	\$	596	
Estimated amortization of fair value adjustment to Loans over portfolio's estimated 10					
year average Life to maturity		(35)		(140)	
	\$	114	\$	456	

(7) Other proforma adjustments to interest expense, as follows (in thousands):

	Tl	hree			
	Mo				
	Er	Ended Year E			
	March 31,		December		
		2008		31, 2007	
Estimated amortization of fair value adjustment to deposits over the estimated 1 year					
average remaining maturity of the deposits	\$	(160)	\$	(641)	
Estimated amortization of fair value adjustment to borrowings over the estimated 2 year					
average remaining maturity of the borrowings		(122)		(488)	
	\$	(282)	\$	(1,129)	

- (8) Amortization of core deposit intangible over estimated 7 year average life.
- (9) Tax expense (benefit), previously unrecognized, of Greater Atlantic's income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes at a 38% effective tax rate.
- (10) Tax effect of pro forma adjustments at a 38% effective tax rate.

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#### SUMMARY SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

The following table sets forth certain summary historical consolidated financial information for Summit and Greater Atlantic. The balance sheet data and income statement data of Summit as of and for the five years in the period ended December 31, 2007 and for Greater Atlantic as of and for the five years in the period ended September 30, 2007 are derived from the audited consolidated financial statements of Summit and Greater Atlantic, respectively. The balance sheet data and income statement data of Summit for the three months ended March 31, 2008, and March 31, 2007, are derived from the unaudited consolidated financial statements of Summit. You should not rely on the three-month information as being indicative of the results that may be expected for the entire year or for any future interim period.

The following information should be read in conjunction with the audited and unaudited consolidated financial statements and the related notes of Summit, which are incorporated by reference into this proxy statement/prospectus, and the audited consolidated financial statements of Greater Atlantic, which are attached to this proxy statement/prospectus.

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SUMMIT FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.	
Summary Consolidated Financial Data	

	Summary Consolidated Financial Data												
	For the	•	For the	For the Year Ended									
	Three		Three				D	ecer	nber 31,				
	month	8	months										
Dollars in thousands,	ended		ended										
except per share	March 3	81	March 31,										
amounts	2008		2007		2007		2006		2005	2004	1	2	2003
Summary of Operations													
Interest income	\$ 23,8		\$ 21,842	\$	91,384	\$	80,278	\$	56,653	\$ 45,0			41,154
Interest expense	12,9	20	12,639		52,317		44,379		26,502	18,6	663		17,827
Net interest income	10,9	39	9,203		39,067		35,899		30,151	26,3	378		23,327
Provision for loan													
losses	1,0	00	390		2,055		1,845		1,295	1,0	)50		915
Net interest income													
after provision for loan													
losses	9,9	39	8,813		37,012		34,054		28,856	25,3	328		22,412
Noninterest income	2,8	48	1,056		7,357		3,634		1,605	3,2	263		3,275
Noninterest expense	7,0	89	5,649		25,098		21,610		19,264	16,9	919		14,218
Income (loss) before													
income taxes	5,6	98	4,220		19,271		16,078		11,197	11,6	572		11,469
Income tax expense		74	1,286		5,734		5,018		3,033		348		3,414
Income (loss) from	,-		,		- ,		- ,		- ,	- /-			- /
continuing operations	3.8	24	2,934		13,537		11,060		8,164	8.3	324		8,055
Discontinued	- ,-		,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,		- ,		,		-, -	- ,-			,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
operations:													
Exit costs and													
impairment of													
long-lived assets		_	80		(312)		(2,480)		_		_		_
Operating income			00		(312)		(2,100)						
(loss)		_	(372)		(10,347)		(1,750)		3,862	2.9	913		(44)
Income (loss) from			(3,2)		(10,517)		(1,750)		2,002	2,>	10		(11)
discontinuedoperations													
before tax		_	(292)		(10,659)		(4,230)		3,862	20	913		(44)
Income tax expense			(2)2)		(10,037)		(4,230)		3,002	ر, ـــ	,13		(11)
(benefit)		_	(97)		(3,578)		(1,427)		1,339	1 (	004		(15)
Income (loss) from			(21)		(3,370)		(1,727)		1,557	1,0	70 1		(13)
discontinuedoperations		_	(195)		(7,081)		(2,803)		2,523	1 (	909		(29)
Net income	\$ 3,8	24	\$ 2,739	\$	6,456	\$	8,257	\$	10,687	\$ 10,2		\$	8,206
Balance Sheet Data (at	$\varphi = J, c$	<b>4</b>	φ 2,139	Ψ	0,430	ψ	0,237	φ	10,007	φ 10,2	233	Ψ	0,200
period end)													
	\$ 1 <i>165</i> 1	10	¢ 1 254 529	¢ 1	125 526	¢ 1	225 510	¢ 1	110 214	¢ 990 9	220	¢ 7	01 577
Assets Securities	\$ 1,465,1 302,0		\$ 1,254,528 258,173	φI	,435,536 300,066	φI	,235,519 247,874	φI	,110,214 223,772	\$ 889,8			91,577 35,409
				1									
Loans	1,079,2		930,769	1	,052,489		916,045		793,452	602,7			98,340
Deposits  Short term horrowings	836,9		877,225		828,687		888,687		673,887	524,5			11,801
Short-term borrowings	93,9		79,886		172,055		60,428		182,028	120,6			49,714
Long-term borrowings and	431,9	18	203,408		335,327		195,699		172,295	173,1	101	1	68,549

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subordinated										
debentures										
Shareholders equity	91,955		81,950	89,420	78,752		72,691	65,150		57,005
Per Share Data										
Earnings per share - cor	ntinuing									
operations										
Basic earnings	\$ 0.52	\$	0.41	\$ 1.87	\$ 1.55	\$	1.15	\$ 1.18	\$	1.14
Diluted earnings	0.51		0.41	1.85	1.54		1.13	1.17		1.14
Earnings per share – dis	scontinued									
operations										
Basic earnings (loss)	-		(0.03)	(0.98)	(0.39)		0.35	0.27		-
Diluted earnings (loss)	-		(0.03)	(0.97)	(0.39)		0.35	0.27		-
Earnings per share										
Basic earnings	0.52		0.39	0.89	1.16		1.51	1.46		1.14
Diluted earnings	0.51		0.38	0.88	1.15		1.48	1.44		1.14
Shareholders' equity										
(at period end)	12.41		11.57	12.07	11.12		10.20	9.25		8.12
Cash dividends	-		-	0.34	0.32		0.30	0.26		0.215
Performance Ratios										
Return on average										
equity	16.559	6	13.40%	7.34%	10.44%	)	15.09%	16.60%		14.69%
Return on average										
assets	1.069		0.88%	0.50%	0.70%		1.10%	1.22%		1.11%
Dividend payout	0.09		0.0%	38.1%	27.6%		20.0%	17.9%		18.8%
Equity to assets	6.39	6	6.5%	6.2%	6.4%	)	6.5%	7.3%	,	7.2%

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## GREATER ATLANTIC FINANCIAL CORP.

Summary Consolidated Financial Data

	For the	For the Six	insoriated 1		the Year End September 30.		
	Six	Months			optomoer 50	•	
Dollars in thousands,	Months	Ended					
except per share	Ended March	March					
amounts	31, 2008	31, 2007	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
Summary of Operations							
Interest income	\$ 7,303	\$ 9,399	\$ 18,421	\$ 18,794	\$ 16,794	\$ 18,085	\$ 19,361
Interest expense	5,004	5,900	11,993	11,583	10,013	11,970	12,277
Net interest income	2,299	3,499	6,428	7,211	6,945	6,115	7,084
Provision for loan losses	2,790	293	685	126	219	209	791
Net interest income							
(loss) after provision for		2.206	5.740	<b>7</b> 00 <b>7</b>	6.536	<b>7</b> 00 c	6.202
loan losses	(491)	3,206	5,743	7,085	6,726	5,906	6,293
Noninterest income	263	285	4,870	917	2,640	547	766
Noninterest expense	4,739	5,207	9,626	11,085	9,889	10,370	10,014
Income (loss) before	(4.067)	(1.716)	007	(2,002)	(502)	(2.017)	(2.055)
income taxes	(4,967)	(1,716)	987	(3,083)	(523)	(3,917)	(2,955)
Income tax expense	885	-	36	-	-	-	-
Income (loss) from	(5.952)	(1.716)	051	(2.092)	(523)	(2.017)	(2.055)
continuing operations Discontinued	(5,852)	(1,716)	951	(3,083)	(323)	(3,917)	(2,955)
operations:							
Exit costs and	-	-					
impairment of							
long-lived assets	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Operating income (loss)				(2,488)	(1,107)	428	4,898
Income (loss) from				(2, 100)	(1,107)	120	1,000
discontinuedoperations							
before tax	_	_	_	(2,488)	(1,107)	428	4,898
Income tax expense				(=, .00)	(1,107)	0	.,656
(benefit)	-	-	_	_	_	_	_
Income (loss) from							
discontinuedoperations	-	-	-	(2,488)	(1,107)	428	4,898
Net income (loss)	\$ (5,852)	(1,716)	\$ 951	\$ (5,571)	\$ (1,630)	\$ (3,489)	\$ 1,943
Balance Sheet Data (at		, , ,					,
period end)							
Assets	\$ 230,420	\$ 284,003	\$ 245,994	\$ 305,219	\$ 339,542	\$ 433,174	\$ 498,456
Securities	44,921	65,414	51,963	80,157	115,798	153,007	224,784
Loans, net	159,724	182,941	173,803	191,977	193,708	244,787	240,703
Deposits	188,805	226,627	197,991	230,174	237,794	288,956	297,876
Short-term borrowings	1,732	2,954	2,192	18,574	38,479	64,865	77,835
Long-term borrowings							
and							
subordinated debentures	34,379	45,392	34,374	45,388	47,378	60,569	96,159
Shareholders equity	3,281	7,212	9,571	8,850	14,375	15,944	20,442
Per Share Data							

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Earnings per share - con	tinuing											
operations												
Basic earnings	\$ (1.93)	\$ (0	.57)	\$ 0.31	\$	(1.02)	\$	(0.17)	\$	(1.30)	\$	(0.98)
Diluted earnings	(1.93)	(0	.57)	0.31		(1.02)		(0.17)		(1.30)		(0.67)
Earnings per share – discontinued												
operations												
Basic earnings (loss)	-		-	-		(0.82)		(0.37)		0.14		1.63
Diluted earnings (loss)	-		-	-		(0.82)		(0.37)		0.14		1.11
Earnings per share												
Basic earnings	(1.93)	(0	.57)	0.31		(1.84)		(0.54)		(1.16)		0.65
Diluted earnings	(1.93)	(0	.57)	0.31		(1.84)		(0.54)		(1.16)		0.44
Shareholders' equity												
(at period end)	1.08	2	.38	3.17		2.93		4.76		5.29		6.79
Cash dividends	-		-	-		-		-		-		-
Performance Ratios												
Return on average												
equity	-131.13%	-41	.31%	12.089	6	-45.80%		-11.79%	-	-22.90%	1	12.83%
Return on average												
assets	-4.90%	-1	.20%	0.339	6	-1.77%		-0.44%	,	-0.69%	1	0.41%
Dividend payout	0.0%	)	0.0%	0.09	6	0.0%		0.0%		0.0%	ı	0.0%
Equity to assets	1.4%	)	2.5%	3.9%	6	2.9%		4.2%		3.7%	1	4.1%
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#### INFORMATION ABOUT THE MEETING AND VOTING

#### General

This section contains information about the Greater Atlantic special shareholder meeting that has been called to vote upon the matters described below. We expect to mail this proxy statement/prospectus to you, as a Greater Atlantic shareholder, on or about August 7, 2008.

In this proxy statement/prospectus, we refer to the Agreement and Plan of Reorganization dated as of , among Summit, SFG II, Inc. and Greater Atlantic as the "merger agreement." Proxies may be voted on other matters that may properly come before the Greater Atlantic meeting, if any, at the discretion of the proxy holders. Greater Atlantic's board knows of no such other matters except those incidental to the conduct of the meeting. A copy of the merger agreement is attached as Annex A.

Matters Relating to the Special Meeting of Greater Atlantic's Stockholders

Time and Place:

September 4, 2008

10:00a.m., Local Time Crowne Plaza Tysons Corner 1960 Chain Bridge Road McLean, VA

Purpose of To vote on the proposed merger of Greater Atlantic and Summit pursuant to which Greater Atlantic Will merger with SFG II, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Summit formed to facilitate the merger.

To vote on the proposal to adjourn the special meeting to a later date, if necessary, to permit further solicitation of proxies in the event there are not sufficient votes at the time of the special meeting to approve the matters to be considered by the shareholders at the special meeting.

#### **Proxies**

The accompanying form of proxy is for use at the special meeting if you are unable or do not desire to attend in person. You may attend the meeting even if you have previously delivered a proxy to us. You can revoke your proxy at any time before the vote is taken at the special meeting by submitting to the Greater Atlantic corporate secretary written notice of revocation or a properly executed proxy of a later date, or by attending the special meeting and voting in person. Written notices of revocation and other communications about revoking your proxy should be addressed to:

Greater Atlantic Financial Corp. 10700 Parkridge Boulevard, Suite P50 Reston, Virginia 20191 Attention: Edward C. Allen

Telephone: (703) 391-1300

All shares represented by valid proxies that we receive through this solicitation, and not revoked before they are exercised, will be voted in the manner specified in such proxies. If you make no specification on your returned, signed and dated proxy card, your proxy will be voted "FOR" the matters to be considered at the special meeting as described above.

#### Solicitation of Proxies

Greater Atlantic will bear the entire cost of soliciting proxies from you, except that Summit has agreed to pay half the cost of the printing of this proxy statement/prospectus. In addition to solicitation of proxies by mail, we will request banks, brokers and other record holders to send proxies and proxy material to the beneficial owners of the stock and secure their voting instructions, if necessary. Greater Atlantic will reimburse those record holders for their reasonable expenses in taking those actions. If necessary, we also may use several of our regular employees, who will not be specially compensated, to solicit proxies from our shareholders, either personally or by telephone, the Internet, fax, letter or special delivery letter. Finally, Greater Atlantic has retained a professional proxy solicitation firm to assist in soliciting proxies. We will pay a fee in the amount of \$5,000 to Laurel Hill Advisory Group, LLC for its services, and we will also reimburse them for all costs and expenses, which we expect to be approximately \$2500, in connection with this solicitation.

## Record Date and Voting Rights

In accordance with Delaware law and Greater Atlantic's certificate of incorporation and bylaws, we have fixed July 28, 2008, as the record date for determining the shareholders entitled to notice of and to vote at the special meeting. Accordingly, you are only entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the special meeting if you were a record holder of Greater Atlantic common stock at the close of business on the record date. At that time, 3,024,220 shares of Greater Atlantic common stock were outstanding, held by 271 holders of record. To have a quorum that permits us to conduct business at the special meeting, we require the presence, whether in person or through the prior submission of a proxy, of the holders of Greater Atlantic common stock representing a majority of the shares outstanding and entitled to vote on the record date. You are entitled to one vote for each outstanding share of Greater Atlantic common stock you held as of the close of business on the record date.

Holders of shares of Greater Atlantic common stock present in person at the special meeting but not voting, and shares of Greater Atlantic common stock for which we have received proxies indicating that their holders have abstained, will be counted as present at the special meeting for purposes of determining whether we have a quorum for transacting business. Shares held in street name that have been designated by brokers on proxy cards as not voted will not be counted as votes cast for or against any proposal. These broker non-votes, however, will be counted for purposes of determining whether a quorum exists.

#### Vote Required

The approval of the merger agreement and the transactions contemplated thereby requires the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of Greater Atlantic's outstanding shares entitled to vote at the special meeting.

Because approval of the merger agreement and the transactions contemplated thereby require the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of Greater Atlantic common stock entitled to vote at the special meeting, abstentions and broker non-votes will have the same effect as votes against these matters. Accordingly, the Greater Atlantic board of directors urges you to complete, date and sign the accompanying proxy and return it promptly in the enclosed, postage-paid envelope.

As of the record date, directors and executive officers, and their affiliates, of Greater Atlantic beneficially owned approximately 301,759 shares of Greater Atlantic common stock, entitling them to exercise approximately 9.98% of the voting power of the Greater Atlantic common stock entitled to vote at the special meeting. Each director and executive officer of Greater Atlantic intends to vote each

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share of Greater Atlantic common stock that he owns "FOR" approval and adoption of the merger agreement and the transactions contemplated thereby.

## Recommendation of the Greater Atlantic Board of Directors

The Greater Atlantic board of directors has approved the merger agreement and the transactions contemplated thereby, including the merger. The Greater Atlantic board believes that the merger agreement and the transactions contemplated thereby, including the merger, are advisable, and are in the best interests of, Greater Atlantic and its shareholders and unanimously recommends that shareholders vote "FOR" approval of the merger agreement and the transactions contemplated thereby.

## Appraisal Rights for Greater Atlantic Stockholders

If the merger agreement is approved and adopted by the Greater Atlantic stockholders, holders of Greater Atlantic common stock who delivered a written demand for appraisal to Greater Atlantic prior to the vote on the merger agreement at Greater Atlantic's special meeting and did not vote in favor of the approval and adoption of the merger agreement will be entitled to receive the fair value of their shares under Section 262 of the Delaware General Corporation Law. The text of this law is attached to this proxy statement/prospectus as Annex B.

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#### THE MERGER

This summary of the material terms and provisions of the merger agreement is qualified in its entirety by reference to such document. The merger agreement is attached as Annex A to this proxy statement/prospectus. We incorporate this document into this summary by reference.

## Merger

Subject to satisfaction or waiver of all conditions in the merger agreement, Greater Atlantic will merge with and into SFG II, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Summit. Upon completion of the merger, Greater Atlantic's corporate existence will terminate and SFG II, Inc. will continue as the surviving corporation.

## Merger Consideration

In the merger, the number of shares of Summit common stock that you will receive for each share of Greater Atlantic common stock you own will be determined by the exchange ratio at closing. At the closing, we will determine the exchange ratio by dividing \$4.00 by the average closing price of Summit common stock reported on the NASDAQ Capital Market for the twenty (20) trading days prior to closing (the "Average Closing Price"). The exchange ratio is subject to a ceiling, which sets the maximum number of shares that Summit will issue. The ceiling provides that each share of Greater Atlantic common stock will be exchanged for no more than 0.328625 of a share of Summit common stock. The amount of shares of Summit common stock that you will receive is also subject to adjustment based on the amount of Greater Atlantic's shareholders' equity at the time of closing and whether any adjustments will be made to Greater Atlantic's loan loss allowance. The Merger Consideration and exchange ratio may be adjusted based on the amount of Greater Atlantic's shareholders' equity adjusted at closing. If, at closing, Greater Atlantic's shareholders' equity, as adjusted to exclude (a) accumulated other comprehensive income or loss and (b) the effect of removing the benefit of net operating loss carryforwards from the net deferred tax assets (the "Adjusted Shareholders' Equity"), is less than \$4,213,617 (which equals Greater Atlantic's Adjusted Shareholders' Equity at March 31, 2008 and is referred to as the "Benchmark Equity"), then the aggregate value of the merger consideration will be reduced one dollar for each dollar that the Adjusted Shareholders' equity is less than \$4,213,617. For purposes of determining Adjusted Shareholders' equity at closing, the Adjusted Shareholders' Equity will be increased by the actual monthly operating losses, up to \$250,000 per month, incurred by Greater Atlantic after March 31, 2008 and before September 1, 2008, the fees accrued or paid to Greater Atlantic's financial advisor, and the fees accrued or paid to Greater Atlantic's legal counsel up to \$150,000.

The Merger Consideration and exchange ratio will also be adjusted in the event additional provisions are made to Greater Atlantic's loan loss allowance. If Summit's due diligence results in a determination by Summit, with the concurrence of independent accountants retained by Greater Atlantic to review this determination, that additional provisions should be made to Greater Atlantic's allowance for loan losses, then the Merger Consideration will be reduced dollar for dollar by the amount of additional provisions. In calculating the amount of the Merger Consideration reduction, specific reserve reductions may be used to offset losses from other loans to determine the amount of provisions needed to the allowance for loan losses.

Because of the uncertainties relating to the amount of Greater Atlantic's shareholders equity at closing and whether any adjustments will be required to be made to Greater Atlantic's loan loss allowance, there can be no guarantee that you will receive shares of Summit stock equal to \$4.00 for each share of Greater Atlantic common stock.

The following chart provides examples of the value of the transaction to shareholders of Greater Atlantic at selected Average Closing Prices of Summit's common stock. The chart illustrates deal value

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per share based on changes in the Average Closing Prices of Summit's common stock. The chart does not consider other changes in the merger consideration described above.

Summit		
Average		
Closing	Exchange	Deal Value
Price	Ratio	Per Share
\$16.25	0.246154x	\$4.00
\$15.93	0.251177x	\$4.00
\$15.60	0.256410x	\$4.00
\$15.28	0.261866x	\$4.00
\$14.95	0.267559x	\$4.00
\$14.63	0.273504x	\$4.00
\$14.30	0.279720x	\$4.00
\$13.98	0.286225x	\$4.00
\$13.65	0.293040x	\$4.00
\$13.33	0.300188x	\$4.00
\$13.00	0.307692x	\$4.00
\$12.68	0.315582x	\$4.00
\$12.35	0.323887x	\$4.00
\$12.17	0.328625x	\$4.00
\$12.03	0.328625x	\$3.95
\$11.70	0.328625x	\$3.84
\$11.38	0.328625x	\$3.74
\$11.05	0.328625x	\$3.63
\$10.73	0.328625x	\$3.52
\$10.40	0.328625x	\$3.42
\$10.08	0.328625x	\$3.31
\$9.75	0.328625x	\$3.20

The amount and nature of the merger consideration was established through arm's-length negotiations between Summit and Greater Atlantic and their respective advisors, and reflects the balancing of a number of countervailing factors. The total amount of the merger consideration reflects a price both parties concluded was appropriate. See "Background of the Merger; Board Recommendations and Reasons for the Merger" beginning on page 42 and "Summit's Reasons for the Merger" beginning on page 51. The parties have structured the merger, in part, to have the favorable tax attributes of a "reorganization" for federal income tax purposes. See "Certain Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Merger" beginning on page 70.

We cannot assure you that the current fair market value of Summit or Greater Atlantic common stock will be equivalent to the fair market value of Summit or Greater Atlantic common stock on the effective date of the merger.

## Surrender of Stock Certificates

Registrar and Transfer Company will act as exchange agent in the merger and in that role will process the exchange of Greater Atlantic stock certificates for cash and Summit common stock. Within five (5) business days after completion of the merger, the exchange agent will mail to each Greater Atlantic shareholder of record a letter of transmittal and instructions for use in effecting the surrender of their Greater Atlantic common stock for Summit common stock, if any, that the holders of the Greater

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Atlantic common stock are entitled to receive, any cash in lieu of fractional shares and any payment equal to any dividend or other distribution with respect to Summit common stock with a record date prior to the effective time of the merger.

After the effective time of the merger, each certificate formerly representing Greater Atlantic common stock, until so surrendered and exchanged, will evidence only the right to receive the number of whole shares of Summit common stock that the holder is entitled to receive in the merger, any cash payment in lieu of a fractional share of Summit common stock and any dividend or other distribution with respect to Summit common stock with a record date prior to the effective time of the merger. The holder of such unexchanged certificate will not be entitled to receive any dividends or distributions payable by Summit until the certificate has been exchanged. Subject to applicable laws, following surrender of such certificates, such dividends and distributions, together with any cash payment in lieu of a fractional share of Summit common stock, will be paid without interest.

After the completion of the merger, there will be no further transfers of Greater Atlantic common stock. Greater Atlantic stock certificates presented for transfer after the completion of the merger will be canceled and exchanged for the merger consideration.

If your Greater Atlantic stock certificates have been either lost, stolen or destroyed, you will have to prove your ownership of these certificates and that they were lost, stolen or destroyed before you receive any consideration for your shares. Upon request, our exchange agent, Registrar and Transfer Company, will send you instructions on how to provide evidence of ownership.

#### No Fractional Shares

Each holder of shares of common stock exchanged pursuant to the merger who would otherwise have been entitled to receive a fraction of a share of Summit common stock shall receive, in lieu thereof, cash (without interest) in an amount equal to the product of (i) such fractional part of a share of Summit common stock multiplied by (ii) the closing price for a share of Summit common stock on the NASDAQ Capital Market on the effective date of the merger.

#### Treatment of Greater Atlantic Stock Options

At the effective time, each outstanding and unexercised option granted by Greater Atlantic to purchase shares of Greater Atlantic common stock shall vest and holders of such options shall be entitled to receive cash in an amount equal to the difference between the value of (a) the merger consideration and (b) the applicable exercise price (rounded to the nearest cent) for each outstanding option granted by Greater Atlantic to purchase shares of Greater Atlantic common stock. At the effective time, Summit shall have no obligation to make any additional grants or awards under the Greater Atlantic stock option plans.

#### Dissenters' or Appraisal Rights

Under the Delaware General Corporation Law (DGCL), Greater Atlantic stockholders may object to the merger and demand in writing to be paid the fair value of their shares. Determination of fair value is based on all relevant factors, but excludes any appreciation or depreciation resulting from the accomplishment or expectation of the merger. Stockholders who elect to exercise appraisal rights must comply with all of the procedures of Section 262 of the DGCL to preserve those rights. A copy of Section 262 is attached as Annex B to this proxy statement/prospectus.

Section 262 sets forth the procedures to be followed by a stockholder electing to demand appraisal of his or her shares. These procedures are complicated and must be followed strictly. Failure to comply with these procedures

may cause you to lose your appraisal rights. The following information is

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only a brief summary of the required procedures under Delaware law and is qualified in its entirety by the provisions of Section 262.

Under Section 262, Greater Atlantic is required to notify stockholders not less than 20 days before the special meeting to vote on the merger that appraisal rights will be available. A copy of Section 262 must be included with that notice. This proxy statement/prospectus constitutes Greater Atlantic's notice to its stockholders of the availability of appraisal rights in connection with the merger in compliance with the requirements of Section 262. If you wish to consider exercising your appraisal rights, you should carefully review the text of Section 262 attached as Annex B. If you fail to timely and properly comply with the requirements of Section 262, your appraisal rights under Delaware law may be lost.

Please review Section 262 for the complete procedures. Neither Summit nor Greater Atlantic will give you any notice of your appraisal rights other than as described in this proxy statement/prospectus and as required by the DGCL.

#### General Requirements

If you want to object to the merger and be paid the full value of your shares in cash, Section 262 generally requires you to take the following actions:

- You must deliver a written demand for appraisal to Greater Atlantic before the vote is taken on the merger agreement at Greater Atlantic's special meeting. This written demand for appraisal must be in addition to and separate from any proxy or vote against the merger agreement. Merely voting against, abstaining from voting or failing to vote in favor of adoption of the merger agreement will not constitute a demand for appraisal within the meaning of Section 262. See "Requirements for Written Demand for Appraisal" below for more details on making a demand for appraisal.
- You must not vote in favor of approval and adoption of the merger agreement. A failure to vote will satisfy this requirement, but a vote in favor of the merger agreement will constitute a waiver of your right of appraisal. Accordingly, if you want to maintain your appraisal rights you must either check the "Against" box or the "Abstain" box on the proxy card or refrain from executing and returning the enclosed proxy card.
- You must continuously hold your shares of Greater Atlantic stock from the date you make the demand for appraisal through the effective date of the merger.

#### Requirements for Written Demand for Appraisal

A written demand for appraisal of Greater Atlantic stock is only effective if it is signed by, or for, the stockholder of record who owns the shares at the time the demand is made. The demand must be signed as the stockholder's name appears on its Greater Atlantic stock certificate(s). If you are a beneficial owner of Greater Atlantic stock but not a stockholder of record, you must have the stockholder of record for your shares sign a demand for appraisal on your behalf.

If you own Greater Atlantic stock in a fiduciary capacity, such as a trustee, guardian or custodian, you must disclose the fact that you are signing the demand for appraisal in that capacity.

If you own Greater Atlantic stock with one or more other persons, such as in a joint tenancy or tenancy in common, all of the owners must sign, or have signed for them, the demand for appraisal. An authorized agent, which could include one or more of the owners, may sign the demand for appraisal for a stockholder of record; however, the agent must expressly disclose who the stockholder of record is and that he or she is signing the demand as that stockholder's

agent.

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If you are a record owner, such as a broker, who holds Greater Atlantic stock as a nominee for others, you may exercise a right of appraisal with respect to the shares held for one or more beneficial owners, while not exercising that right for other beneficial owners. In such a case, you should specify in the written demand the number of shares as to which you wish to demand appraisal. If you do not specify the number of shares, it will be assumed that your written demand covers all the shares of Greater Atlantic stock that are in your name.

Greater Atlantic stockholders who wish to exercise their appraisal rights should address written demands to:

Greater Atlantic Financial Corp. 10700 Parkridge Boulevard Suite P50 Reston, Virginia 20191 Attention: Corporate Secretary

Greater Atlantic must receive all written demands for appraisal before the vote concerning the merger agreement is taken. As explained above, this written demand should be signed by, or on behalf of, the stockholder of record. The written demand for appraisal should specify the stockholder's name and mailing address, the number of shares of stock owned, and that the stockholder is thereby demanding appraisal of such stockholder's shares.

#### Written Notice

Within 10 days after the effective date of the merger, Summit, as the surviving corporation in the merger, must give written notice that the merger has become effective to each Greater Atlantic stockholder who has properly sent a written demand for appraisal and who did not vote in favor of the merger. Except as required by law, Summit will not notify stockholders of any dates by which appraisal rights must be exercised.

#### Petition With Chancery Court

Within 120 days after the effective date of the merger, either Summit or any stockholder who has complied with the requirements of Section 262(a) and (d) may file a petition in the Delaware Court of Chancery demanding a determination of the value of the shares of all stockholders entitled to appraisal. Summit does not presently intend to file a petition, and if you seek to exercise appraisal rights you should not assume that Summit will file a petition or that Summit will initiate any negotiations with respect to the fair value of your shares. If you are a Greater Atlantic stockholder and want to have your Greater Atlantic shares appraised you should be prepared to initiate any petitions necessary for the perfection of your appraisal rights within the time period and in the manner prescribed in Section 262. Since Summit has no obligation to file a petition, your failure to file a petition within the period specified could result in the loss of your appraisal rights.

#### Withdrawal of Demand

If you change your mind and decide you no longer want an appraisal, you may withdraw your demand for appraisal at any time within 60 days after the effective date of the merger. If you withdraw your demand for appraisal, your appraisal rights will be terminated and you will receive the merger consideration provided in the merger agreement.

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#### Request for Appraisal Rights Statement

If you have complied with the conditions of Section 262, you are entitled, upon written request, to receive from Summit a statement setting forth the aggregate number of shares for which appraisal rights have been properly exercised and the aggregate number of holders of such shares. Summit must mail this statement to you within 10 days after receiving your written request. In order to receive this statement, you must send your request within 120 days after the effective date of the merger to Summit at the following address:

Summit Financial Group, Inc. 300 North Main Street Moorefield, West Virginia 26836 Attention: H. Charles Maddy, III

#### **Chancery Court Procedures**

If you properly file a petition for appraisal in the Court and deliver a copy of such petition to Summit, Summit will then have 20 days to provide the Court with a list of the names and addresses of all the stockholders who have demanded payment for their shares and have not reached an agreement with Summit as to the value of their shares. If the Court decides it is appropriate, it has the power to conduct a hearing to determine which stockholders have complied with Section 262 and have become entitled to appraisal. The Register in Chancery, if ordered to do so by the Court, will then send notice of the time and place of the hearing on the petition to all the stockholders who have demanded appraisal. The Court may also require you to submit your stock certificates to the Register in Chancery so that it can note on the certificates that an appraisal proceeding is pending. If you do not follow the Court's directions, you may be dismissed from the proceeding.

#### Chancery Court Appraisal of Greater Atlantic Shares

After the Court determines which stockholders are entitled to an appraisal, the Court will appraise the shares, determining their fair value by considering all relevant factors except for any appreciation or depreciation resulting from the accomplishment or expectation of the merger, together with a fair rate of interest, if the payment of interest is deemed appropriate by the Court. After the Court determines the fair value of the shares, it will direct Summit to pay that value to the stockholders who are entitled to such payment. In order to receive the fair value for your shares, you must surrender your stock certificates.

The Court could determine that the fair value of shares of Greater Atlantic stock is more than, the same as, or less than the merger consideration. In other words, if you demand appraisal rights, you could receive less consideration that you would under the merger agreement.

#### Costs and Expenses of Appraisal Proceeding

The costs of the appraisal proceeding may be determined by the Court and assessed against the parties as the Court deems equitable under the circumstances. Upon application of a stockholder, the Court may also order that all or a portion of the expenses incurred by any stockholder in connection with the appraisal proceeding, including reasonable attorneys' fees and the fees and expenses of experts, be charged pro rata against the value of all the shares entitled to an appraisal.

#### Loss of Stockholders' Rights

If you demand appraisal, after the effective date of the merger you will not be entitled to:

• vote your shares of stock, for any purpose, for which you have demanded appraisal;

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- receive payment of dividends or other distributions with respect to your shares, except for dividends or distributions, if any, that are payable to the holders of record as of a record date before the effective date of the merger; or
- receive the payment of the consideration provided for in the merger agreement.

However, you can regain these rights if no petition for an appraisal is filed within 120 days after the effective date of the merger, or if you deliver to Summit a written withdrawal of your demand for an appraisal and your acceptance of the merger, either within 60 days after the effective date of the merger or with the written consent of Summit. As explained above, these actions will also terminate your appraisal rights. However, an appraisal proceeding in the Court cannot be dismissed without the Court's approval. The Court may condition its approval upon any terms that it deems just.

If you fail to comply strictly with these procedures you will lose your appraisal rights. Consequently, if you wish to exercise your appraisal rights, you are strongly urged to consult a legal advisor before attempting to exercise your appraisal rights.

Background of the Merger; Board Recommendations and Reasons for the Merger

Periodically, the management of Greater Atlantic has evaluated Greater Atlantic's strategic options, including continuing to operate as an independent entity. At the time of the most recent strategic evaluation in early 2006, Greater Atlantic had not achieved consistent profitable earnings, sustaining losses in fiscal years 2002, 2004 and 2005, and had continued to suffer losses in the first quarter of fiscal year 2006. This inability to achieve consistent profitability and its potential implications for Greater Atlantic's financial condition has been and continues to be an item of supervisory note by the Office of Thrift Supervision, Greater Atlantic's primary regulator.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors on September 28, 2005, the Board of Directors authorized Charles W. Calomiris, Greater Atlantic's Chairman of the Board, to select and engage a qualified financial advisory firm to assist the Board of Directors in its strategic planning process. Subsequently, the Chairman of the Board, together with Carroll E. Amos, Greater Atlantic's President and Chief Executive Officer, met with representatives of financial advisory firms, including with representatives of Sandler O'Neill & Partners, L.P. ("Sandler O'Neill"). On January 30, 2006, Greater Atlantic engaged Sandler O'Neill to serve as independent financial advisor to the Board of Directors in connection with Greater Atlantic's review of its strategic options and to provide merger and acquisition analyses in connection with a potential business combination transaction.

At a meeting on March 8, 2006, the Board of Directors met with representatives of Sandler O'Neill who made a presentation to the Board of Directors regarding strategic options available to Greater Atlantic. The discussion focused on the merits of engaging in a potential business combination transaction (either a whole-bank merger or acquisition or sale of one or more branch offices) versus remaining independent. In discussing those options, the Board of Directors noted and assessed the various perceived risks, including the perceived supervisory risk associated with remaining independent given Greater Atlantic's recent operating history. Sandler O'Neill's presentation also included an overview of the current merger and acquisitions environment. The representatives of Sandler O'Neill presented a listing of recent thrift merger and acquisition transactions with characteristics that would be comparable to a potential transaction involving Greater Atlantic, branch sales in the immediate and adjoining markets, a list of potential acquirers, an overview of the equity market for bank and thrift stocks and comparable group analyses on both nationwide and regional bases. At the conclusion of the discussion, the Board of Directors directed the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors, in consultation with Greater Atlantic's financial and legal advisors, to take all necessary and appropriate action to conduct a process to determine what, if any, level of interest other parties might have in engaging in a potential business combination transaction with Greater Atlantic.

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On March 29, 2006, Sandler O'Neill identified for Greater Atlantic 69 parties Sandler O'Neill believed might have an interest in exploring a potential business combination with Greater Atlantic. Over approximately the next month, Sandler O'Neill, in consultation with Greater Atlantic's senior management and legal counsel, prepared a Confidential Information Memorandum containing financial and other information regarding Greater Atlantic for distribution to interested parties following their execution of confidentiality agreements. The Confidential Offering Memorandum provided instructions for interested parties to submit, by June 9, 2006, written indications of interest for a whole-bank transaction, a branch purchase transaction or an equity investment.

During April and May 2006, 16 interested parties executed confidentiality agreements and thereafter received a Confidential Offering Memorandum, including Summit which executed a confidentiality agreement dated April 25, 2006.

On June 22, 2006, the Board of Directors met, together with representatives of Sandler O'Neill and with representatives of legal counsel, to consider the 16 indications of interest that had been received: three for a whole-bank transaction, 12 for a branch acquisition and one for an equity investment. The representatives of Sandler O'Neill reviewed and discussed the financial terms of each indication of interest with the Board of Directors.

The whole-bank indications of interest varied with Party "A" indicating a proposed transaction value of approximately \$12.2 million, and Party "B" and Summit each indicating a proposed transaction value of approximately \$18.2 million, or \$6.00 per share. Parties "A" and "B" proposed all-cash transactions, and Summit proposed a stock/cash transaction. Summit's indication of interest, however, was conditioned on Greater Atlantic Bank selling its branch office in Pasadena, Maryland, before the closing of the proposed transaction. Summit's indication of interest, coupled with the sale of the Pasadena branch office to Bay-Vanguard Federal Savings Bank, which indicated the highest deposit premium for that branch (9.5%), would result in an aggregate indicated value of approximately \$23.2 million, or \$7.67 per share, compared to approximately \$18.2 million, or \$6.00 per share, indicated by Party "B" and approximately \$12.2 million, or \$4.03 per share, indicated by Party "A". During its discussion, the Board of Directors noted that engaging in a proposed transaction with Summit would require separate applications for regulatory approval and incur additional cost and possibly a longer approval process because it would entail the separate sale of the Pasadena branch office. The representatives of Sandler O'Neill then presented the Board with financial profiles, comparable peer analyses and background on the three interested parties.

Following the review of the whole-bank indications of interest, the Board reviewed and discussed the indications of interest for the separate branch sales, noting that Greater Atlantic had received indications of interest providing for deposit premiums ranging from 5.0% to 9.5%, with both the high and the low being for the Pasadena branch office. The representatives of Sandler O'Neill noted that the median deposit premium for recently announced branch sales ranged from 4.5% to 8.1%. The highest indication of interest for the Pasadena branch office, at a 9.5% deposit premium, was submitted by Bay-Vanguard Federal Savings Bank.

The Board of Directors then turned to the indication of interest submitted by the private equity investor. The Board of Directors noted that while five private equity investors had expressed interest when initially contacted by Sandler O'Neill, and four had executed confidentiality agreements and received a Confidential Offering Memorandum, only one of the private equity investors submitted a written indication of interest. The indication of interest received from the private equity investor proposed the sale of two branch offices of Greater Atlantic Bank, a substantial loan sale, a capital investment of approximately \$7.5 million and a consulting contract for the private equity group. In addition, the indication of interest provided that Greater Atlantic negotiate exclusively with the private equity investor for four weeks toward a definitive agreement. Given the whole-bank indications of

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interest that had been received, the Board of Directors determined not to give exclusivity to any interested party at this time.

Following further discussion, the Board of Directors authorized Sandler O'Neill to contact each of the parties that had submitted a whole-bank indication of interest and communicate to them Greater Atlantic's interest in pursuing a proposed transaction and to contact both Summit and Bay-Vanguard Federal Savings Bank to invite them to commence their respective due diligence reviews. The Board of Directors also authorized Sandler O'Neill to contact Party "B" and invite it to commence its due diligence review as soon as Summit and Bay-Vanguard Federal Savings Bank had completed their reviews.

On June 22, 2006, Mr. Amos, Edward C. Allen, Chief Operating Officer of Greater Atlantic Bank, and David E. Ritter, Greater Atlantic's Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, met with H. Charles Maddy, III, Summit's President and Chief Executive Officer, and Robert S. Tissue, Summit's Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, to discuss Summit's indication of interest.

On June 26, 2006, Summit began its due diligence review of Greater Atlantic at the main offices of Greater Atlantic.

On June 30, 2006, Bay-Vanguard Federal Savings Bank began its due diligence review of the Pasadena branch office. Also, on that date, Summit advised Sandler O'Neill that its Board of Directors had authorized management to proceed with negotiations toward a definitive agreement with Greater Atlantic, subject to completion of its due diligence review.

On August 10, 2006, Greater Atlantic announced publicly that it was investigating an unreconciled inter-company account between Greater Atlantic Bank and Greater Atlantic Mortgage Corporation, Greater Atlantic Bank's wholly-owned mortgage banking subsidiary that had terminated operations earlier in the year.

On September 8, 2006, Greater Atlantic announced publicly that the former management company of Greater Atlantic Mortgage Corporation and its principal had initiated arbitration proceedings against Greater Atlantic, Greater Atlantic Bank and Mr. Amos.

On September 26, 2006, Greater Atlantic received from Party "C" an unsolicited indication of interest to purchase the Rockville, Maryland, and South Riding, Virginia, branch offices of Greater Atlantic Bank for a 4% deposit premium.

Following the public announcements of the internal accounting issue and the commencement of the arbitration proceeding, various interested parties, including Summit, informed Greater Atlantic that these outstanding issues would have to be resolved before they could complete their due diligence review of Greater Atlantic and confirm their continued interest in pursuing a proposed transaction. In an effort to continue the process, on October 4, 2006, Greater Atlantic authorized Sandler O'Neill to contact Summit and the other parties that expressed interest in pursuing a whole-bank transaction to determine whether they would be interested in pursuing a purchase and assumption transaction, which would permit them to acquire all of Greater Atlantic's assets and liabilities other than the liabilities associated with the internal accounting issue and the arbitration proceeding.

On December 7, 2006, Greater Atlantic was advised of the interest of Party "D" in acquiring Greater Atlantic. Party "D" provided a confidentiality agreement and information concerning itself on December 7, 2006. Subsequently, on February 8, 2007, Party "D" submitted an indication of interest providing for an all-cash transaction ranging from \$15 million to \$20 million, or an indicated range of \$5.00 to \$6.67 per share, subject to, among other things, settlement of the outstanding arbitration and due diligence.

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On January 11, 2007, Greater Atlantic received an indication of interest letter from Summit proposing a purchase and assumption transaction.

On January 16, 2007, the Board of Directors held a special meeting. A representative of Sandler O'Neill analyzed the financial terms of Summit's purchase and assumption proposal as compared to the branch purchase indications of interest with the highest deposit premiums. The Board of Directors noted that Greater Atlantic would lose the tax benefit of its net operating loss carryforwards in a purchase and assumption transaction but would preserve it in a whole-bank merger or acquisition transaction. Valuing the deferred tax asset at approximately \$1.98 million for purposes of evaluating a proposed purchase and assumption transaction, the Board of Directors noted that Summit's purchase and assumption proposal indicated a net transaction value of approximately \$13.48 million, or \$4.46 per share. Following a review of the indications of interest received for branch office transactions, the Board of Directors noted that the aggregate transaction value for those transactions would amount to approximately \$14.99 million, or \$4.92 per share. During its discussion, the Board of Directors also noted the execution risk that would be involved in dealing with multiple acquirors, as well as the regulatory risk that would be involved given that the Office of Thrift Supervision may raise issue with a series of proposed purchase and assumption transactions that would leave Greater Atlantic Bank a smaller institution with substantial liabilities, including the potential liability associated with the pending arbitration proceeding.

Following further discussion, the Board of Directors instructed the representative of Sandler O'Neill to advise Summit that Greater Atlantic has continued interest in pursing a whole-bank transaction with Summit and that Summit was authorized to continue its due diligence review of Greater Atlantic.

On January 18, 2007, the representative of Sandler O'Neill advised Greater Atlantic that Summit remained interested in proceeding with its due diligence review in an effort to negotiate and execute a definitive merger agreement.

On January 24, 2007, Party "E" executed a confidentiality agreement, and on January 25, 2007, Party "E" submitted an indication of interest.

On January 25, 2007, the Board of Directors met to discuss the indication of interest submitted by Party "E". Party "E" proposed an all-cash transaction valuing Greater Atlantic at \$4.634 per share, subject to an exclusivity period and other conditions.

On January 25, 2007, Party "F" executed a confidentiality agreement.

On January 29, 2007, Summit resumed its due diligence review of Greater Atlantic.

On February 7, 2007, Party "F" submitted an indication of interest for an all-cash transaction that indicated a range of value from approximately \$14.5 million to \$16.0 million, or a range of \$4.79 to \$5.30 per share, subject to due diligence and other conditions.

On February 8, 2007, an indication of interest for an all-cash, whole-bank transaction was received from Party "D" indicating a transaction value ranging from \$15 million to \$20 million, or \$5.00 to \$6.67, per share, subject to due diligence and other conditions.

On February 9, 2007, Summit submitted a revised indication of interest for a whole-bank transaction, but with the exclusion of the Pasadena branch office and with an indicated value of \$4.60 per share.

On February 9, 2007, Greater Atlantic announced publicly the resolution of the arbitration proceeding.

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On February 13, 2007, Messrs. Calomiris and Amos, Sidney M. Bresler, a director of Greater Atlantic, and Paul J. Cinquegrana, a director of Greater Atlantic now deceased, met with Messrs. Maddy, III and Tissue. Messrs. Maddy, III and Tissue provided background information about Summit and expressed Summit's interest in a transaction with Greater Atlantic.

On February 14, 2007, the Board of Directors of Greater Atlantic met. A representative of Sandler O'Neill and representatives of Greater Atlantic's legal counsel were also present. The representative of Sandler O'Neill reviewed the terms of the various indications of interest that had been received to date. The Board of Directors considered and discussed in detail Greater Atlantic's prospects as an independent entity and came to the consensus that it would be in the best interests of Greater Atlantic and its stockholders to pursue a merger transaction with Summit, as well as the sale of the Pasadena branch office to Bay-Vanguard Federal Savings Bank. Following all discussion, the Board of Directors determined to pursue the proposals by Summit and Bay-Vanguard Federal Savings Bank and instructed senior management, in consultation with Greater Atlantic's legal and financial advisors, to proceed to negotiate the terms of a definitive merger agreement with Summit and the terms of a definitive purchase and assumption agreement with Bay-Vanguard Federal Savings Bank, consistent with their respective indications of interest, for presentation to and consideration by the Board of Directors at the earliest practicable time.

On February 20, 2007, representatives of Bay-Vanguard Federal Savings Bank conducted a due diligence review of the Pasadena branch office.

On March 1 and 2, 2007, representatives of Greater Atlantic conducted a due diligence review of Summit at its offices in Moorefield, West Virginia.

On March 21, 2007, Bay-Vanguard Federal Savings Bank informed Greater Atlantic, through a representative of Sandler O'Neill, that its had revised its indication of interest to reduce the deposit premium for the Pasadena branch office to 8.5%.

On March 28, 2007, the Board of Directors of Greater Atlantic met. Senior management of Greater Atlantic advised the Board of Directors that representatives of the Office of Thrift Supervision had inquired recently about the status of the ongoing merger and acquisition discussions and the prospects of negotiating and entering into a definitive agreement in the near term. The Board of Directors then discussed the Bay-Vanguard Federal Savings Bank's revised indication of interest for the purchase of the Pasadena branch office at a deposit premium of 8.5%. The representative of Sandler O'Neill noted that the new proposed deposit premium, although reduced from the 9.5% proposed initially, remained the highest proposal obtained. Following discussion, the Board of Directors authorized management, with the assistance of Greater Atlantic's legal and financial advisors, to negotiate a definitive purchase and assumption agreement for the sale of the Pasadena branch office consistent with the terms of the revised indication of interest of Bay-Vanguard Federal Savings Bank.

During the balance of March and early April 2007, representatives of Greater Atlantic and of Summit negotiated the terms of the definitive merger agreement and senior management representatives of Greater Atlantic and of Summit were in periodic contact to discuss transaction integration issues. During the same period, representatives of Greater Atlantic Bank and of Bay-Vanguard Federal Savings Bank negotiated the terms of the definitive purchase and assumption agreement for the purchase of the Pasadena branch office.

On the morning of April 12, 2007, a joint meeting of the Boards of Directors of Greater Atlantic and Greater Atlantic Bank was held to consider and discuss the terms of the definitive merger agreement as negotiated by Greater Atlantic and Summit and the terms of the definitive purchase and assumption agreement as negotiated by Greater Atlantic Bank and Bay-Vanguard Federal Savings Bank for the purchase the Pasadena branch office. A representative of Sandler O'Neill and representatives of Greater

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Atlantic's legal counsel were present at the meeting. Following presentations by Greater Atlantic's legal counsel and financial advisor and members of senior management, and discussion regarding the transactions, all of the directors present determined that the merger agreement and the ancillary transactions and the purchase and assumption agreement were advisable and in the best interests of Greater Atlantic and its stockholders and authorized Mr. Amos to execute and deliver the merger agreement and related documents and the purchase and assumption agreement on behalf of Greater Atlantic and Greater Atlantic Bank and to take all actions appropriate to effect the transactions contemplated by those agreements. Later in the day, Greater Atlantic issued a press release announcing the execution of the merger agreement with Summit and the execution by Greater Atlantic Bank of the purchase and assumption agreement with Bay-Vanguard Federal Savings Bank.

On August 24, 2007, Greater Atlantic Bank completed the sale of its Pasadena branch office to Bay-Vanguard Federal Savings Bank.

On December 6, 2007, Greater Atlantic and Summit amended the merger agreement to extend the date (from December 31, 2007 to March 31, 2008) on which either party could terminate the merger agreement under certain circumstances if the merger was not consummated by that date.

On March 25, 2008, the stockholders of Greater Atlantic approved the merger agreement at a special meeting of stockholders.

On April 4, 2008, Greater Atlantic received written notice from Summit that Summit had exercised its right to terminate the merger agreement. Upon receipt of the notice, the Chairman of the Board of Greater Atlantic called for a special meeting of the board of directors that evening. Legal counsel and a representative of Sandler O'Neill were in attendance. Following extensive discussion of the possible courses of action available to Greater Atlantic, the board of directors instructed the representative of Sandler O'Neill to contact Summit to determine whether Summit still had an interest in pursuing a merger with Greater Atlantic, and, if so, under what proposed terms and conditions. The meeting was adjourned so that the representative of Sandler O'Neill could contact Summit and report back to the board of directors. At the reconvened meeting later that evening, the representative of Sandler O'Neill reported that Summit would consider pursuing the merger only if the price was reduced and Summit's obligations to close the transaction were contingent on Greater Atlantic satisfying certain financial conditions at closing, including minimum capital ratios and asset quality ratios acceptable to Summit. After discussing and assessing the strategic options available to Greater Atlantic, particularly its prospects as an independent entity and considering the increased likelihood of adverse regulatory action if Greater Atlantic is unable to find an acceptable strategic partner, the board of directors Greater Atlantic's financial and legal advisors to contact the appropriate parties at Summit to inform Summit of Greater Atlantic's interest in pursuing negotiations toward a new merger agreement.

On April 5, 6 and 7, 2008, the board of directors of Greater Atlantic held informational conference calls during which the participating directors discussed negotiating points and strategy should Summit agree to enter into negotiations toward a new merger agreement.

On April 9, 2008, Greater Atlantic issued a press release announcing that it had received written notice from Summit that Summit had exercised its right to terminate the merger agreement and that Summit and Greater Atlantic had initiated negotiations towards entering into a new definitive merger agreement. Also, on that date, Summit issued a similar press release and Greater Atlantic's legal counsel received a draft of a new merger agreement from Summit's legal counsel that provided for a price of \$4.00 per share of Greater Atlantic common stock, payable \$1.20 in cash and \$2.80 in shares of Summit common stock.

On April 10, 2008, representatives of Greater Atlantic conducted a due diligence review of Summit at its main office in Moorefield, West Virginia.

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On April 11, 2008, the Office of Thrift Supervision notified Greater Atlantic that, given Greater Atlantic's continuing adverse financial condition and results of operations, it had determined to issue a cease and desist order against Greater Atlantic Bank and requested that Greater Atlantic Bank execute a stipulation and consent to the issuance of the order within 10 business days.

On April 14, 2008, the board of directors of Greater Atlantic met and reviewed in detail the draft of the stipulation and consent to the issuance of the cease and desist order. The board of directors instructed legal counsel to contact the Office of Thrift Supervision to request certain modifications to the terms of the cease and desist order. Over the following days, legal counsel wrote to the Office of Thrift Supervision to outline the modifications requested by the board of directors and legal counsel to the cease and desist order. The Office of Thrift Supervision responded by advising which of the modifications were acceptable to the Office of Thrift Supervision.

On April 18, 2008, counsel for Greater Atlantic responded with comments on the draft of a new definitive agreement provided by counsel for Summit on April 9, 2008.

On April 21, 2008, the board of directors of Greater Atlantic held an informational conference call to review the status of the negotiations with Summit and the status of the cease and desist order.

On April 23, 2008, at a meeting of the board of directors of Greater Atlantic Bank, the board of directors unanimously approved a resolution agreeing to enter into the stipulation and consent to the entry of the cease and desist order. On April 25, 2008, the Office of Thrift Supervision accepted the stipulation and consent and the cease and desist order became effective.

On April 26, 2008, the board of directors held an information conference call to review the status of the negotiations with Summit.

On April 29, 2008, Summit's counsel provided Greater Atlantic's counsel with a revised draft agreement.

On April 30, 2008, Summit's chief executive officer contacted Greater Atlantic's financial adviser to inquire whether Greater Atlantic would consider an all-stock transaction, also at \$4.00 per share of Greater Atlantic common stock, rather than the cash/stock transaction currently under consideration. In a conference call on May 1, 2008, the representative of Sandler O'Neill informed the Greater Atlantic board of directors of Summit's proposal to restructure the transaction as an all-stock deal at the price of \$4.00 per share. After discussing the proposal, the board of directors instructed the representative of Sandler O'Neill to inform Summit that an all-stock deal was acceptable, assuming that the remaining terms and conditions, including the financial closing conditions imposed on Greater Atlantic as required by Summit, could be negotiated to the satisfaction of both parties.

On May 7, 2008, Summit's counsel provided Greater Atlantic's counsel with a revised draft of a merger agreement providing for an all-stock transaction at a price of \$4.00 per share of Greater Atlantic common stock, but with other material terms and conditions still subject to negotiation.

On May 16, 2008, at a meeting of the board of directors of Greater Atlantic, Greater Atlantic's financial advisor reported on the status of negotiations with Summit.

On June 6, 2008, Summit's legal counsel provided Greater Atlantic's legal counsel with a final and complete draft of the merger agreement as negotiated by the parties.

During the period from April 9, 2008, when Greater Atlantic announced that it had entered into negotiations with Summit towards entering into a new definitive merger agreement, until June 9, 2008, neither Greater Atlantic nor its

investment adviser received an indication of interest in the acquisition of Greater Atlantic from a third party.

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On June 9, 2008, a meeting of the board of directors of Greater Atlantic was held to consider and discuss the terms of the definitive merger agreement as negotiated by Greater Atlantic and Summit. A representative of Sandler O'Neill and of Greater Atlantic's legal counsel were present at the meeting. Copies of the merger agreement and ancillary documents were sent to each director before the meeting. The representative of Sandler O'Neill made a presentation regarding the fairness of the proposed merger consideration to the holders of Greater Atlantic's common stock from a financial point of view and delivered the opinion of Sandler O'Neill that, as of June 9, 2008, and subject to the limitations and qualifications set forth in the opinion, the proposed merger consideration was fair from a financial point of view to the holders of Greater Atlantic common stock. The board of directors considered carefully the opinion of Sandler O'Neill as well as Sandler O'Neill's experience, qualifications and interest in the proposed transactions. Representatives of Greater Atlantic's legal counsel reviewed in detail the terms of the merger agreement and the ancillary documents and reviewed with the board of directors its fiduciary duties in the context of the proposed transaction. In evaluating the discharge of its fiduciary duties, the board of directors noted that from April 9, 2008, when Greater Atlantic publicly announced that it had entered into negotiations with Summit toward entering into a new merger agreement, to June 9, 2008, Greater Atlantic did not solicit, nor did it receive any unsolicited, business combination proposals from parties other than Summit and considered those circumstances in the context of the process that the board of directors undertook in connection with its decision to enter into the definitive merger agreement with Summit back in April 2007. In addition, senior management of Greater Atlantic, along with the representative of Sandler O'Neill and of legal counsel, presented the findings of Greater Atlantic's due diligence review of Summit. In addition, the board discussed the expected transaction costs including the value of severance obligations under existing employment and change in control agreements with members of management and other benefit arrangements. Following those presentations, and discussion regarding the transactions, the directors determined unanimously that the merger agreement and the transactions contemplated thereby were advisable and in the best interests of Greater Atlantic and its stockholders and authorized Mr. Amos to execute and deliver the merger agreement and to take all actions appropriate to effect the transaction contemplated by the merger agreement.

On June 10, 2008, Greater Atlantic and Summit issued separate press releases announcing the execution of the merger agreement.

#### Greater Atlantic's Reasons for the Merger

At the meeting at which the merger agreement was presented for consideration, Greater Atlantic's Board of Directors, by a unanimous vote of the directors present at the meeting, approved the merger agreement and recommended that Greater Atlantic's stockholders vote "FOR" approval of the merger agreement.

Greater Atlantic's Board of Directors has determined that the merger is advisable and in the best interests of Greater Atlantic and its stockholders. In approving the merger agreement, the Board of Directors consulted with Sandler O'Neill regarding the fairness of the transaction to Greater Atlantic's stockholders from a financial point of view and with Greater Atlantic's legal counsel regarding its legal duties and the terms of the merger agreement and ancillary documents. In determining to approve the merger agreement and recommend that stockholders approve the merger, the Board of Directors, in consultation with Greater Atlantic's senior management and financial and legal advisors, considered a number of factors, including the following material factors:

• The understanding of the Board of Directors of the strategic options available to Greater Atlantic and the Board of Directors' assessment of those options with respect to the prospects and estimated results of the execution by Greater Atlantic of its business plan as an independent entity under various scenarios, and the determination that none of those options or the execution of the business plan under the best case scenarios were likely to create greater present value for Greater Atlantic's stockholders than the value to be paid by Summit. In particular, the Board of Directors

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considered Greater Atlantic's ability to achieve consistent profitability as an independent entity and the prospects for profitable operations under the cease and desist order that became effective on April 25, 2008, and the prospects for further adverse regulatory action if it failed to do so.

- The ability of Greater Atlantic's stockholders to participate in the future prospects of the combined entity through ownership of Summit common stock and that Greater Atlantic's shareholders would have potential value appreciation by owning the common stock of Summit.
- Summit's ability to continue to pay cash dividends on its common stock (Greater Atlantic has never paid cash dividends).
- Sandler O'Neill's written opinion that, as of June 9, 2008, and subject to the assumptions and limitations set forth in the opinion, the merger consideration was fair to Greater Atlantic's stockholders from a financial point of view.
- The wider array of financial products and services that would be available to customers of Greater Atlantic and the communities served by Greater Atlantic.
- The current and prospective economic, competitive and regulatory environment and the regulatory compliance costs facing Greater Atlantic and other similar size, independent, community banking institutions generally, including the cost of compliance with the requirements of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act.
- A review, with the assistance of Greater Atlantic's financial and legal advisors, of the terms of the merger agreement, including that the merger is intended to qualify as a transaction that is generally tax-free for U.S. federal income tax purposes.
  - The results of the due diligence review of Summit.
- The Greater Atlantic employees to be retained after the merger would have opportunities for career advancement in a larger organization.
- The likelihood of timely receiving regulatory approval and the approval of Greater Atlantic's stockholders and the estimated transaction and severance costs associated with the merger and payments that could be triggered upon termination of or failure to consummate the merger.

The foregoing information and factors considered by Greater Atlantic's Board of Directors is not exhaustive, but includes all material factors that the Board of Directors considered and discussed in approving the merger agreement and recommending that Greater Atlantic's stockholders vote to approve the merger. In view of the wide variety of factors considered and discussed by the Board of Directors in connection with its evaluation of the merger and the complexity of these factors, the Board of Directors did not consider it practical to, nor did it attempt to, quantify, rank or otherwise assign any specific or relative weights to the specific factors that it considered in reaching its decision; rather it considered all of the factors as a whole. The Board of Directors discussed and considered the foregoing factors and reached general consensus that the merger was in the best interests of Greater Atlantic and its stockholders. In considering the foregoing factors, individual directors of Greater Atlantic may have assigned different weights to different factors. The Board of Directors relied on the experience and expertise of Sandler O'Neill for quantitative analysis of the financial terms of the merger agreement. See "The Merger -- Opinion of Greater Atlantic's Financial Advisor" and the opinion letter of Sandler O'Neill attached to this proxy statement/ prospectus as Annex C. It should be noted that this explanation of the reasoning of Greater Atlantic's Board of Directors and all other information presented in this section is forward-looking in nature and, therefore, should be read in light of the factors discussed under "Forward-Looking Statements" on page 18.

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#### Summit's Reasons for the Merger

The merger is consistent with Summit's plan to have operations, offices and distinct capabilities in every market of its choice within its region. The merger will afford Summit the opportunity to further expand market share in the Northern Virginia market. Summit believes that, in addition to expanding Summit's presence in very attractive markets, the merger provides an opportunity to enhance Summit's stockholder value with the prospects of positive long-term performance of Summit's common stock. Summit believes that the merger is a strategic fit between Summit and Greater Atlantic given the compatibility of the management and business philosophy of each company. Enhanced opportunities should result from the merger by eliminating redundant or unnecessary costs and enhancing revenue growth prospects.

## Opinion of Greater Atlantic's Financial Advisor

By letter agreement dated January 30, 2006, Greater Atlantic retained Sandler O'Neill to act as its financial advisor in connection with a possible business combination. Sandler O'Neill is a nationally recognized investment banking firm whose principal business specialty is financial institutions. In the ordinary course of its investment banking business, Sandler O'Neill is regularly engaged in the valuation of financial institutions and their securities in connection with mergers and acquisitions and other corporate transactions.

Sandler O'Neill acted as financial advisor to Greater Atlantic in connection with the proposed merger and participated in certain of the negotiations leading to the merger agreement. At the June 9, 2008 meeting at which Greater Atlantic's board considered and approved the merger agreement, Sandler O'Neill delivered to the board its oral opinion, subsequently confirmed in writing that, as of such date, the merger consideration was fair to Greater Atlantic's shareholders from a financial point of view. The full text of Sandler O'Neill's opinion is attached as Annex C to this document. The opinion outlines the procedures followed, assumptions made, matters considered and qualifications and limitations on the review undertaken by Sandler O'Neill in rendering its opinion. The description of the opinion set forth below is qualified in its entirety by reference to the opinion. Greater Atlantic shareholders are urged to read the entire opinion carefully in connection with their consideration of the proposed merger.

Sandler O'Neill's opinion speaks only as of the date of the opinion. The opinion is directed to the Greater Atlantic board and speaks only to the fairness from a financial point of view of the merger consideration to Greater Atlantic shareholders. It does not address the underlying business decision of Greater Atlantic to engage in the merger or any other aspect of the merger and is not a recommendation to any Greater Atlantic shareholder as to how such shareholder should vote at the special meeting with respect to the merger, or any other matter.

In connection with rendering its June 9, 2008 opinion, Sandler O'Neill reviewed and considered, among other things:

#### (1) the merger agreement;

- (2) certain publicly available financial statements and other historical financial information of Greater Atlantic that Sandler O'Neill deemed relevant;
- (3) certain publicly available financial statements and other historical financial information of Summit that Sandler O'Neill deemed relevant;
- (4) internal financial projections for Greater Atlantic for the years ending December 31, 2008 and 2009 prepared by and reviewed with senior management of Greater Atlantic laying

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out how Greater Atlantic plans to obtain core profitability by using its existing capital base and growth and performance projections for the years ending December 31, 2010, 2011 and 2012 as provided by and reviewed with senior management of Greater Atlantic;

- (5) internal financial projections for Summit for the year ending December 31, 2008 prepared by and reviewed with management of Summit and growth and performance projections for the years ending December 31, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012 as provided by and reviewed with senior management of Summit;
- (6) the pro forma financial impact of the merger on Summit based on assumptions relating to transaction expenses, purchase accounting adjustments and cost savings determined by the senior managements of Greater Atlantic and Summit:
- (7) the publicly reported historical price and trading activity for Greater Atlantic's and Summit's respective common stock, including a comparison of certain financial and stock market information for Greater Atlantic and Summit with similar publicly available information for certain other companies the securities of which are publicly traded;
- (8) the financial terms of certain recent business combinations in the commercial banking and thrift industries, to the extent publicly available;
  - (9) the current market environment generally and the banking environment in particular; and
- such other information, financial studies, analyses and investigations and financial, economic and market (10) criteria as Sandler O'Neill considered relevant.

Sandler O'Neill also discussed with certain members of Greater Atlantic's senior management the business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects of Greater Atlantic and held similar discussions with certain members of senior management of Summit regarding the business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects of Summit.

In performing its reviews and analyses, Sandler O'Neill relied upon the accuracy and completeness of all of the financial and other information that was available to it from public sources, that was provided by Greater Atlantic and Summit or their respective representatives or that was otherwise available to Sandler O'Neill and assumed such accuracy and completeness for purposes of rendering its opinion. Sandler O'Neill further relied on the assurances of senior management of Greater Atlantic and Summit that they were not aware of any facts or circumstances that would make any of such information materially inaccurate or misleading. Sandler O'Neill was not asked to, and did not, undertake an independent verification of any of such information and Sandler O'Neill did not assume any responsibility or liability for the accuracy or completeness thereof. Sandler O'Neill did not make an independent evaluation or appraisal of the specific assets, the collateral securing assets or the liabilities (contingent or otherwise) of Greater Atlantic or Summit or any of their subsidiaries, or the collectibility of any such assets, nor was Sandler O'Neill furnished with any such evaluations or appraisals. Sandler O'Neill is not an expert in the evaluation of allowances for loan losses and it did not make an independent evaluation of the adequacy of the allowance for loan losses of Greater Atlantic or Summit, nor did Sandler O'Neill review any individual credit files relating to Greater Atlantic or Summit. Sandler O'Neill assumed, with Greater Atlantic's consent, that the respective allowances for loan losses for both Greater Atlantic and Summit were adequate to cover such losses and together will be adequate for the combined company.

With respect to the internal financial projections for Greater Atlantic and Summit and the projections of transaction costs, purchase accounting adjustments and expected cost savings prepared by and/or reviewed with the senior managements of Greater Atlantic and Summit used by Sandler O'Neill in

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its analyses, senior management of Greater Atlantic and Summit confirmed that those projections and the assumptions related thereto reflected the best currently available estimates and judgments of the future financial performance of Greater Atlantic and Summit. Sandler O'Neill assumed that the financial performances reflected in all projections and estimates used by them in their analyses would be achieved and expressed no opinion as to such projections or estimates or the assumptions on which they were based. Those estimates and projections, as well as the other estimates used by Sandler O'Neill in its analysis, were based on numerous variables and assumptions which are inherently uncertain and, accordingly, actual results could vary materially from those set forth in such projections.

Sandler O'Neill also assumed that there had been no material change in Greater Atlantic's and Summit's assets, financial condition, results of operations, business or prospects since the date of the last financial statements made available to them, that Greater Atlantic and Summit would remain as going concerns for all periods relevant to its analyses, that all of the representations and warranties contained in the merger agreement were true and correct as set forth in the merger agreement, that each party to the merger agreement would perform all of the covenants required to be performed by such party under that agreement, that the conditions precedent in the merger agreement will not be waived and that the merger will qualify as a tax-free reorganization for federal income tax purposes. Sandler O'Neill, with Greater Atlantic's consent, relied on the advice Greater Atlantic received from its legal, accounting, and tax advisors as to all legal, accounting, and tax matters relating to the merger agreement and the merger.

In rendering its June 9, 2008 opinion, Sandler O'Neill performed a variety of financial analyses. Sandler O'Neill prepared its analyses solely for purposes of rendering its opinion and provided such analyses to the Greater Atlantic Board of Directors. The summary below is not a complete description of the analyses underlying Sandler O'Neill's opinion or the presentation made by Sandler O'Neill to Greater Atlantic's Board, but is instead a summary of the material analyses performed and presented in connection with its opinion. The preparation of a fairness opinion is a complex process involving subjective judgments as to the most appropriate and relevant methods of financial analysis and the application of those methods to the particular circumstances. Also, no company included in Sandler O'Neill's comparative analyses described below is identical to Greater Atlantic or Summit and no transaction is identical to the merger. Accordingly, an analysis of comparable companies or transactions involves complex considerations and judgments concerning differences in financial and operating characteristics of the companies and other factors that could affect their public trading values or merger transaction values. The process, therefore, is not necessarily susceptible to a partial analysis or summary description.

In arriving at its opinion, Sandler O'Neill did not attribute any particular weight to any analysis or factor that it considered. Rather, Sandler O'Neill made its own qualitative judgments as to the significance and relevance of each analysis and factor. The financial analyses summarized below include information presented in tabular format. Sandler O'Neill did not form an opinion as to whether any individual analysis or factor (positive or negative) considered in isolation supported or failed to support its opinion; rather Sandler O'Neill made its determination as to the fairness of the merger consideration on the basis of its experience and professional judgment after considering the results of all the analyses taken as a whole. Accordingly, Sandler O'Neill believes that its analyses and the summary of its analyses must be considered as a whole and that selecting portions of its analyses or focusing on the information presented below in tabular format, without considering all analyses and factors or the full narrative description of the financial analyses, including methodologies and assumptions underlying the analyses, could create a misleading or incomplete view of the process underlying its analysis and opinion. The tables alone do not constitute complete descriptions of the financial analyses presented in such tables.

In performing its analysis, Sandler also made numerous assumptions with respect to industry performance, business and economic conditions and various other matters, many of which cannot be predicted and are beyond the control of Greater Atlantic, Summit and Sandler O'Neill. The analysis performed by Sandler O'Neill is not necessarily indicative of actual values or future results, both of which

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may be significantly more or less favorable than suggested by such analysis. Estimates on the values of companies did not purport to be appraisals or necessarily reflect the prices at which companies or their securities might actually be sold. Such estimates are inherently subject to uncertainty and actual values may be materially different. Accordingly, Sandler O'Neill's analysis does not necessarily reflect the value of Greater Atlantic's common stock or Summit's common stock or the prices at which Greater Atlantic's or Summit's common stock may be sold at any time. The analysis of Sandler and its opinion were among a number of factors taken into consideration by Greater Atlantic's Board in making its determination to adopt the merger agreement and the analysis described below should not be viewed as determinative of the decision of Greater Atlantic's Board with respect to the fairness of the merger.

Summary of Proposal. Sandler O'Neill reviewed the financial terms of the proposed transaction. Pursuant to the merger agreement, each share of Greater Atlantic common stock issued and outstanding immediately prior to the merger will be converted into the right to receive that number of shares of Summit common stock, \$2.50 par value per share (the "Summit Common Stock"), equal to \$4.00 divided by the average closing price of Summit Common Stock as reported on the NASDAQ Capital Market for the twenty trading days prior to the closing of the Merger (the "Exchange Ratio"). In no event will each share of GAFC Common Stock be exchanged for more than 0.328625 of a share of Summit Common Stock. The aggregate value of the merger consideration is subject to a dollar for dollar adjustment if, at closing, Greater Atlantic's shareholders' equity is below an amount, subject to certain adjustments, as specified in the merger agreement to the closing of the merger. Sandler O'Neill calculated the aggregate transaction value to be \$12.1 million. Based upon financial information for Greater Atlantic for the twelve months ended March 31, 2008, Sandler O'Neill calculated the following ratios:

#### **Transaction Ratios**

Transaction price / Last twelve months' earnings per share	NM
Transaction price / Book value per share	367%
Transaction price / Tangible book value per share	520%
Tangible book premium/Core Deposits (1)	7.7%
Market premium as of June 5, 2008	220.0%

#### (1) Core deposits exclude time deposits with account balances greater than \$100,000.

Stock Trading History. Sandler O'Neill also reviewed the history of the publicly reported trading prices of Greater Atlantic's common stock for three-year period ended June 5, 2008. Sandler O'Neill also reviewed the history of the reported trading prices and volume of Summit's common stock for the three year period ended June 5, 2008. Sandler O'Neill then compared the relationship between the movements in the price of Greater Atlantic's common stock against the movements in the prices of the Standard & Poor's 500 Index, the NASDAQ Bank Index, the Standard & Poor's Bank Index and the performance of a composite peer group - a weighted average (by market capitalization) composite of publicly traded comparable depository institutions selected by Sandler O'Neill. Sandler O'Neill also compared the relationship between the movements in the prices of Summit's common stock to movements in the prices of the Nasdaq Bank Index, S&P Bank Index, and S&P 500 Index and the performance of a composite peer group - a weighted average (by market capitalization) composite of publicly traded comparable depository institutions selected by Sandler O'Neill. The composition of the peer group for Greater Atlantic is discussed under the relevant section under "Comparable Company Analysis" below. The composition of the peer group for Summit is discussed under the relevant section under "Comparable Company Analysis" below.

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The relative performances were as follows:

#### Greater Atlantic's Stock Performance

Beginning Index Value	<b>Ending Index Value</b>	
June 3, 2005		June 5, 2008
Greater 100.00%	21.7%	
Atlantic		
S&P 100.00	117.4	
500		
Index		
NASDAQ100.00	82.8	
Bank		
Index		
S&P Bank Index 100.00	68.3	
Regional Peer Group Index (1)	100.00 72.2	

(1) Refers to the peer group outlined in the Comparable Group Analysis section below.

#### Summit's Stock Performance

Beginning In	dex Value	Ending	Index V	'alue	
June 3, 20	05				June 5, 2008
Summit	100.00%	40.5%	)		
S&P 100.00				117.4	
500					
Index					
NASDAQ100.00	)			82.8	
Bank					
Index					
S&P Bank Index	100.00	68.	3		
Regional Peer Gr	roup Index (1)	100.00	79.3		

(1) Refers to the peer group outlined in the Comparable Group Analysis section below.

Comparable Company Analysis. Sandler O'Neill used publicly available information to compare selected financial and market trading information for Greater Atlantic and Summit to various peer groups selected by Sandler O'Neill. The peer group for Greater Atlantic consisted of the following companies:

Coddle Creek Financial Corp.

Community Financial Corporation

First Keystone Financial, Inc.

SE Financial Corp.

South Street Financial Corp.

WVS Financial Corp.

First Star Bancorp, Inc.

The analysis compared publicly available financial information as of and for the most recently reported twelve-month period and market trading information as of June 5, 2008. The table below compares the data for Greater Atlantic with the median data for the regional peer group.

Greater Atlantic Comparable Group Anal	ysis
Regional	

		Regional	
		Peer Group	
	Greater Atlantic	Median	
Market Capitalization (in millions)	\$4	\$19	
Total assets (in millions)	\$230	\$439	
Tangible equity/Tangible assets	1.01%	7.87%	
Last twelve months' return on average assets	(1.22%)	0.37%	
Last twelve months' return on average equity	(38.6%)	3.2%	
Price/Tangible book value per share	162%	71%	
Price/Last twelve months' core earnings per share	NM	15.9x	

The "Regional Peer Group" for Summit consisted of the following companies:

Burke & Herbert Bank & Trust Co.
Cardinal Financial Corporation
Eastern Virginia Bankshares, Inc.

National Bankshares, Incorporated
Old Point Financial Corporation
Shore Bancshares, Inc.

First United Corporation Virginia Commerce Bancorp, Inc.

Middleburg Financial Corporation

The analysis compared publicly available financial information as of and for the most recently reported twelve-month period and market trading information as of June 5, 2008. The table below compares the data for Summit with the median data for the peer group.

# Summit Comparable Group Analysis

		Regional	
		Peer Group	
	Summit	Median	
Market Capitalization (in millions)	\$96	\$126	
Total assets (in millions)	\$1,465	\$1,018	
Tangible equity/Tangible assets	5.63%	8.69%	
Last twelve months' return on average assets	0.56 %	1.03%	
Last twelve months' return on average equity	8.3%	11.3%	
Price/Tangible book value per share	117%	136%	
Price/Last twelve months' core earnings per share	6.7x	11.5x	
Price/Estimated 2008 earnings per share	6.6x	10.5x	

Analysis of Selected Merger Transactions. Sandler O'Neill reviewed 31 merger transactions announced from January 1, 2006 through June 5, 2008 involving acquisitions of banks and thrifts in the United States with announced

transaction value less than \$30 million and the selling companies recorded negative earnings for the last twelve month period and the prior two fiscal years. Sandler O'Neill reviewed the multiples of transaction price at announcement to stated book value per share, tangible book

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value per share, as well as tangible book premium to core deposits and current market price premium, and computed high, low, mean and median multiples and premiums for the transactions.

	Selected Merger Median Multiple
Transaction price/ Book value per share	146%
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Transaction price / Tangible book value per share	150%
Tangible book premium / Core deposits (1)	7.4%
Premium to current market price	38.4%

(1) Core deposits exclude time deposits with account balances greater than \$100,000.

Discounted Cash Flow Analysis. Sandler O'Neill performed an analysis to estimate the future stream of after-tax cash flows that Greater Atlantic would provide to equity holders through 2012 on a stand-alone basis, assuming Greater Atlantic performed in accordance with the earnings and growth projections reviewed with Greater Atlantic's senior management and assuming Greater Atlantic can obtain core profitability by using its existing capital base. To approximate the terminal value of Greater Atlantic common stock at December 31, 2012, Sandler O'Neill applied price/earnings multiples ranging from 8x to 13x and multiples of tangible book value ranging from 60% to 110%. The terminal values were then discounted to present values using discount rates ranging from 11% to 17%, which were selected by Sandler O'Neill to reflect different assumptions regarding required rates of return of holders or prospective buyers of Greater Atlantic's common stock. This analysis resulted in the following reference ranges of indicated per share values for Greater Atlantic's common stock:

Terminal Earnings	Multiple
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Discount						
Rate	8x	9x	10x	11x	12x	13x
11.0%	\$2.63	\$2.96	\$3.29	\$3.61	\$3.94	\$4.27
12.0%	\$2.51	\$2.83	\$3.14	\$3.46	\$3.77	\$4.08
13.0%	\$2.40	\$2.71	\$3.01	\$3.31	\$3.61	\$3.91
14.0%	\$2.30	\$2.59	\$2.88	\$3.16	\$3.45	\$3.74
15.0%	\$2.20	\$2.48	\$2.75	\$3.03	\$3.30	\$3.58
16.0%	\$2.11	\$2.37	\$2.64	\$2.90	\$3.16	\$3.43
17.0%	\$2.02	\$2.27	\$2.53	\$2.78	\$3.03	\$3.28

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# Terminal Tangible Book Multiple

Discount						
Rate	60%	70%	80%	90%	100%	110%
11.0%	\$2.08	\$2.43	\$2.78	\$3.12	\$3.47	\$3.82
12.0%	\$1.99	\$2.32	\$2.66	\$2.99	\$3.32	\$3.65
13.0%	\$1.91	\$2.22	\$2.54	\$2.86	\$3.18	\$3.49
14.0%	\$1.82	\$2.13	\$2.43	\$2.73	\$3.04	\$3.34
15.0%	\$1.75	\$2.04	\$2.33	\$2.62	\$2.91	\$3.20
16.0%	\$1.67	\$1.95	\$2.23	\$2.51	\$2.79	\$3.06
17.0%	\$1.60	\$1.87	\$2.13	\$2.40	\$2.67	\$2.94

andler O'Neill performed a similar analysis assuming Greater Atlantic's 2012 net income varied from 25% above to 25% below the estimates noted above. This analysis resulted in the following reference ranges of indicated per share values for Greater Atlantic's common stock, using a discount rate of 14.20%:

		Terminal Earnings Multiple					
EPS P	rojection						
Cha	nge from						
В	ase Case	8x	9x	10x	11x	12x	13x
	(25.0%)	\$1.71	\$1.92	\$2.14	\$2.35	\$2.57	\$2.78
	(20.0%)	\$1.82	\$2.05	\$2.28	\$2.51	\$2.74	\$2.96
	(15.0%)	\$1.94	\$2.18	\$2.42	\$2.67	\$2.91	\$3.15
	(10.0%)	\$2.05	\$2.31	\$2.57	\$2.82	\$3.08	\$3.34
	(5.0%)	\$2.17	\$2.44	\$2.71	\$2.98	\$3.25	\$3.52
	0.0%	\$2.28	\$2.57	\$2.85	\$3.14	\$3.42	\$3.71
	5.0%	\$2.39	\$2.69	\$2.99	\$3.29	\$3.59	\$3.89
	10.0%	\$2.51	\$2.82	\$3.14	\$3.45	\$3.76	\$4.08
	15.0%	\$2.62	\$2.95	\$3.28	\$3.61	\$3.93	\$4.26
	20.0%	\$2.74	\$3.08	\$3.42	\$3.76	\$4.11	\$4.45
	25.0%	\$2.85	\$3.21	\$3.56	\$3.92	\$4.28	\$4.63

Sandler O'Neill also performed an analysis to estimate the future stream of after-tax cash flows that Summit would provide to equity holders through 2012 on a stand-alone basis, assuming Summit increased their annual dividend by \$0.02 annually and that Summit performed in accordance with the earnings and growth projections reviewed with Summit's senior management. To approximate the terminal value of Summit common stock at December 31, 2012, Sandler O'Neill applied price/earnings multiples ranging from 8x to 18x and multiples of tangible book value ranging from 10% to 200%. The dividend stream and terminal values were then discounted to present values using discount rates ranging from 11% to 17%, which were selected by Sandler O'Neill to reflect different assumptions regarding required rates of return of holders or prospective buyers of Summit's common stock. This analysis resulted in the following reference ranges of indicated per share values for Summit's common stock:

Terminal Earnings Multiple					
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8x	10x	12x	14x	16x	18x
\$15.37	\$18.86	\$22.34	\$25.82	\$29.30	\$32.79
\$14.73	\$18.06	\$21.39	\$24.72	\$28.05	\$31.37
\$14.11	\$17.30	\$20.48	\$23.67	\$26.85	\$30.04
\$13.53	\$16.58	\$19.62	\$22.67	\$25.72	\$28.77
\$12.98	\$15.89	\$18.81	\$21.73	\$24.65	\$27.56
\$12.45	\$15.24	\$18.04	\$20.83	\$23.63	\$26.42
\$11.95	\$14.63	\$17.30	\$19.98	\$22.66	\$25.33
		Terminal Tar	ngible Book I	Multiple	
				_	
100%	120%	140%	160%	180%	200%
\$14.10	\$16.63	\$19.16	\$21.69	\$24.22	\$26.75
\$13.51	\$15.93	\$18.35	\$20.76	\$23.18	\$25.60
\$12.94	\$15.26	\$17.57	\$19.89	\$22.20	\$24.52
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15.0%	\$11.91	\$14.03	\$16.15	\$18.27	\$20.39	\$22.51
16.0%	\$11.43	\$13.46	\$15.49	\$17.52	\$19.55	\$21.58
17.0%	\$10.97	\$12.91	\$14.86	\$16.80	\$18.75	\$20.69

Sandler O'Neill performed a similar analysis assuming Summit's 2012 net income varied from 25% above to 25% below the estimates noted above. This analysis resulted in the following reference ranges of indicated per share values for Summit's common stock, using a discount rate of 14.20%:

	Terminal Earnings Multiple					
S Projection						
Change from						
Base Case	8x	10x	12x	14x	16x	18x
(25.0%)	\$10.40	\$12.66	\$14.93	\$17.19	\$19.46	\$21.72
(20.0%)	\$11.00	\$13.42	\$15.83	\$18.25	\$20.67	\$23.08
(15.0%)	\$11.60	\$14.17	\$16.74	\$19.31	\$21.88	\$24.44
(10.0%)	\$12.21	\$14.93	\$17.65	\$20.36	\$23.08	\$25.80
(5.0%)	\$12.81	\$15.68	\$18.55	\$21.42	\$24.29	\$27.16
0.0%	\$13.42	\$16.44	\$19.46	\$22.48	\$25.50	\$28.52
5.0%	\$14.02	\$17.19	\$20.36	\$23.54	\$26.71	\$29.88
10.0%	\$14.62	\$17.95	\$21.27	\$24.59	\$27.92	\$31.24
15.0%	\$15.23	\$18.70	\$22.18	\$25.65	\$29.13	\$32.60
20.0%	\$15.83	\$19.46	\$23.08	\$26.71	\$30.33	\$33.96
25.0%	\$16.44	\$20.21	\$23.99	\$27.77	\$31.54	\$35.32
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In its discussions with the Greater Atlantic Board, Sandler O'Neill noted that the discounted cash flow analysis is a widely used valuation methodology, but the results of such methodology are highly dependent upon the numerous assumptions that must be made, and the results thereof are not necessarily indicative of actual values or future results.

Pro Forma Merger Analysis. Sandler O'Neill analyzed certain potential pro forma effects of the merger, assuming (1) a deal price per share of \$4.00; (2) Greater Atlantic would lose approximately \$1.2 million per quarter prior to closing; (3) Summit performs in accordance with the earnings projections and estimates discussed above; (4) Greater Atlantic meets the adjusted equity minimum amount; (5) Greater Atlantic meets all conditions to closing, including the minimum amount of core deposits and the minimum regulatory capital ratios, and (6) the merger closes during the fourth quarter of 2008. Sandler O'Neill also assumed various purchase accounting adjustments (including amortizable identifiable intangibles created in the merger), charges and transaction costs associated with the merger, and cost savings resulting from the merger (100% of which would be realized in 2009). Based on the assumptions listed above, the analysis indicated that the merger would be dilutive to Summit's tangible book value per share at closing. The actual results achieved by the combined company may vary from projected results and the variations may be material.

Sandler O'Neill's Compensation and Other Relationships with Greater Atlantic and Summit. Greater Atlantic has agreed to pay Sandler O'Neill a monthly retainer of \$10,000 each month ("General Advisory Services Fee") and has agreed to continue to do so until the closing of the transaction. Sandler O'Neill will also be paid a transaction fee in connection with the merger of \$150,000. It is agreed that one-half of the General Advisory Services Fee shall be credited against the \$150,000 transaction fee. A fee of \$100,000 has been paid to Sandler O'Neill for rendering its April 12, 2007 fairness opinion, and an additional fee of \$100,000 has been paid to Sandler O'Neill for rendering its June 9, 2008 fairness opinion. In connection with the Pasadena, Maryland branch sale, Greater Atlantic has paid Sandler O'Neill a fee of \$77,281, which is equal to 0.15% of the total deposits in the branch sale transaction. Greater Atlantic has also agreed to reimburse certain of Sandler O'Neill reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with its engagement and to indemnify Sandler O'Neill and its affiliates

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and their respective partners, directors, officers, employees, agents and controlling persons against certain expenses and liabilities, including liabilities under the securities laws.

In the ordinary course of its business as a broker-dealer, Sandler O'Neill may purchase securities from and sell securities to Greater Atlantic and Summit and their respective affiliates. Sandler O'Neill may also actively trade the debt and/or equity securities of Greater Atlantic or Summit or their respective affiliates for its own account or for the accounts of its customers and, accordingly, may at any time hold a long or short position in such securities.

#### Interests of Certain Persons in the Merger

Certain members of Greater Atlantic's management have interests in the merger in addition to their interests as shareholders of Greater Atlantic. These interests are described below. In each case, the Greater Atlantic board of directors was aware of these potential interests, and considered them, among other matters, in approving the merger agreement and the transactions contemplated thereby.

## Employment and Severance Agreements.

After the effective date of the merger, the employment of certain employees of Greater Atlantic may be terminated in a manner which will entitle them to receive termination benefits provided under existing employment agreements with Greater Atlantic. The terms of such termination benefits for each employee are set forth below.

Amos Employment Agreement. Effective November 1, 1997, Greater Atlantic Bank entered into an employment agreement with Carroll E. Amos, President and Chief Executive Officer of Greater Atlantic Bank. Under the employment agreement, if, following a change in control (as defined in the employment agreement), Mr. Amos voluntarily resigns or his employment is terminated involuntarily for reasons other than cause, Mr. Amos (or in the event of his death, his beneficiary) would be entitled to a lump sum cash severance payment equal to the greater of: (i) the remaining payments due for the term of the employment agreement, or (ii) two times the average of Mr. Amos' annual compensation for the three years preceding the change in control. For purposes of the employment agreement, the merger with Summit constitutes a change in control. In addition to a cash severance payment, the employment agreement provides that Greater Atlantic Bank or its successor will cause to be continued Mr. Amos' life, health, dental and disability insurance coverage for thirty-six months following his termination of employment in connection with a change in control. That insurance coverage is required to be provided under terms substantially identical to the coverage maintained by Greater Atlantic Bank prior to Mr. Amos' termination date. In the event Mr. Amos' employment is voluntarily or involuntarily terminated following the merger by and between Summit and Greater Atlantic, Mr. Amos would be entitled to a lump sum cash payment and health and welfare benefits equal to approximately \$394,000.

Senior Officers' Severance Compensation Plan. Effective on December 1, 1999, Greater Atlantic Bank implemented an Employee Severance Compensation Plan (the "Officer Plan"), to provide severance benefits to the following senior officers who are terminated, voluntarily or involuntarily from employment with Greater Atlantic Bank within one year of a change in control (as defined in the Officer Plan) of Greater Atlantic Bank or Greater Atlantic: Edward C. Allen, Justin R. Golden, Gary L. Hobert, Robert W. Neff and David E. Ritter. The severance benefits are paid in a lump sum cash payment within thirty days after termination equal in amount to the compensation paid to such participant during the twelve months immediately preceding the date of termination. The merger would constitute a change in control under the Officer Plan. Accordingly, if the employment of the participants is terminated within one year of the merger, then each Participant will receive the following severance benefits: Edward C. Allen - \$121,000, Justin R. Golden - \$101,000, Gary L. Hobert - \$135,000, Robert W. Neff - \$130,000 and David E. Ritter - \$114,000.

Conversion of Stock Options. The merger agreement provides that each stock option granted to officers, employees and directors of Greater Atlantic under Greater Atlantic's stock option plan and outstanding prior to the effective date of the merger will vest and holders of such options shall be entitled to receive cash in an amount equal to the difference between the value of (a) the merger consideration and (b) the applicable exercise price (rounded to the nearest cent) for each outstanding option granted by Greater Atlantic to purchase shares of Greater Atlantic common stock. The following table sets forth the cash that will be paid to each executive officer of Greater Atlantic upon consummation of the merger in accordance with the terms of the merger agreement and assumes that the value for each share of stock of Greater Atlantic that will be exchanged in the merger is \$4.00.

# GREATER ATLANTIC FINANCIAL CORP. Option Payouts at Merger

		Value of			
		Exercise	Merger		
	# of	Price ConsideratiorCash			
		(per	(per		
Employee	options	share)	share)	Pay	out
Carroll E. Amos	8,666	\$ 4.00	\$ 4.00	\$	0
Robert W. Neff	8,000	4.00	4.00	\$	0
David E. Ritter	8,000	4.00	4.00	\$	0
Edward C. Allen	9,000	4.00	4.00	\$	0
Justin R. Golden	8,000	4.00	4.00	\$	0
Gary L. Hobert	10,000	5.31	4.00	\$	0

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Employee Benefit Plans. Summit intends to provide the continuing employees of Greater Atlantic with employee benefit plans substantially similar to those provided to the employees of Summit. Employees of Greater Atlantic will receive credit for their service to Greater Atlantic in determining their eligibility and vesting in the benefit plans provided by Summit.

#### Conditions of the Merger

The respective obligations of Summit and Greater Atlantic to consummate the merger are subject to the satisfaction of certain mutual conditions, including the following:

- The shareholders of Greater Atlantic approve the merger agreement and the transactions contemplated thereby at the special meeting of shareholders for Greater Atlantic;
- If Summit must obtain shareholder approval of an amendment to its Articles of Incorporation in order to assume Greater Atlantic's trust preferred securities, then the merger is conditioned on receipt of such approval;
- All regulatory approvals required by law to consummate the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement are
  obtained from the Federal Reserve Board and any other appropriate federal and/or state regulatory agencies without
  unreasonable conditions, and all waiting periods after such approvals required by law or regulation expire;
- The registration statement (of which this proxy statement/prospectus is a part) registering shares of Summit common stock to be issued in the merger is declared effective and not subject to a stop order or any threatened stop order;
- There shall be no actual or threatened litigation, investigations or proceedings challenging the validity of, or damages in connection with, the merger that would have a material adverse effect with respect to the interests of Summit or Greater Atlantic or impose a term or condition that shall be deemed to materially adversely impact the economic or business benefits of the merger;
- The absence of any statute, rule, regulation, judgment, decree, injunction or other order being enacted, issued, promulgated, enforced or entered by a governmental authority effectively prohibiting consummation of the merger;
- All permits or other authorizations under state securities laws necessary to consummate the merger and to issue the shares of Summit common stock to be issued in the merger being obtained and remaining in full force and effect; and
- Authorization for the listing on the NASDAQ Capital Market of the shares of Summit common stock to be issued in the merger.

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In addition to the mutual covenants described above, the obligation of Summit to consummate the merger is subject to the satisfaction, unless waived, of the following other conditions:

- The representations and warranties of Greater Atlantic made in the merger agreement are true and correct as of the date of the merger agreement and as of the effective time of the merger and Summit receives a certificate of the chief executive officer and the chief financial officer of Greater Atlantic to that effect;
- Greater Atlantic performs in all material respects all obligations required to be performed under the merger agreement prior to the effective time of the merger and delivers to Summit a certificate of its chief executive officer and chief financial to that effect;
- Summit shall have received an opinion of Hunton & Williams, special counsel to Summit, dated as of the effective time of the merger, that the merger constitutes a "reorganization" under Section 368 of the Internal Revenue Code;
- Greater Atlantic and its subsidiary, Greater Atlantic Bank, must have minimum regulatory capital ratios of: Tier 1 (core) capital equal to 4.0%, Tier 1 risk-based capital equal to 4.0% and total risk-based capital equal to 8.0%;
- Greater Atlantic Bank's ratio of the sum of non-performing loans, other real estate owned and net loans charged off after March 31, 2008, to total consolidated assets must not exceed 2.78%;
- Greater Atlantic's allowance for loan losses must be adequate in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and applicable regulatory guidance, as determined by Summit with the concurrence of independent accountants retained by Greater Atlantic to review this determination;
- All consents or approvals of any third party required to be made or obtained by Greater Atlantic or Greater Atlantic
  Bank in connection with the assignment of any real property lease must be obtained and satisfactory to Summit;
  and
- No regulatory authority shall have issued any order, decree, agreement, memorandum of understanding, administrative action or similar arrangement with, or commitment letter or similar submission to, or extraordinary supervisory letter from such regulatory authority relating to Greater Atlantic or its subsidiaries that remains in effect after the closing of the merger.

In addition to the mutual covenants described above, Greater Atlantic's obligation to complete the merger is subject to the satisfaction, unless waived, of the following other conditions:

- The representations and warranties of Summit made in the merger agreement are true and correct as of the date of the merger agreement and as of the effective time of the merger and Greater Atlantic receives a certificate of the chief executive officer and chief financial officer of Summit to that effect; and
- Summit performs in all material respects all obligations required to be performed under the merger agreement prior to the effective time of the merger and delivers to Greater Atlantic a certificate of its chief executive officer and chief financial officer to that effect.

## Representations and Warranties

The merger agreement contains representations and warranties by Summit and Greater Atlantic. These representations and warranties are qualified by a materiality standard, which means that Summit or Greater Atlantic is not in breach of a representation or warranty unless the existence of any fact, event or circumstance, individually, or taken together with other facts, events or circumstances has had or is reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on Summit or Greater Atlantic. These include, among other things, representations and warranties by Summit and Greater Atlantic to each other as to:

- organization and good standing of each entity and its subsidiaries;
  - each entity's capital structure;
- each entity's authority relative to the execution and delivery of, and performance of its obligations under, the merger agreement;
- absence of material adverse changes since September 30, 2007, or December 31, 2007, for Greater Atlantic and Summit, respectively;
  - consents and approvals required;
    - regulatory matters;
- accuracy of documents, including financial statements and other reports, filed by each company with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC");
  - absence of defaults under contracts and agreements;
    - absence of environmental problems;
- absence of conflicts between each entity's obligations under the merger agreement and its charter documents and contracts to which it is a party or by which it is bound;
  - litigation and related matters;
  - taxes and tax regulatory matters;
  - compliance with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and accounting controls;
  - absence of brokerage commissions, except as disclosed for financial advisors;
    - employee benefit matters;
  - books and records fully and accurately maintained and fairly present events and transactions; and
    - insurance matters.

In addition, Greater Atlantic represents and warrants to Summit that, except as disclosed to the other party, neither Greater Atlantic nor any of its subsidiaries are parties to any interest rate swaps, caps, floors, option agreements, futures and forward contract and other similar risk management agreements. Summit represents and warrants to Greater Atlantic that Summit has taken all action to exempt the merger agreement and the merger from the requirements of takeover laws and has sources of capital to pay the cash consideration and to effect the merger.

Termination of the Merger Agreement

The merger agreement may be terminated at any time prior to the closing in any of the following ways.

The merger agreement may be terminated by mutual written consent of Greater Atlantic and Summit.

The merger agreement may be terminated by either Greater Atlantic or Summit if:

the approval of any governmental entity required for consummation of the merger is denied by a final nonappealable action of such governmental entity;

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the conditions to the consummation of the merger (other than receipt of regulatory approvals and the approval of Greater Atlantic's shareholders and Summit's

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shareholders, if the assumption of Greater Atlantic's trust preferred securities by Summit requires Summit to obtain shareholder approval to amend Summit's Articles of Incorporation) have not been fulfilled by September 30, 2008, unless the failure of the fulfillment of such conditions arises out of or results from the knowing action or inaction of the party seeking to terminate;

the merger has not been completed on or before December 31, 2008, unless the failure of the merger to be consummated arises out of or results from the knowing action or inaction of the party seeking to terminate;

there has been a breach by the other party of any of its obligations under the merger agreement, which breach cannot be or has not been cured within 30 days following written notice to the breaching party of such breach and provided that with respect to any breach of the covenants and agreements relating to (i) the filing of the registration statement on Form S-4 with the SEC, (ii) the issuance of press releases relating to the merger, (iii) benefit plans and (iv) contractual rights of Greater Atlantic's and its subsidiaries' employees, such breach individually or in the aggregate with other breaches results in a material adverse effect; or

the merger agreement is not approved by the shareholders of Greater Atlantic or the shareholders of Summit do not approve an amendment to Summit's Articles of Incorporation (if required by Summit for the assumption of Greater Atlantic's trust preferred securities).

The merger agreement may be terminated by Summit if Greater Atlantic's board of directors fails to recommend the merger or withdraws, modifies or changes such recommendation in a manner adverse to Summit.

The merger agreement may be terminated by Greater Atlantic, if the Greater Atlantic board of directors determines that Greater Atlantic has received an unsolicited proposal that if consummated would result in a transaction more favorable to Greater Atlantic's shareholders from a financial point of view, provided that Summit does not make a counteroffer that is at least as favorable to the other proposal and Greater Atlantic pays the termination fee described below.

Effect of Termination; Termination Fee

The provisions of the merger agreement relating to expenses and termination fees will continue in effect not withstanding termination of the merger agreement. If the merger agreement is validly terminated, the merger agreement will become void without any liability on the part of any party except termination will not relieve a breaching party from liability for any willful breach of the merger agreement.

Greater Atlantic has agreed to pay a cash termination fee to Summit equal to \$550,000 if:

- the merger agreement is terminated for failure to obtain the approval of Greater Atlantic's shareholders, and before such time a competing acquisition proposal for Greater Atlantic has been made public and not withdrawn; or
- Greater Atlantic terminates the merger agreement to accept a proposal by a third party that it believes is superior to Summit's offer set forth in the merger agreement.

This termination fee would be payable as follows: (i) \$150,000 no later than two (2) business days after the date of termination, (ii) \$100,000 on the date that is one (1) year after the termination date,

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(iii) \$100,000 on the date that is two (2) years after the termination date, and (iv) \$200,000 on the date that is three (3) years after the termination date.

Greater Atlantic also has agreed to pay a cash termination fee to Summit equal to \$250,000 if:

- the merger agreement is terminated because Greater Atlantic's board fails to recommend, withdraws, modifies, or changes its recommendation of the merger before the special meeting; or
- Summit terminates the merger agreement due to a breach by Greater Atlantic of any representation, warranty, covenant or other agreement.

This termination fee would be payable no later than two (2) business days after the date of termination.

#### Waiver and Amendment

Prior to the effective time of the merger, any provision of the merger agreement may be waived by the party benefiting by the provision or amended or modified by an agreement in writing between the parties, except that, after the special meeting, the merger agreement may not be amended if it would violate the Delaware General Corporation Law or the West Virginia Business Corporation Act.

#### Indemnification

Summit has agreed to indemnify the directors, officers and employees of Greater Atlantic for a period of three (3) years from the effective time of the merger to the fullest extent that Greater Atlantic is permitted or required to indemnify (and advance expenses to) its directors, officers and employees under the laws of the State of Delaware and Greater Atlantic's Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws.

#### **Acquisition Proposals**

Greater Atlantic has agreed that it will not, and that it will cause its officers, directors, agents, advisors, and affiliates not to: solicit or encourage inquiries or proposals with respect to engage in any negotiations concerning, or provide any confidential information to any person relating to any proposal to acquire the stock or assets of Greater Atlantic or other business combination transactions with Greater Atlantic, unless the Greater Atlantic board of directors concludes in good faith, after consultation with and consideration of the advice of outside counsel, that the failure to enter into such discussions or negotiations or resolving to accept such acquisition proposal, would constitute a breach of its fiduciary duties to shareholders under applicable law. If the board of directors of Greater Atlantic is obligated by its fiduciary duties to accept a third party proposal that it believes is superior to Summit's offer set forth in the merger agreement, Greater Atlantic is obligated to pay to Summit the termination fee equal to \$550,000. See "Effect of Termination; Termination Fee" beginning on page 65.

#### Closing Date; Effective Time

The merger will be consummated and become effective upon the issuance of a certificate of merger by the West Virginia Secretary of State and the Delaware Division of Corporations (or on such other date as may be specified in the articles of merger to be filed with the West Virginia Secretary of State and the Delaware Division of Corporations). Unless otherwise agreed to by Summit or Greater Atlantic, the closing of the merger will take place on the fifth business day to occur after the last of the conditions to the merger has been satisfied or waived, or such other date to which Summit and Greater Atlantic agree in writing.

## Regulatory Approvals

The merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement require the approval of the Federal Reserve Board. As a bank holding company, Summit is subject to regulation under the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956. Greater Atlantic Bank is a federally-chartered savings bank, regulated by the Office of Thrift Supervision. Summit Community Bank is a West Virginia banking corporation, is a non-member bank and is subject to the State Banking Code of West Virginia. Summit has filed all required applications seeking approval of the merger with the Federal Reserve.

Under the Bank Holding Company Act, the Federal Reserve Board is required to examine the financial and managerial resources and future prospects of the combined organization and analyze the capital structure and soundness of the resulting entity. The Federal Reserve Board has the authority to deny an application if it concludes that the combined organization would have inadequate capital. In addition, the Federal Reserve Board can withhold approval of the merger if, among other things, it determines that the effect of the merger would be to substantially lessen competition in the relevant market. Further, the Federal Reserve must consider whether the combined organization meets the requirements of the Community Reinvestment Act of 1977 by assessing the involved entities' records of meeting the credit needs of the local communities in which they operate, consistent with the safe and sound operation of such institutions. The Federal Reserve has ninety (90) days from the date of filing the application to act on the application.

On October 2, 2007, Summit filed an application with the Federal Reserve seeking approval of the merger agreement by and between Summit and Greater Atlantic dated April 12, 2007, as amended on December 6, 2007 (the "2007 Merger Agreement"). On December 18, 2007, Summit requested the Federal Reserve to suspend processing of the application until the staff of the Federal Reserve and Summit consented to the continuation of the processing of the application. Summit made that request in order to gain sufficient time to respond to the Federal Reserve's request for additional information and to provide sufficient time for the Federal Reserve to review the application within the Federal Reserve's established ninety (90) day processing period.

On April 4, 2008, Summit terminated the 2007 Merger Agreement pursuant to Section 9.01(c) which provides that either party may terminate the 2007 Merger Agreement if it is not consummated by March 31, 2008. At the time of termination, Summit had not received approval of the merger from the Federal Reserve.

After Summit entered into the new merger agreement with Greater Atlantic dated June 9, 2008, Summit contacted the Federal Reserve to determine whether Summit would be permitted to amend its original application filed with the Federal Reserve. The Federal Reserve advised Summit that it would be permitted to amend its original application. The Federal Reserve by letter dated July 2, 2008, has requested additional information to process the application. Summit has provided the Federal Reserve with the requested additional information. The merger cannot be consummated prior to receipt of all required approvals. There can be no assurance that required regulatory approvals for the merger will be obtained and, if the merger is approved, as to the date of such approvals or whether the approvals will contain any unacceptable conditions. Summit and Greater Atlantic are not aware of any governmental approvals or actions that may be required for consummation of the merger other than as described above. Should any other approval or action be required, it is presently contemplated that such approval or action would be sought. There can be no assurance that any necessary regulatory approvals or actions will be timely received or taken, that no action will be brought challenging such approval or action or, if such a challenge is brought, as to the result thereof, or that any such approval or action will not be conditioned in a manner that would cause the parties to abandon the merger.

The approval of any application merely implies the satisfaction of regulatory criteria for approval, which does not include review of the merger from the standpoint of the adequacy of the cash consideration or the exchange ratio for

converting Greater Atlantic common stock to Summit common stock. Furthermore, regulatory approvals do not constitute an endorsement or recommendation of the merger.

## Conduct of Business Pending the Merger

The merger agreement contains reciprocal forbearances made by Greater Atlantic and Summit to each other. Greater Atlantic and Summit have agreed that, until the effective time of the merger, each of them and each of their subsidiaries, without the prior written consent of the other, will not:

- Conduct business other than in the ordinary and usual course or fail to use reasonable efforts to preserve intact their business organizations and assets, or take any action reasonably likely to have an adverse effect upon its ability to perform any of its material obligations under the merger agreement;
- Except as required by applicable law or regulation, implement or adopt any material change in its interest rate or other risk management policies, practices or procedures, fail to follow existing policies or practices with respect to managing exposure to interest rate

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and other risks, or fail to use commercially reasonable means to avoid any material increase in its aggregate exposure to interest rate risk; or

• Take any action while knowing that such action would, or is reasonably likely to, prevent or impede the merger from qualifying as a merger within the meaning of Section 368 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or knowingly take any action that is intended or is reasonably likely to result in any of its representations and warranties set forth in the merger agreement being or becoming untrue in any material respect at any time at or prior to the effective time, any of the conditions to the merger not being satisfied, or a material violation of any provision of the merger agreement except, in each case, as may be required by applicable law or regulation.

Greater Atlantic has also agreed that, prior to the effective time, without the prior written consent of Summit, it will not:

- Other than pursuant to rights previously disclosed to Summit and outstanding on the date of the merger agreement, issue, sell or otherwise permit to become outstanding, or authorize the creation of, any additional shares of Greater Atlantic common stock or any rights to purchase Greater Atlantic common stock, enter into any agreement with respect to the foregoing, or permit any additional shares of Greater Atlantic common stock to become subject to new grants of employee or director stock options, other rights or similar stock-based employee rights;
- Make, declare, pay or set aside for payment any dividend on or in respect of, or declare or make any distribution on, any shares of Greater Atlantic stock or directly or indirectly adjust, split, combine, redeem, reclassify, purchase or otherwise acquire, any shares of its capital stock;
- Enter into or amend or renew any employment, consulting, severance or similar agreements or arrangements with any director, officer or employee of Greater Atlantic or its subsidiaries, or grant any salary or wage increase or increase any employee benefit (including incentive or bonus payments), except for (i) normal individual payments of incentives and bonuses to employees in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice, not to exceed \$10,000 in the aggregate, (ii) normal individual payment of incentives and bonuses to employees under Greater Atlantic Bank's branch incentive plan, not to exceed \$30,000 per quarter in the aggregate, (iii) normal individual increases in compensation to employees in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practices, (iv) other changes required by applicable law, (v) to satisfy previously disclosed contractual obligations, and (vi) grants of awards to newly hired employees consistent with past practices;
- Enter into, establish, adopt or amend (except as may be required by applicable law or to satisfy previously disclosed contractual obligations existing as of the date of the merger agreement) any pension, retirement, stock option, stock purchase, savings, profit sharing, deferred compensation, consulting, bonus, group insurance or other employee benefit, incentive or welfare contract, plan or arrangement, or any trust agreement (or similar arrangement) related thereto, in respect of any director, officer or employee of Greater Atlantic or its subsidiaries, or take any action to accelerate the vesting or exercisability of stock options, restricted stock or other compensation or benefits payable thereunder;
- Except as previously disclosed to Summit, sell, transfer, mortgage, encumber or otherwise dispose of or discontinue any of its assets, deposits, business or properties

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except in the ordinary course of business and in a transaction that is not material to it and its subsidiaries taken as a whole:

- Except as previously disclosed to Summit, acquire (other than by way of foreclosures or acquisitions of control in a bona fide fiduciary capacity or in satisfaction of debts previously contracted in good faith, in each case in the ordinary and usual course of business consistent with past practice) all or any portion of the assets, business, deposits or properties of any other entity;
- Amend Greater Atlantic's certificate of incorporation or bylaws or the articles of incorporation or bylaws (or similar governing documents) of any of Greater Atlantic's subsidiaries;
- Implement or adopt any change in its accounting principles, practices or methods, other than as may be required by generally accepted accounting principles;
- Except in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice, enter into or terminate any material contract or amend or modify in any material respect any of its existing material contracts;
- Except in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice, settle any claim, action or proceeding, except for any claim, action or proceeding that does not involve precedent for other material claims, actions or proceedings and that involve solely money damages in an amount, individually or in the aggregate for all such settlements, that is not material to Greater Atlantic and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole;
- Make any loans in a principal amount in excess of \$750,000, or make any loans outside the District of Columbia, Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia;
  - Incur any indebtedness for borrowed money other than in the ordinary course of business; or
    - Agree or commit to do any of the foregoing.

Summit has agreed that, prior to the effective time, without the prior written consent of Greater Atlantic, it will not:

- Make, declare, pay or set aside for payment any extraordinary dividend; or
  - Agree or commit to do any of the foregoing.

#### **Accounting Treatment**

The merger will be accounted for under the "purchase" method of accounting. Under the purchase method of accounting, the tangible assets and liabilities of Greater Atlantic, as of the completion of the merger, will be recorded at their fair values as well as any identifiable intangible assets. Any remaining excess purchase price will be allocated to goodwill and will not be amortized. Instead, goodwill is evaluated for impairment annually. Financial statements of Summit issued after the consummation of the merger will reflect such values and will not be restated retroactively to reflect the historical position or results of operations of Greater Atlantic. The operating results of Greater Atlantic will be reflected in Summit's consolidated financial statements from and after the date the merger is consummated.

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Management and Operations after the Merger

Board of Directors. The current board of directors of Summit will continue to serve as the board of directors after the merger.

Management. The current executive officers of Summit will continue to serve as executive officers after the Merger.

#### Resales of Summit Common Stock

The shares of Summit common stock to be issued to shareholders of Greater Atlantic under the merger agreement have been registered under the Securities Act of 1933 and may be freely traded without restriction by holders, including holders who were affiliates of Greater Atlantic on the date of the special meeting. All directors and executive officers of Greater Atlantic are considered affiliates of Greater Atlantic for this purpose.

## CERTAIN FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSEQUENCES OF THE MERGER

#### General

The following summary sets forth the material U.S. federal income tax consequences of the merger to the holders of Greater Atlantic common stock who exchange such stock for Summit common stock and cash in lieu of fractional shares or pursuant to an exercise of dissenters' rights. The tax consequences under state, local and foreign laws are not addressed in this summary. The following summary is based upon the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, Treasury regulations, administrative rulings and court decisions in effect as of the date hereof, all of which are subject to change, possibly with retroactive effect. Such a change could affect the continuing validity of this summary. No assurance can be given that the Internal Revenue Service would not assert, or that a court would not sustain, a position contrary to any of the tax consequences set forth below.

The following summary addresses only shareholders who are citizens or residents of the United States who hold their Greater Atlantic common stock as a capital asset. It does not address all the tax consequences that may be relevant to particular shareholders in light of their individual circumstances or to shareholders that are subject to special rules, including, without limitation: financial institutions; tax-exempt organizations; S corporations, partnerships or other pass-through entities (or an investor in an S corporation, partnership or other pass-through entities); trusts and estates; insurance companies; mutual funds; real estate investment trusts; regulated investment companies; dealers in stocks or securities, or foreign currencies; foreign holders; United States expatriates; a trader in securities who elects the mark-to-market method of accounting for the securities; persons that hold shares as a hedge against currency risk, a straddle or a constructive sale or conversion transaction; holders who acquired their shares pursuant to the exercise of employee stock options or otherwise as compensation or through a tax-qualified retirement plan; holders of Greater Atlantic stock options, stock warrants or debt instruments; and holders subject to the alternative minimum tax.

# The Merger

No ruling has been, or will be, sought from the Internal Revenue Service as to the U.S. federal income tax consequences of the merger. Consummation of the merger is conditioned upon Summit's receiving an opinion from Hunton & Williams LLP to the effect that, based upon facts, representations and assumptions set forth in such opinions, the merger constitutes a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368 of the Internal Revenue Code. The issuance of the opinion is conditioned on, among other things, such tax counsel's receipt of representation letters from each of Greater Atlantic or Summit, in

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each case in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to such counsel. Opinions of counsel are not binding on the Internal Revenue Service.

Based upon the above assumptions and qualifications, for U.S. federal income tax purposes the merger will constitute a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368 of the Internal Revenue Code. Each of Greater Atlantic and Summit will be a party to the merger within the meaning of Section 368(b) of the Internal Revenue Code, and neither of Greater Atlantic or Summit will recognize any gain or loss as a result of the merger.

#### Consequences to Shareholders

Exchange of Greater Atlantic Common Stock for Summit Common Stock. A holder of Greater Atlantic common stock who exchanges his or her Greater Atlantic common stock actually owned solely for common stock of Summit pursuant to the merger will not recognize gain or loss on the exchange (except with respect to the receipt of cash in lieu of a fractional share of Summit common stock). The holder's aggregate tax basis in the Summit common stock received (reduced by any amount allocable to fractional shares for which cash is received) will be equal to the aggregate tax basis in the Greater Atlantic common stock exchanged for such Summit common stock. The holding period of the Summit common stock received by such holder in the merger will include the period for which the Greater Atlantic common stock surrendered in the exchange therefor was considered to be held, provided the Greater Atlantic common stock surrendered is held as a capital asset at the time of the merger.

Cash in Lieu of Fractional Shares. Holders of Greater Atlantic common stock who receive cash in lieu of fractional shares of Summit common stock in the merger generally will be treated as if the fractional shares of Summit common stock had been distributed to them as part of the merger, and then redeemed by Summit in exchange for the cash actually distributed in lieu of the fractional shares, with the redemption generally qualifying as an "exchange" under Section 302 of the Internal Revenue Code. Consequently, those holders generally will recognize capital gain or loss with respect to the cash payments they receive in lieu of fractional shares measured by the difference between the amount of cash received and the tax basis allocated to the fractional shares. Any capital gain recognized by any holder of Greater Atlantic common stock as a result of the receipt of cash in lieu of fractional shares of Summit common stock under the above discussion will be long-term capital gain if the holder has held the Greater Atlantic common stock for more than twelve months at the time of the exchange. In the case of a non-corporate holder, that long-term capital gain may be subject to a maximum federal income tax of 15%. The deductibility of capital losses by shareholders may be limited.

Cash Pursuant to an Exercise of Dissenters' Rights. Holders of Greater Atlantic common stock who receive cash pursuant to an exercise of dissenters' rights will recognize gain or loss with respect to the cash payments received measured by the difference between the amount of cash received and the holder's tax basis of the Greater Atlantic common stock. Generally, this gain or loss will be capital gain or loss. Any capital gain will be long-term capital gain if the holder has held the Greater Atlantic common stock for more than twelve months at the time of the exchange and, in the case of a non-corporate holder, the long-term capital gain may be subject to a maximum federal income tax of 15%. The deductibility of capital losses by shareholders may be limited.

#### Backup Withholding and Reporting Requirements

Holders of Greater Atlantic common stock, other than certain exempt recipients, may be subject to backup withholding at a rate of 28% with respect to any cash payment received in the merger. However, backup withholding will not apply to any holder who either (a) furnishes a correct taxpayer identification number and certifies that he or she is not subject to backup withholding by completing the substitute Form W-9 that will be included as part of the election form and the transmittal letter, or

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(b) otherwise proves to Summit and its exchange agent that the holder is exempt from backup withholding.

In addition, holders of Greater Atlantic common stock are required to retain permanent records and make such records available to any authorized Internal Revenue Service officers and employees. The records should include the number of shares of Greater Atlantic stock exchanged, the number of shares of Summit stock received, the fair market value of Greater Atlantic shares exchanged, and the holder's adjusted basis in the Summit common stock received.

If a holder of Greater Atlantic common stock who exchanges such stock for Summit common stock is a "significant holder" with respect to Greater Atlantic, the holder is required to include a statement with respect to the exchange on or with the federal income tax return of the holder for the year of the exchange. A holder of Greater Atlantic common stock will be treated as a significant holder in Greater Atlantic if the holder's ownership interest in Greater Atlantic is five percent (5%) or more of Greater Atlantic's issued and outstanding common stock or if the holder's basis in the shares of Greater Atlantic stock exchanged is one million dollars (\$1,000,000) or more. The statement must be prepared in accordance with Treasury Regulation Section 1.368-3 and must be entitled "STATEMENT PURSUANT TO §1.368-3 BY [INSERT NAME AND TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (IF ANY) OF TAXPAYER], A SIGNIFICANT HOLDER". The statement must include the names and employer identification numbers of Greater Atlantic and Summit, the date of the merger, and the fair market value and tax basis of Greater Atlantic shares exchanged (determined immediately before the merger).

The discussion of U.S. federal income tax consequences set forth above is for general information only and does not purport to be a complete analysis or listing of all potential tax effects that may apply to a holder of Greater Atlantic common stock. We strongly encourage shareholders of Greater Atlantic to consult their tax advisors to determine the particular tax consequences to them of the merger, including the application and effect of federal, state, local, foreign and other tax laws.

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# INFORMATION ABOUT SUMMIT FINANCIAL GROUP, INC. AND GREATER ATLANTIC FINANCIAL CORP.

Summit Financial Group, Inc.

Summit is a West Virginia corporation registered as a bank holding company pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, as amended. Summit was incorporated on March 3, 1987, organized on March 5, 1987, and began conducting business on March 5, 1987. At December 31, 2007, Summit has one banking subsidiary "doing business" under the name of Summit Community Bank. Summit Community Bank offers a full range of commercial and retail banking services and products.

As a bank holding company registered under the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, as amended, Summit's present business is community banking. As of March 31, 2008, Summit's consolidated assets approximated \$1.5 billion and total shareholders' equity approximated \$92.0 million. At March 31, 2008, Summit's loan portfolio, net of unearned income, was \$1.1 billion and its deposits were \$836.9 million.

The principal executive offices of Summit are located in Moorefield, West Virginia at 300 North Main Street. The telephone number for Summit's principal executive offices is (304) 530-1000. Summit operates 15 full service offices - 9 located throughout West Virginia and 6 throughout Northern Virginia and the Shenandoah Valley.

Greater Atlantic Financial Corp.

Greater Atlantic is a savings and loan holding company organized under the laws of the State of Delaware and is registered under the federal Home Owners' Loan Act. It has one subsidiary, Greater Atlantic Bank, which has four offices in Virginia and an office in Maryland through which all of its business is conducted.

Greater Atlantic is engaged in the business of offering banking services to the general public. Through its subsidiary, Greater Atlantic offers checking accounts, savings and time deposits, and commercial, real estate, personal, home improvement, automobile and other installment and term loans. It also offers financial services, travelers' checks, safe deposit boxes, collection, notary public and other customary bank services (with the exception of trust services) to its customers. The principal types of loans that the banks make are commercial loans, commercial and residential real estate loans and loans to individuals for household, family and other consumer expenditures.

Effective April 25, 2008, Greater Atlantic Bank consented to the issuance of a cease and desist order by the Office of Thrift Supervision. See "CEASE AND DESIST ORDER APPLICABLE TO GREATER ATLANTIC BANK."

As of March 31, 2008, Greater Atlantic reported, on a consolidated basis, total assets of approximately \$230.4 million, net loans of \$159.7 million, deposits of \$188.8 million and shareholders' equity of \$3.3 million.

The principal executive offices of Greater Atlantic Financial Corp. are located at 10700 Parkridge Boulevard, Reston, Virginia 20191, telephone number (703) 391-1300.

# DESCRIPTION OF SUMMIT FINANCIAL GROUP COMMON STOCK

#### General

The authorized capital stock of Summit consists of 20 million shares of common stock, par value \$2.50 per share, and 250,000 shares of preferred stock, \$1.00 par value per share. Summit has 7,084,941 shares of common stock issued (including no shares held as treasury shares) and no shares of preferred stock, as of March 31, 2008. The outstanding shares of common stock are held by 1,302 shareholders of record, as well as 1,026 shareholders in street name as of March 31, 2008. All outstanding shares of Summit common stock are fully paid and nonassessable. The unissued portion of Summit's authorized common stock (subject to registration approval by the SEC) and any treasury shares are available for issuance as the board of directors of Summit determines advisable.

In 1998, Summit has also established a stock option plan as incentive for certain eligible officers. It had 337,580 stock options issued and outstanding as of March 31, 2008. The plan expired in May 2008.

#### Common Stock

Voting Rights. All voting rights are vested in the holders of Summit common stock. On all matters subject to a vote of shareholders, the shareholders of Summit will be entitled to one vote for each share of common stock owned. Shareholders of Summit have cumulative voting rights with regard to election of directors.

Dividend Rights. The shareholders of Summit are entitled to receive dividends when and as declared by its board of directors. Dividends have been paid semi-annually. Summit paid a dividend of \$0.18 per share in the first half of 2008. Dividends were \$0.34 per share in 2007, \$0.32 per share in 2006, and \$0.30 per share in 2005. The payment of dividends is subject to the restrictions set forth in the West Virginia Corporation Act and the limitations imposed by the Federal Reserve Board.

Payment of dividends by Summit depends upon receipt of dividends from its banking subsidiary. Payment of dividends by Summit's state non-member banking subsidiary is regulated by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") and the West Virginia Division of Banking and generally, the prior approval of the FDIC is required if the total dividends declared by a state non-member bank in any calendar year exceeds its net profits, as defined, for that year combined with its retained net profits for the preceding two years. Additionally, prior approval of the FDIC is required when a state non-member bank has deficit retained earnings but has sufficient current year's net income, as defined, plus the retained net profits of the two preceding years. The FDIC may prohibit dividends if it deems the payment to be an unsafe or unsound banking practice. The FDIC has issued guidelines for dividend payments by state non-member banks emphasizing that proper dividend size depends on the bank's earnings and capital.

Liquidation Rights. Upon any liquidation, dissolution or winding up of its affairs, the holders of Summit common stock are entitled to receive pro rata all of the assets of Summit for distribution to shareholders. There are no redemption or sinking fund provisions applicable to the common stock.

Assessment and Redemption. Shares of Summit common stock presently outstanding are validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable. There is no provision for any voluntary redemption of Summit common stock.

Transfer Agent and Registrar. The transfer agent and registrar for Summit's common stock is Registrar and Transfer Company.

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## Preemptive Rights

No holder of any share of the capital stock of Summit has any preemptive right to subscribe to an additional issue of its capital stock or to any security convertible into such stock.

Certain Provisions of the Bylaws

Indemnification and Limitations on Liability of Officers and Directors

As permitted by the West Virginia Business Corporation Act, the articles of incorporation of Summit contain provisions that indemnify its directors and officers to the fullest extent permitted by West Virginia law. These provisions do not limit or eliminate the rights of Summit or any shareholder to seek an injunction or any other non-monetary relief in the event of a breach of a director's or officer's fiduciary duty. In addition, these provisions apply only to claims against a director or officer arising out of his role as a director or officer and do not relieve a director or officer from liability if he engaged in willful misconduct or a knowing violation of the criminal law or any federal or state securities law.

In addition, the articles of incorporation of Summit provide for the indemnification of both directors and officers for expenses that they incur in connection with the defense or settlement of claims asserted against them in their capacities as directors and officers. This right of indemnification extends to judgments or penalties assessed against them. Summit has limited its exposure to liability for indemnification of directors and officers by purchasing directors and officers liability insurance coverage.

The rights of indemnification provided in the articles of incorporation of Summit are not exclusive of any other rights that may be available under any insurance or other agreement, by vote of shareholders or disinterested directors or otherwise.

#### Shares Eligible for Future Sale

All of the shares that will be exchanged for shares of Summit common stock upon consummation of the merger will be freely tradable without restriction or registration under the Securities Act.

Summit cannot predict the effect, if any, that future sales of shares of its common stock, or the availability of shares for future sales, will have on the market price prevailing from time to time. Sales of substantial amounts of shares of our common stock, or the perception that such sales could occur, could adversely affect the prevailing market price of the shares.

#### COMPARATIVE RIGHTS OF SHAREHOLDERS

The rights of Summit's shareholders are governed by the West Virginia Business Corporation Act and the rights of Greater Atlantic's shareholders are governed by the Delaware General Corporation Law. The rights of shareholders under both corporations are also governed by their respective articles/certificate of incorporation and bylaws. Following the merger, the rights of Greater Atlantic's shareholders will be governed by the articles of incorporation and bylaws of Summit and by the West Virginia Business Corporation Act. This summary does not purport to be a complete discussion of, and is qualified in its entirety by reference to, Greater Atlantic's articles of incorporation and bylaws, Summit's articles of incorporation and bylaws and West Virginia and Delaware law.

# Authorized Capital Stock

Summit Financial Group, Inc. Greater Atlantic Financial Corp. 20,000,000 shares of common stock, \$2.50 par 10,000,000 shares of common stock, \$0.01 par value per share, and 250,000 shares of value per share, and 2,500,000 shares of preferred stock, \$1.00 par value per share. preferred stock, no par value per share.

#### Size of Board of Directors

Summit Financial Group, Inc. Greater Atlantic Financial Corp. Summit's bylaws provide that the board of The bylaws of Greater Atlantic provide that the directors shall consist of at least 9 and no more number of directors shall be such number as than 21 directors. Summit's board of directors the majority of the whole board shall from time currently consists of 16 individuals, and to time have designated, and in the absence of immediately following the merger will consist such designation, shall be 5. The board of 16 individuals. currently consists of 5 directors.

## **Cumulative Voting for Directors**

Cumulative voting entitles each shareholder to cast an aggregate number of votes equal to the number of voting shares held, multiplied by the number of directors to be elected. Each shareholder may cast all of his or her votes for one nominee or distribute them among two or more nominees, thus permitting holders of less than a majority of the outstanding shares of voting stock to achieve board representation. Where cumulative voting is not permitted, holders of all outstanding shares of voting stock of a corporation elect the entire board of directors of the corporation, thereby precluding the election of any directors by the holders of less than a majority of the outstanding shares of voting stock.

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Summit stockholders are allowed to cumulate Greater Atlantic stockholders may not their votes in the election of directors. Each share of Summit stock may be voted for as many individuals as there are directors to be elected. Directors are elected by a plurality of at the meeting. the votes cast by the holders entitled to vote at the meeting.

cumulate their votes for the election of directors. Directors are elected by a plurality of the votes cast by the holders entitled to vote

Classes of Directors

Summit Financial Group, Inc.

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Summit's articles of incorporation provide that The bylaws of Greater Atlantic provide that the the board of directors shall be divided into board of directors shall be divided into three three (3) classes, consisting of an equal number classes, with one class elected at each annual of directors per class. The term of office of meeting. directors of one class shall expire at each annual meeting of shareholders.

Qualifications of Directors

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Summit's bylaws require that a person own a None. minimum of 2,000 shares of stock of Summit to be qualified as a director.

Filling Vacancies on the Board

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Summit's bylaws provide that each vacancy existing on the board of directors and any directorship to be filled by reason of an articles of incorporation or bylaws provide that or any vacancies in the board of directors a vacancy shall be filled in some other manner, resulting from death, resignation, retirement, may be filled by the affirmative vote of a than a quorum of the board of directors at a regular or special meeting of the board of directors. Any directorship to be filled by reason of a vacancy may be filled for the unexpired term of his predecessor in office.

Greater Atlantic's bylaws provide that, unless the board of directors otherwise determines, newly created directorships resulting from any increase in the number of directors, unless the increase in the authorized number of directors disqualify-cation, removal from office or other majority of the remaining directors though less cause may be filled only by a majority vote of the directors then in office, though less than a quorum, and directors so chosen shall hold office for a term expiring at the annual meeting of stockholders at which the term of office of the class to which they have been elected expires and until such director's successor shall have been duly elected and qualified.

Removal of Directors

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Under West Virginia law, any member of the board may be removed, with or without cause, votes entitled to be cast for the election of directors; provided, however, that a director

Under Delaware law, subject to the rights of preferred stockholders, any director, or the by the affirmative vote of a majority of all the entire board of directors, may be removed from office at any time, but only for cause and only by the affirmative vote of at least 80% of the

may not be removed if the number of votes voting power of the then-outstanding shares of sufficient to elect the director under cumulative capital stock entitled to vote generally in the voting is voted against the director's removal. election of directors voting together as a single class.

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Notice of Shareholder Proposals and Director Nominations

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shareholders may make a nomination for director provided that such nomination or nominations must be made in writing and delivered or mailed to, the President of Summithave given timely notice thereof in writing to no later than 30 days prior to any meeting of shareholders called for the election of directors; provided, however, that if less than thirty (30) days notice of the meeting is given to shareholders, such nomination or nominations shall be mailed or delivered to the President of Summit no later than the fifth (5th) day following the day on which the notice of meeting was mailed.

Summit's articles of incorporation provide that For business to be properly brought before an annual meeting by a stockholder, the business must relate to a proper subject matter for stockholder action and the stockholder must the Secretary of Greater Atlantic. To be timely, a stockholder's notice must be delivered or mailed to and received at the principal executive offices of Greater Atlantic not less than ninety (90) days prior to the date of the annual meeting; provided, however, that in the event that less than one hundred (100) days' notice or prior public disclosure of the date of the meeting is given or made to stockholders, notice by the stockholder to be timely must be received not later than the close of business on the 10th day following the day on which such notice of the date of the annual meeting was mailed or such public disclosure was made. A stockholder's notice to the Secretary shall set forth as to each matter such stockholder proposes to bring before the annual meeting: (i) a brief description of the business desired to be brought before the annual meeting and the reasons for conducting such business at the annual meeting; (ii) the name and address, as they appear on Greater Atlantic's books, of the stockholder proposing such business; (iii) the class and number of shares of Greater Atlantic's capital stock that are beneficially owned by such stockholder; and (iv) any material interest of such stockholder in such business.

> Nominations of persons for election to the board of directors may be made by any stockholder entitled to vote for the election of directors at the meeting if made by timely notice in writing to the Secretary of Greater Atlantic. To be timely, a stockholder's notice shall be delivered or mailed to and received at the principal executive offices of Greater Atlantic not less than ninety (90) days prior to the date of the meeting; provided, however, that in the event that less than one hundred

(100) days' notice or prior disclosure of the date of the meeting is given or made to stockholders, notice by the stockholder to be timely must be so received not later than the close of business on the 10th day following

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the day on which such notice of the date of the meeting was mailed or such public disclosure was made. Such stockholder's notice shall set forth: (i) as to each person whom such stockholder proposes to nominate for election or re-election as a director, all information relating to such person that is required to be disclosed in solicitations of proxies for election of directors, or is otherwise required, in each case pursuant to Regulation 14A under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (including such person's written consent to being named in the proxy statement as a nominee and to serving as a director if elected); and (ii) as to the stockholder giving the notice (x) the name and address, as they appear on Greater Atlantic's books, of such stockholder and (v) the class and number of shares of Greater Atlantic's capital stock that are beneficially owned by such stockholder.

Anti-Takeover Provisions - Business Combinations

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Summit's articles of incorporation provide that Greater Atlantic's certificate of incorporation at least 66 2/3% of the authorized, issued and outstanding voting shares of Summit must approve certain "business combinations" unlessmust approve certain "business combinations" approved by at least 66 2/3% of the board of directors of Summit, in which case only a simple majority vote of the shareholders shall be required.

Summit's articles of incorporation additionally directors not affiliated with the interested provide that neither Summit nor any of its subsidiaries shall become a party to any "business combination" unless certain fair price equirements are met. An "interested requirements are satisfied. West Virginia corporate law does not contain statutory provisions concerning restrictions on business Atlantic or who is an affiliate of Greater combinations.

provides that at least 80% of the voting power of the then outstanding shares of voting stock the "business combination" has been previously involving an "interested stockholder." However, this vote requirement is not applicable to any particular business combination, and such business combination shall require only the vote of a majority of the outstanding shares of capital stock entitled to vote, if a majority of stockholder approves the business combination, or certain price and procedure stockholder" generally means a person who is a greater than 10% stockholder of Greater Atlantic and at any time within the past two years was a greater than 10% stockholder of

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Shareholder Action Without a Meeting

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Summit's bylaws provide that any action Under Delaware law, unless limited by the required to be taken at a meeting of the shareholders may be taken without a meeting if could be taken by shareholders at a meeting a consent in writing, setting forth the action so may be taken without a meeting if a consent taken, shall be signed by all of the shareholders(or consents) in writing, setting forth the action entitled to vote on the matter at issue.

certificate of incorporation, any action that so taken, is signed by the holders of record of outstanding stock having not less than the minimum number of votes that would be necessary to authorize or take such action at a meeting at which all shares entitled to vote thereon were present and voted. Greater Atlantic's certificate of incorporation does not contain a provision limiting such action.

Calling Special Meetings of Shareholders

Summit Financial Group, Inc.

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Special meetings of the shareholders may be called by the president or by the board of directors, and shall be called by the President if resolution adopted by a majority of the total the holders of at least 10% of all the votes entitled to be cast on an issue to be considered would have if there were no vacancies on the at the proposed special meeting sign, date and board of directors. deliver to Summit one or more written demands for the meeting describing the purpose or purposes for which it shall be held.

Special meetings of stockholders may be called only by the board of directors pursuant to a number of directors which Greater Atlantic

#### Notice of Meetings

Summit Financial Group, Inc.

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Summit's bylaws require that the notice of annual and special meetings be given by mailing to each shareholder a written notice specifying the time and place of such meeting, and, in the case of special meetings, the business to be transacted. The notice must be as they respectively appear upon the books of the Summit not less than 10 nor more than 60 days before the date of such meeting.

Greater Atlantic's bylaws provide that written notice of the place, date, and time of all meetings of the stockholders shall be given, not less than ten (10) nor more than sixty (60) days before the date on which the meeting is to be held, to each stockholder entitled to vote at mailed to the last addresses of the shareholders such meeting, except as otherwise required by law (meaning, as required from time to time by the Delaware General Corporation Law or the certificate of incorporation).

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Vote Required for Amendments to Articles

of Incorporation and Certain Transactions

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Summit's articles of incorporation require the affirmative vote of holders of at least 66 2/3% reserves the right to amend or repeal any of the then outstanding voting shares of Summit; provided, however, such vote shall not be required for any such amendment, change or repeal recommended to the stockholders by the favorable vote of not less than 66 2/3% of the directors of Summit, and any such amendment shall require only a majority vote.

West Virginia law provides that on matters other than the election of directors and certain extraordinary corporate actions, if a quorum is present, then action on a matter is approved if the votes cast favoring the action exceed the votes cast opposing the action, unless the vote Delaware law provides that any amendment to of a greater number is required by law or the articles of incorporation or bylaws. The articles of incorporation or bylaws of Summit resolution setting forth the proposed do not require a greater number. An abstention amendment, declaring its advisability and is not considered a "vote cast" for purposes of submitting it to the stockholders entitled to the voting requirements, but a stockholder who vote on approval of the amendment. It must abstains in person or by proxy is considered present for purposes of the quorum requirement.

The articles of incorporation of Summit provide that at least 66 2/3% of the authorized, issued and outstanding voting shares of Summit must approve any merger or consolidation of Summit with another corporation or any sale, lease or exchange by liquidation or otherwise of all or substantially all of the assets of Summit unless such transaction has been previously approved by at least 66 2/3% of the board of directors in which case a simple majority vote of the shareholders shall be required.

Greater Atlantic's certificate of incorporation provision in the certificate of Incorporation in the manner prescribed by the laws of the State of Delaware; provided, however, that, notwithstanding any other provision of the certificate of incorporation or any provision of law which might otherwise permit a lesser vote or no vote, the affirmative vote of the holders of at least 80% of the voting power of all of the then-outstanding shares of the capital stock of the corporation entitled to vote generally in the election of directors, voting together as a single class, are required to amend or repeal certain articles.

the certificate of incorporation must first be proposed by the board of directors in a then be submitted to the stockholders at the next annual meeting, or at a special meeting called for the purpose of considering the amendment or submitted for adoption by written consent. The affirmative vote required is a majority of the outstanding shares entitled to vote thereon.

Amendment of Bylaws

Summit Financial Group, Inc.

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Under West Virginia law both the board of directors and stockholders have the power to amend the bylaws. Summit's bylaws provide that the bylaws may only be altered, amended or repealed and new bylaws may only be adopted by the board of directors at a regular or special meeting of the board of directors by a vote of three

The bylaws of Greater Atlantic provide that the board of directors may amend, alter or repeal the bylaws at any meeting of the board, provided notice of the proposed change was given not less than two (2) days prior to the meeting. The stockholders shall also have power to amend, alter or repeal the bylaws at any meeting of

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fourths of the board of directors or by a majority of the stockholders.

stockholders provided notice of the proposed change was given in the notice of the meeting, and provided there is the vote of at least 80% of the voting power of all the then-outstanding shares of the voting stock, voting together as a single class.

#### Appraisal Rights

Summit Financial Group, Inc.

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Under West Virginia law, stockholders are generally entitled to object and receive payment of the fair value of their stock in the event of any of the following corporate actions: merger, transfer of all or substantially fair value of their shares (so-called "appraisal all of the corporation's assets, participation in arights"). Appraisal rights do not apply if, share exchange as the corporation the stock of which is to be acquired, or an amendment to the articles of incorporation that reduces the number of shares of a class or series owned by with respect to Greater Atlantic's common stockholders to a fraction of a share if the corporation has the obligation or right to repurchase the fractional shares.

Delaware law provides that stockholders of a corporation who are voting on a merger or consolidation generally are entitled to dissent from the transaction and obtain payment of the however, (1) the shares are listed on a national securities exchange or are held by 2,000 or more holders of record (not currently the case stock) and (2) except for cash in lieu of fractional share interests, the shares are being exchanged for the shares of the surviving corporation of the merger or the shares of any other corporation, which shares of such other corporation will, as of the effective date of the merger or consolidation, be listed on a national securities exchange or be held of record by more than 2,000 holders. Appraisal rights also are not available to a corporation's stockholders when the corporation will be the surviving corporation and a vote of its stockholders is not required to approve the merger.

Delaware law also provides that any corporation may provide in its certificate of incorporation that appraisal rights shall be available in connection with amendments to its certificate of incorporation, any merger to which the corporation is a party or the sale of

all or substantially all of the corporation's assets. Greater Atlantic's certificate of incorporation contains no such provision.

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#### Dividends

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A West Virginia corporation generally may pay dividends in cash, property or its own shares except when the corporation is unable toreceive dividends, subject to any restrictions pay its debts as they become due in the usual course of business or the corporation's total assets would be less than the sum of its total liabilities plus the amount that would be needed, if the corporation were to be dissolved Atlantic's certificate of incorporation. at the time of the dividend, to satisfy any stockholders who have rights superior to those receiving the dividend. Summit's articles of incorporation provide that preferred stock will not pay any dividends.

Under Delaware law, stockholders are entitled, when declared by the board of directors, to contained in the certificate of incorporation and subject to any rights or preferences of any series of preferred stock. There are no express restrictions regarding dividends in Greater

Discharge of Duties; Exculpation and Indemnification

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West Virginia corporation discharge duties as arequires directors to discharge their duties as a director in good faith, in a manner reasonably director in good faith, on an informed basis, believed to be in the best interest of the corporation and with the care that a person in like position would exercise under similar a like position would reasonably believe appropriate under similar circumstances. Summit's articles of incorporation provide that each director or officer of Summit shall be indemnified for costs and expenses arising out of any civil suit indemnify any director made party to any or proceeding against the director or officer by proceeding by reason of service in that reason of being a director or officer of Summit capacity if the person acted in good faith and provided the director or officer acted in good faith and in a manner which the director or officer reasonably believed to be in or not

With respect to any criminal proceeding, a director or officer shall be entitled to indemnification if such person had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful.

However, a director or officer shall not be indemnified if he or she is adjudged in such suit or proceeding to be liable for gross

West Virginia law requires that a director of a The Delaware General Corporation Law with the care an ordinarily prudent person in a circumstances, and in a manner reasonably believed to be in the best interests of the corporation.

Delaware law provides that a corporation may in a manner the person reasonably believed to be in the best interests of the corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or opposed to the best interests of the corporation proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe the person's conduct was unlawful.

> Delaware law also provides that a corporation may not indemnify a director in respect to any claim, issue or matter as to which the director has been adjudged to be liable to the corporation unless and only to the extent that, the Court of Chancery or court where such action was brought determines indemnity is proper. Furthermore, directors shall be

negligence or willful misconduct in indemnified where they have been successful performance of a duty owed to the corporation. on the merits or otherwise.

Greater Atlantic's certificate of incorporation provides that the corporation shall indemnify

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any director made party to a proceeding because he or she is or was serving as director against all expense, liability and loss to the fullest extent authorized by Delaware law.

Greater Atlantic's certificate of incorporation also provides that a director shall not be personally liable to the corporation or its stockholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director, except for liability (i) for any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to the corporation or its stockholders; (ii) for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law; (iii) for unlawful payment of dividends or unlawful stock purchases or redemption; or (iv) for any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit.

#### ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING

In the event that there are not sufficient votes to constitute a quorum or to approve the matters to be considered at the time of the special meeting, the merger agreement will not be approved unless the special meeting is adjourned to a later date or dates in order to permit further solicitation of proxies. In order to allow proxies that have been received at the time of the meeting to be voted for an adjournment, if necessary, Greater Atlantic is submitting the question of adjournment to its shareholders as a separate matter for their consideration. The board of directors of Greater Atlantic recommends that its shareholders vote FOR the adjournment proposal. If it is necessary to adjourn a meeting, no notice of such adjourned meeting is required to be given to the company's shareholders, other than an announcement at the special meeting of the place, date and time to which the meeting is adjourned, if the meeting is adjourned for 30 days or less.

The board of directors of Greater Atlantic recommends that you vote "FOR" approval of this proposal.

#### **LEGAL MATTERS**

Hunton & Williams LLP will opine as to the qualification of the merger as a reorganization and the tax treatment of the consideration paid in connection with the merger under the Internal Revenue Code. Bowles Rice McDavid Graff & Love LLP has opined as to the legality of the common stock of Summit offered by this proxy statement/prospectus. Bowles Rice McDavid Graff & Love LLP rendered legal services to Summit and its subsidiaries during 2007 and it is expected that the firm will continue to render certain services to both in the future. The fees paid to Bowles Rice McDavid Graff & Love LLP represented less than 5% of Bowles Rice McDavid Graff & Love LLP's and Summit's revenues for 2007.

#### **EXPERTS**

The consolidated financial statements of Summit appearing in Summit's Annual Report (Form 10-K) for the year ended December 31, 2007, as amended on April 15, 2008 on Form 10-K/A, and Summit management's assessment of effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2007, included therein, have been audited by Arnett & Foster P.L.L.C., independent registered public accounting firm, as set forth in their reports thereon, included therein, and incorporated herein by reference. Such consolidated financial statements and management's assessment are incorporated herein by reference in reliance upon such reports given on the authority of such firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

The consolidated financial statements of Greater Atlantic and subsidiaries as of September 30, 2007 and 2006, and for each of the three years in the period ended September 30, 2007, attached to this proxy statement/prospectus and the registration statement on Form S-4, as amended, as Annex D, have been attached hereto and to the registration statement in reliance upon the report of BDO Seidman, LLP, independent registered public accountants, and upon the authority of BDO Seidman, LLP as experts in accounting and auditing.

#### WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

Summit has filed with the SEC under the Securities Act a registration statement on Form S-4 to register the shares of Summit common stock to be issued to Greater Atlantic's shareholders in connection with the merger. The registration statement, including the exhibits and schedules thereto, contains additional relevant information about Summit and its common stock. The rules and regulations of the SEC allow Summit and Greater Atlantic to omit certain information included in the registration statement from this proxy statement/prospectus. This proxy statement/prospectus is part of the registration

statement and is a prospectus of Summit with respect to its shares of common stock to be issued in the Merger, in addition to being Greater Atlantic's proxy statement for its special meeting.

Both Summit (File No. 0-16587) and Greater Atlantic (File No. 0-26467) file reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. You may read and copy this information at the Public Reference Room of the SEC at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. You may obtain information on the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. The SEC also maintains an Internet web site that contains reports, proxy statements and other information about issuers, like Summit and Greater Atlantic, who file electronically with the SEC. The address of that site is www.sec.gov. Each of Summit and Greater Atlantic also posts its SEC filings on its web site. The website addresses are www.summitfgi.com and www.gab.com, respectively. Information contained on the Summit website or the Greater Atlantic website is not incorporated by reference into this proxy statement/prospectus, and you should not consider information contained in its website as part of this proxy statement/prospectus. You can also inspect reports, proxy statements and other information that Summit and Greater Atlantic have filed with the SEC at the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, 1735 K Street, Washington, D.C. 20096.

The SEC allows Summit to "incorporate by reference" information into this proxy statement/prospectus. This means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to another document filed separately by Summit with the SEC. The information incorporated by reference is considered to be a part of this proxy statement/prospectus, except for any information that is superceded by information that is included in this proxy statement/prospectus.

This proxy statement/prospectus incorporates by reference the documents listed below that Summit previously filed with the SEC:

Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q Quarter ended March 31, 2008.

Annual Report on Form 10-K Year ended December 31, 2007, as amended on April 15, 2008.

Definitive Proxy Materials for the 2008 Annual Meeting of

Shareholders

Filed on April 11, 2008.

Current Reports on Form 8-K Filed on February 5, 2008, April 10, 2008, April 25, 2008, June 12, 2008, and July 25, 2008

Greater Atlantic previously filed with the SEC the documents listed below which are attached to this proxy statement/prospectus for your reference:

Annual Report on Form 10-K Year ended September 30, 2007.

Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q Quarter ended December 31, 2007 and March 31, 2008.

Neither Summit nor Greater Atlantic has authorized anyone to give any information or make any representation about the merger or the companies that is different from, or in addition to, that contained in this proxy statement/prospectus or in any of the materials that we have incorporated into this proxy statement/prospectus. Therefore, if anyone does give you information of this sort, you should not rely on it. Information in this proxy statement/prospectus about Summit has been supplied by Summit and information about Greater Atlantic has been supplied by Greater

Atlantic. The information contained in

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this proxy statement/prospectus speaks only as of the date of this proxy statement/prospectus unless the information specifically indicates that another date applies.

#### OTHER MATTERS

The board of directors knows of no other matters that may come before this meeting. If any matters other than those referred to should properly come before the meeting, it is the intention of the persons named in the enclosed proxy to vote such proxy in accordance with their best judgment.

By Order of the Board of Directors

Edward C. Allen, Secretary

# ANNEX A

# AGREEMENT AND PLAN OF REORGANIZATION

dated as of June 9, 2008

by and among

SUMMIT FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.

AND

GREATER ATLANTIC FINANCIAL CORP.

AND

SFG II, INC.

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AGREEMENT AND PLAN OF REORGANIZATION, dated as of June 9, 2008 (this "Agreement"), by and among GREATER ATLANTIC FINANCIAL CORP. ("GAFC"), SUMMIT FINANCIAL GROUP, INC. ("Summit") and SFG II, INC. ("Merger Sub").

#### **RECITALS**

- A. GAFC is a Delaware corporation, having its principal place of business in Reston, Virginia.
- B. Summit. Summit is a West Virginia corporation, having its principal place of business in Moorefield, West Virginia.
- C. Merger Sub. Merger Sub is a West Virginia corporation, having its principal place of business in Moorefield, West Virginia.
- D. Intentions of the Parties. It is the intention of the parties to this Agreement that the business combination contemplated hereby be treated as a "reorganization" under Section 368 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.
- E. Board Action. The respective Boards of Directors of each of Summit, GAFC and Merger Sub have determined that it is advisable and in the best interests of their respective companies and their stockholders to consummate the strategic business combination transaction provided for herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and of the mutual covenants, representations, warranties and agreements contained herein the parties agree as follows:

#### ARTICLE I

#### Certain Definitions

- 1.01 Certain Definitions. The following terms are used in this Agreement with the meanings set forth below:
- "Acquisition Proposal" means any tender or exchange offer, proposal for a merger, consolidation or other business combination involving GAFC or any of its Subsidiaries or any proposal or offer to acquire in any manner a substantial equity interest in, or a substantial portion of the assets or deposits of, GAFC or any of its Subsidiaries, other than the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.
- "Adjusted Shareholders' Equity" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.01(b).
- "Agreement" means this Agreement, as amended or modified from time to time in accordance with Section 10.02.
- "Average Closing Price" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.01(a).
- "Bank Merger" has the meaning set forth in Section 3.01(a).
- "Bank Merger Effective Date" has the meaning set forth in Section 3.02.
- "Benchmark Equity" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.01(b).

"Cease and Desist Order" means the Order to Cease and Desist (together with the accompanying Stipulation and Consent to Issuance of Order to Cease and Desist) effective April 25, 2008, by and between GAB and the Office of Thrift Supervision.

"Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

"Compensation and Benefit Plans" has the meaning set forth in Section 6.03(m).

"Consultants" has the meaning set forth in Section 6.03(m).

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"Core Deposits" means all deposits (as defined in 12 U.S.C. Section 1813(1)) of GAFC shown on the books and records of GAB, including but not limited to all interest posted thereon accrued but unpaid interest and both collected and uncollected funds (including overdrawn accounts), together with GAB's rights and responsibilities under any customer agreement evidencing or relating thereto, but excluding (i) deposit accounts associated with a public body, including but not limited to any municipal, county, state or federal government, and (ii) brokered deposits and (iii) wholesale deposits, but including corporate sweep accounts.

"Costs" has the meaning set forth in Section 7.11(a).

"Directors" has the meaning set forth in Section 6.03(m).

"Disclosure Schedule" has the meaning set forth in Section 6.01.

"Dissenters' Shares" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.06.

"DGCL" means the Delaware General Corporation Law, as amended.

"DOL" means the United States Department of Labor.

"Effective Date" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.02(a).

"Effective Time" means the effective time of the Merger, as provided for in Section 2.02(a).

"Employees" has the meaning set forth in Section 6.03(m).

"Environmental Laws" means all applicable local, state and federal environmental, health and safety laws and regulations, including, without limitation, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, the Clean Water Act, the Federal Clean Air Act, and the Occupational Safety and Health Act, each as amended, regulations promulgated thereunder, and state counterparts.

"ERISA" means the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended.

"ERISA Affiliate" has the meaning set forth in Section 6.03(m)(ii).

"Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules and regulations thereunder.

"Exchange Agent" has the meaning set forth in Sections 4.04(a).

"Exchange Fund" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.04(a).

"Exchange Ratio" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.01(a).

"GAB" means Greater Atlantic Bank, a federally-chartered savings bank.

"GAAP" means generally accepted accounting principles in the United States.

"GAFC Board" means the Board of Directors of GAFC.

"GAFC By-Laws" means the By-laws of GAFC, as amended.

"GAFC Certificate" means the Certificate of Incorporation of GAFC, as amended.

"GAFC Common Stock" means the common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of GAFC.

"GAFC Meeting" has the meaning set forth in Section 7.02.

"GAFC Stock Option" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.05.

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"GAFC Stock Plans" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.05.

"GAFC Trust Preferred Securities" means preferred shares of stock issued by Greater Atlantic Capital Trust I, a second tier business trust subsidiary of GAFC.

"Governmental Authority" means any court, administrative agency or commission or other federal, state or local governmental authority or instrumentality.

"Guarantee" shall mean the Guarantee executed by GAFC in connection with the issuance of the GAFC Trust Preferred Securities.

"Indenture" shall mean the Trust Indenture executed by GAFC in connection with the issuance of the GAFC Trust Preferred Securities.

"IRS" has the meaning set forth in Section 6.03(m).

"Indemnified Party" has the meaning set forth in Section 7.11(a).

"Lien" means any charge, mortgage, pledge, security interest, restriction, claim, lien, or encumbrance,

"Material Adverse Effect" means: with respect to Summit or GAFC, any effect that (i) is material and adverse to the financial position, results of operations or business of Summit and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole or GAFC and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole, respectively, or (ii) would materially impair the ability of either Summit or GAFC to perform its obligations under this Agreement or otherwise materially threaten or materially impede the consummation of the Merger and the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement; provided, however, that Material Adverse Effect shall not be deemed to include the impact of (a) changes in banking and similar laws of general applicability or interpretations thereof by courts or governmental authorities, except to the extent such changes have a disproportionate impact on Summit or GAFC, as the case may be, relative to the overall effects on the banking industry, (b) changes in generally accepted accounting principles or regulatory accounting requirements applicable to banks and their holding companies generally, except to the extent changes have a disproportionate impact on Summit or GAFC, as the case may be, relative to the overall effect on the banking industry, (c) any modifications or changes to valuation policies and practices in connection with the Merger or restructuring charges taken in connection with the Merger, in each case in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, (d) actions and omissions of Summit or GAFC taken with the prior written consent of the other in contemplation of the transactions contemplated hereby, (e) changes in economic conditions affecting financial institutions generally, including, without limitation, changes in market interest rates or the projected future interest rate environment, except to the extent that such changes have a disproportionate impact on Summit or GAFC, as the case may be, relative to the overall effect on the banking industry or (f) direct effects of compliance with this Agreement on the financial condition and operating performance of the parties, including, without limitation, expenses incurred by the parties in consummating the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

"Merger" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.01(b).

"Merger Consideration" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.01(a).

"Merger Sub" has the meaning set forth in the preamble to this Agreement.

"Monthly Losses" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 4.01(b).

"NASDAQ" means The NASDAQ Stock Market, Inc.'s Capital Market.

"Net Additional Loan Losses" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 4.01(b)(iii).

"New Certificates" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.04(a).

"Non-Performing Loans" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 8.03(h).

"Old Certificates" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.04(a).

"PBGC" means the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

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- "Pension Plan" has the meaning set forth in Section 6.03(m).
- "Person" means any individual, bank, corporation, limited liability company, partnership, association, joint-stock company, business trust or unincorporated organization.
- "Previously Disclosed" by a party shall mean information set forth in its Disclosure Schedule or in Summit's or GAFC's SEC Documents.
- "Proxy Statement" has the meaning set forth in Section 7.03(a).
- "Registration Statement" has the meaning set forth in Section 7.03(a).
- "Regulatory Authorities" has the meaning set forth in Section 6.03(i).
- "Rights" means, with respect to any Person, securities or obligations convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for, or giving any person any right to subscribe for or acquire, or any options, calls or commitments relating to, or any stock appreciation right or other instrument the value of which is determined in whole or in part by reference to the market price or value of, shares of capital stock of such person.
- "SEC" means the Securities and Exchange Commission.
- "Section 9.03(a) Fee" has the meaning set forth in Section 9.03(a).
- "Section 9.03(b) Fee" has the meaning set forth in Section 9.03(b).
- "Securities Act" means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the rules and regulations thereunder.
- "Shareholders' Equity" means the total shareholders equity presented on GAFC's balance sheet as of a given date as calculated according to GAAP.
- "Specific Reserve Reductions" shall mean the amount by which GAFC may appropriately reduce the allowance for loan losses specifically allocated to an extension of credit (and thereby take a negative provision to the allowance for loan losses) as a result of the amount of principal actually received by GAFC on such extension of credit.
- "Stock Option Consideration" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.05.
- "Subsidiary" and "Significant Subsidiary" have the meanings ascribed to them in Rule 1-02 Section 210.1-(2)(w) of Regulation S-X of the SEC.
- "Surviving Corporation" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.01(b).
- "Summit" has the meaning set forth in the preamble to this Agreement.
- "Summit Bank" means Summit Community Bank, a commercial bank chartered under the laws of the State of West Virginia.
- "Summit Board" means the Board of Directors of Summit.
- "Summit Common Stock" means the common stock, par value \$2.50 per share, of Summit.

"Summit Compensation and Benefit Plans" has the meaning set forth in Section 6.04(k)(i).

"Summit Consultants" has the meaning set forth in Section 6.04(k)(i).

"Summit Directors" has the meaning set forth in Section 6.04(k)(i).

"Summit Employees" has the meaning set forth in Section 6.04(k)(i).

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- "Summit ERISA Affiliate" has the meaning set forth in Section 6.04(k)(iii).
- "Summit ERISA Affiliate Plan" has the meaning set forth in Section 6.04(k)(iii).
- "Summit Pension Plan" has the meaning set forth in Section 6.04(k)(ii).
- "Summit's SEC Documents" has the meaning set forth in Section 6.04(g).
- "Superior Proposal" has the meaning set forth in Section 9.01(f).
- "Takeover Laws" has the meaning set forth in Section 6.03(o).

"Tax" and "Taxes" means all federal, state, local or foreign taxes, charges, fees, levies or other assessments, however denominated, including, without limitation, all net income, gross income, gains, gross receipts, sales, use, ad valorem, goods and services, capital, production, transfer, franchise, windfall profits, license, withholding, payroll, employment, disability, employer health, excise, estimated, severance, stamp, occupation, property, environmental, unemployment or other taxes, custom duties, fees, assessments or charges of any kind whatsoever, together with any interest and any penalties, additions to tax or additional amounts imposed by any taxing authority whether arising before, on or after the Effective Date.

"Tax Returns" means any return, amended return or other report (including elections, declarations, disclosures, schedules, estimates and information returns) required to be filed with respect to any Tax.

"Treasury Stock" shall mean shares of GAFC Common Stock held by GAFC or any of its Subsidiaries in each case other than in a fiduciary capacity or as a result of debts previously contracted in good faith.

"WVBCA" shall mean the West Virginia Business Corporation Act, as amended.

#### ARTICLE II

#### The Merger

- 2.01 The Merger. (a) Prior to the Effective Time, Summit shall take any and all action necessary to cause Merger Sub to take all actions necessary or proper to comply with the obligations of Summit and such Merger Sub to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby.
- (b) At the Effective Time, GAFC shall merge with and into Merger Sub (the "Merger"), the separate corporate existence of GAFC shall cease and Merger Sub shall survive and continue to exist as a West Virginia corporation (Merger Sub, as the surviving corporation in the Merger, sometimes being referred to herein as the "Surviving Corporation"). Summit may at any time prior to the Effective Time change the method of effecting the combination with GAFC (including, without limitation, the provisions of this Article II other than sub-sections (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv) hereof) if and to the extent it deems such change to be necessary, appropriate or desirable; provided, however, that no such change shall (i) cause the approval of the stockholders of Summit to be required as a condition to the Merger, (ii) alter or change the amount or kind of Merger Consideration (as hereinafter defined), (iii) adversely affect the tax treatment of GAFC's stockholders as a result of receiving the Merger Consideration or (iv) materially impede or delay consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement; and provided further, that Summit shall provide GAFC prior written notice of such change and the reasons therefore.

- (c) Subject to the satisfaction or waiver of the conditions set forth in Article VIII, the Merger shall become effective upon the occurrence of the filing in the offices of the Secretaries of State of the State of Delaware and the State of West Virginia a certificate of merger in accordance with Section 252 of the DGCL and articles of merger in accordance with Section 31D-11-1106 of the WVBCA or such later date and time as may be set forth in such certificate of merger and articles of merger. The Merger shall have the effects prescribed in the DGCL and the WVBCA.
- (d) The Certificate of Incorporation of Merger Sub, as in effect immediately prior to the Effective Time, shall be the Certificate of Incorporation of the Surviving Corporation until thereafter amended in accordance with applicable law.
- 2.02 Effective Date and Effective Time. (a) Subject to the satisfaction or waiver of the conditions set forth in Article VIII, the parties shall cause the effective date of the Merger (the "Effective Date") to occur on (i) the fifth business day to occur after the last of the conditions set forth in Article VIII shall have been satisfied or waived in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, other than those conditions that by their nature are to be satisfied at the closing of the Merger

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(or, at the election of Summit, on the last business day of the month in which such fifth business day occurs), or (ii) such other date to which the parties may agree in writing. The time on the Effective Date when the Merger shall become effective is referred to as the "Effective Time."

- (b) Notwithstanding any other provision in this Agreement to the contrary, if Summit shall exercise its right to delay the Effective Date pursuant to Section 2.02(a), and a record date for any dividend or other distribution in respect of the Summit Common Stock is taken during the period of such delay such that the GAFC stockholders will not be entitled to participate in such dividend, each stockholder of GAFC shall be entitled to receive, upon surrender of the Old Certificates and compliance with the other provisions of Article IV, a payment equal to the amount and kind of dividend or other distribution that such holder would have received had such holder been a holder of record of the shares of Summit Common Stock issuable to such holder in the Merger on the record date for such dividend or other distribution.
- 2.03 Indentures, Guarantees and Common Securities. At Closing, as further consideration for the Merger: Summit shall assume (i) the obligations of GAFC under the Indenture (including the conversion rights of the debenture holders set forth in Section 4.4 of the Indenture) pursuant to a supplemental indenture in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to Summit, GAFC and Wilmington Trust Company (each, a "Supplemental Indenture") and (ii) the obligations of GAFC under each of the Guarantees pursuant to a supplemental guarantee in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to Summit and GAFC.

#### ARTICLE III

#### The Bank Merger

- 3.01 The Bank Merger. (a) After the Effective Time, GAB, a wholly-owned subsidiary of GAFC, shall merge with and into Summit Bank, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Summit (the "Bank Merger"), the separate existence of GAB shall cease and Summit Bank shall survive and continue to exist as a state chartered banking corporation. Summit may at any time prior to the Effective Time, change the method of effecting the combination with GAB (including without limitation the provisions of this Article III other than sub-sections (i), (ii) and (iii) hereof) if and to the extent it deems such changes necessary, appropriate or desirable; provided, however that no such change shall (i) alter or change the amount or kind of Merger Consideration, (ii) adversely affect the tax treatment of GAFC's stockholders as a result of receiving the Merger Consideration or (iii) materially impede or delay consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, and provided further, that Summit shall provide GAFC with prior written notice of such change and the reasons therefore.
- (b) Subject to the satisfaction or waiver of the conditions set forth in Article VIII, the Bank Merger shall become effective upon the occurrence of the filing in the Office of the Secretary of State of West Virginia of articles of merger in accordance with Section 31D-11-1106 of the WVBCA or such later date and time as may be set forth in such articles and the issuance of a certificate of merger by the Secretary of State of West Virginia. The Bank Merger shall have the effects prescribed in the WVBCA.
- 3.02 Effective Date and Effective Time. Subject to the satisfaction or waiver of the conditions set forth in Article VIII, the parties shall cause the effective date of the Bank Merger (the "Bank Merger Effective Date") to occur on the Effective Date or such later date as Summit may determine in its sole discretion.

#### ARTICLE IV

Consideration; Exchange Procedures

- 4.01 Merger Consideration. Subject to the provisions of this Agreement, at the Effective Time, automatically by virtue of the Merger and without any action on the part of any Person:
- (a) Merger Consideration. Subject to adjustment as set forth in Section 4.01(b), each holder of a share of GAFC Common Stock (other than GAFC or its Subsidiaries or Summit and its Subsidiaries, except for shares held by them in a fiduciary capacity, and Dissenters' Shares) shall receive in respect thereof, subject to the limitations set forth in this Agreement and any adjustment pursuant to Section 4.01(b), the number of shares of Summit Stock (the "Merger Consideration") equal to \$4.00, divided by the average closing price (the "Average Closing Price") of Summit Common Stock reported on the NASDAQ for the twenty (20) trading days prior to the Closing (the "Exchange Ratio"). In no event shall the Exchange Ratio exceed 0.328625.

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- (b) Adjustment to Merger Consideration for Decrease in GAFC's Shareholders' Equity and for Net Additional Loan Losses.
- (i) If as of the Effective Date, GAFC's Shareholders' Equity, as adjusted to exclude (a) accumulated other comprehensive income or loss, and (b) the effect of removing the benefit of the net operating loss carry forwards from the net deferred tax assets (the "Adjusted Shareholders' Equity"), is less than \$4,213,617 (the "Benchmark Equity") determined in accordance with GAAP fairly applied, then the aggregate value of the Merger Consideration shall be reduced one dollar for every dollar by which the Adjusted Shareholders' Equity is less than the Benchmark Equity.
- (ii) For purposes of this Section 4.01(b), the Adjusted Shareholders' Equity shall be increased by: (x) Monthly Losses incurred after March 31, 2008, and prior to September 1, 2008, and (y) fees paid or accrued to Sandler O'Neill and Partners, LP, and to Muldoon Murphy & Aguggia LLP or Kilpatrick Stockton LLP after March 31, 2008, up to \$150,000. "Monthly Losses" shall mean GAFC's actual monthly operating losses calculated in accordance with GAAP fairly applied, up to \$250,000.
- (iii) On the Effective Date, GAFC shall have complied with Section 7.08 of this Agreement with respect to GAFC's allowance for loan losses. If Summit's due diligence results in a determination by Summit prior to the Effective Date that additional provisions should be made to GAFC's allowance for loan losses to meet the requirements of the preceding sentence, then the Merger Consideration will be reduced dollar for dollar by the amount determined by Summit with the reasonable agreement of GAFC (the "Net Additional Loan Losses"). In calculating the amount of the Merger Consideration reduction, Summit and GAFC agree that Specific Reserve Reductions may be used to offset losses from other loans to determine the amount of provisions needed to the allowance for loan losses.
- (iv) If Summit and GAFC cannot agree as to the amount of the Net Additional Loan Losses, then GAFC may, at its option, sell the loans that Summit determines require additional provisions to a third party, provided that the sale is (x) without recourse and (y) requires the third party purchaser to assume all collection and servicing costs. If the book value of the loan sold exceeds the purchase price of the loan sold, such excess will be deemed a Net Additional Loan Loss and the Merger Consideration will be reduced one dollar for every dollar of the amount of the Net Additional Loan Loss. If GAFC cannot sell the loans that Summit determines require additional provisions for loan losses, then Summit's determination of any Net Additional Loan Losses with respect to such loans shall be conclusive and binding on the parties, with the concurrence of GAFC's independent accountants.
- (c) Outstanding Summit Stock. Each share of Summit Common Stock issued and outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time shall remain issued and outstanding and unaffected by the Merger.
- (d) Treasury Shares. Each share of GAFC Common Stock held as Treasury Stock immediately prior to the Effective Time shall be canceled and retired at the Effective Time and no consideration shall be issued in exchange therefore.
- (e) Merger Sub. Each share of capital stock of Merger Sub issued and outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time shall remain outstanding and unaffected by the merger, and no consideration shall be issued in exchange therefore.
- 4.02 Rights as Stockholders; Stock Transfers. At the Effective Time, holders of GAFC Common Stock shall cease to be, and shall have no rights as, stockholders of GAFC, other than to receive the Merger Consideration and any dividend or other distribution with respect to such GAFC Common Stock with a record date occurring prior to the Effective Time, the payment, if any, in lieu of certain dividends on Summit Common Stock provided for in Section 2.02(b), and the consideration provided under this Article IV. After the Effective Time, there shall be no transfers on the stock transfer books of GAFC or the Surviving Corporation of shares of GAFC Common Stock.

4.03 Fractional Shares. Notwithstanding any other provision hereof, no fractional shares of Summit Common Stock and no certificates or scrip therefore, or other evidence of ownership thereof, will be issued in the Merger; instead, Summit shall pay to each holder of GAFC Common Stock who would otherwise be entitled to a fractional share of Summit Common Stock (after taking into account all Old Certificates registered in the name of such holder) an amount in cash (without interest) determined by multiplying such fraction by the closing price of Summit Common Stock as reported by NASDAQ reporting system (as reported in the Wall Street Journal) on the Effective Date.

- 4.04 Exchange Procedures.
- (a) At or prior to the Effective Time, Summit shall deposit, or shall cause to be deposited, with Registrar and Transfer Company or a bank or trust company designated by Summit and reasonably satisfactory to GAFC (the "Exchange Agent"), for the benefit of the holders of certificates formerly representing shares of GAFC Common Stock ("Old Certificates"), for exchange in accordance with this Article IV, (i) certificates representing the shares of Summit Common Stock ("New Certificates") and (ii) an amount of cash necessary for payments required by Section 4.03 (the "Exchange Fund"). The Exchange Fund will be distributed in accordance with the Exchange Agent's normal and customary procedures established in connection with merger transactions.
- (b) As soon as practicable after the Effective Time, and in no event later than five business days thereafter, Summit shall cause the Exchange Agent to mail to each holder of record of one or more Old Certificates a letter of transmittal (which shall specify that delivery shall be effected, and risk of loss and title to the Old Certificates shall pass, only upon delivery of the Old Certificates to the Exchange Agent) and instructions for use in effecting the surrender of the Old Certificates in exchange for New Certificates, if any, that the holders of the Old Certificates are entitled to receive pursuant to Article IV, any cash in lieu of fractional shares into which the shares of GAFC Common Stock represented by the Old Certificates shall have been converted pursuant to this Agreement and any payment required pursuant to Section 2.02(b) of this Agreement. Upon proper surrender of an Old Certificate for exchange and cancellation to the Exchange Agent, together with such properly completed letter of transmittal, duly executed, the holder of such Old Certificates shall be entitled to receive in exchange therefore (i) a New Certificate representing that number of whole shares of Summit Common Stock that such holder has the right to receive pursuant to Article IV, if any, (ii) a check representing the amount of any cash in lieu of fractional shares which such holder has the right to receive in respect of the Old Certificates surrendered pursuant to the provisions of this Article IV, and (iii) any payment required by Section 2.02(b), and the Old Certificates so surrendered shall forthwith be cancelled.
- (c) Neither the Exchange Agent, if any, nor any party hereto shall be liable to any former holder of GAFC Common Stock for any amount properly delivered to a public official pursuant to applicable abandoned property, escheat or similar laws.
- (d) No dividends or other distributions with respect to Summit Common Stock with a record date occurring after the Effective Time shall be paid to the holder of any unsurrendered Old Certificate representing shares of GAFC Common Stock converted in the Merger into the right to receive shares of such Summit Common Stock until the holder thereof shall be entitled to receive New Certificates in exchange therefore in accordance with the procedures set forth in this Section 4.04. After becoming so entitled in accordance with this Section 4.04, the record holder thereof also shall be entitled to receive any such dividends or other distributions by the Exchange Agent, without any interest thereon, which theretofore had become payable with respect to shares of Summit Common Stock such holder had the right to receive upon surrender of the Old Certificates.
- (e) Any portion of the Exchange Fund that remains unclaimed by the stockholders of GAFC for twelve months after the Effective Time shall be paid to Summit. Any stockholders of GAFC who have not theretofore complied with this Article IV shall thereafter look only to Summit for payment of the Merger Consideration, cash in lieu of any fractional shares and unpaid dividends and distributions on Summit Common Stock deliverable in respect of each share of GAFC Common Stock such stockholder holds as determined pursuant to this Agreement, in each case, without any interest thereon.
- (f) In the event any Old Certificate shall have been lost, stolen or destroyed, upon the making of an affidavit of that fact by the person claiming such Old Certificate to be lost, stolen or destroyed and, if reasonably required by Summit or the Exchange Agent, the posting by such person of a bond in such amount as Summit may determine is reasonably necessary as indemnity against any claim that may be made against it with respect to such Old Certificate,

the Exchange Agent will issue in exchange for such lost, stolen or destroyed Old Certificate the Merger Consideration deliverable in respect thereof pursuant to this Agreement.

Options. At the Effective Time, each outstanding option (each, a "GAFC Stock Option") to purchase shares of GAFC Common Stock under any and all plans of GAFC under which stock options have been granted and are outstanding (collectively, the "GAFC Stock Plans") shall vest and holders of GAFC Stock Options shall be entitled to receive cash in an amount equal to the difference between the value of (a) the Merger Consideration and (b) the applicable exercise price (rounded to the nearest cent) for each outstanding GAFC Stock Option (the "Stock Option Consideration"). At or prior to the Effective Time, GAFC shall use its reasonable best efforts, including using its reasonable best efforts to obtain any necessary consents from optionees, with respect to the GAFC Stock Plans to permit Summit to pay the Stock Option

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Consideration pursuant to this Section. At the Effective Time, Summit shall have no obligation to make any additional grants or awards under the GAFC Stock Plans.

Obssenters' Rights. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, shares of GAFC Common Stock that are outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time and which are held by stockholders who shall have not voted in favor of the Merger or consented thereto in writing and who properly shall have demanded appraisal for such shares in accordance with the DGCL (collectively, the "Dissenters' Shares") shall not be converted into or represent the right to receive the Merger Consideration. Such stockholders instead shall be entitled to receive payment of the appraised value of such shares held by them in accordance with the provisions of the DGCL, except that all Dissenters' Shares held by stockholders who shall have failed to perfect or who effectively shall have withdrawn or otherwise lost their rights to appraisal of such shares under the DGCL shall thereupon be deemed to have been converted into and to have become exchangeable, as of the Effective Time, for the right to receive, without any interest thereon, the Merger Consideration upon surrender in the manner provided in Section 4.04 of the Old Certificates that, immediately prior to the Effective Time, evidenced such shares.

ARTICLE V

#### Actions Pending the Effective Time

- 5.01 Forebearances of GAFC. From the date hereof until the Effective Time, except as expressly contemplated by this Agreement or Previously Disclosed, without the prior written consent of Summit, GAFC will not, and will cause each of its Subsidiaries not to:
- (a) Ordinary Course. Conduct the business of GAFC and its Subsidiaries other than in the ordinary and usual course or fail to use reasonable efforts to preserve intact their business organizations and assets and maintain their rights, franchises and existing relations with customers, suppliers, employees and business associates, or take any action reasonably likely to have an adverse affect upon GAFC's ability to perform any of its material obligations under this Agreement.
- (b) Capital Stock. Other than pursuant to Rights Previously Disclosed and outstanding on the date hereof, (i) issue, sell or otherwise permit to become outstanding, or authorize the creation of, any additional shares of GAFC Common Stock or any Rights, (ii) enter into any agreement with respect to the foregoing, or (iii) permit any additional shares of GAFC Common Stock to become subject to new grants of employee or director stock options, other Rights or similar stock-based employee rights.
- (c) Dividends, Etc. (a) Make, declare, pay or set aside for payment any dividend on or in respect of, or declare or make any distribution on any shares of GAFC Common Stock, or (b) directly or indirectly adjust, split, combine, redeem, reclassify, purchase or otherwise acquire, any shares of its capital stock.
- Compensation; Employment Agreements; Etc. Enter into or amend or renew any employment, consulting, severance or similar agreements or arrangements with any director, officer or employee of GAFC or its Subsidiaries, or grant any salary or wage increase or increase any employee benefit (including incentive or bonus payments), except (i) for normal individual payments of incentives and bonuses to employees in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice, not to exceed \$10,000 in the aggregate, (ii) for normal individual payments of incentives and bonuses to employees under GAB's branch incentive plan, not to exceed \$30,000 per quarter in the aggregate, (iii) for normal individual increases in compensation to employees in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice, (iv) for other changes that are required by applicable law, (v) to satisfy Previously Disclosed contractual obligations existing as of the date hereof, or (vi) for grants of awards to newly hired employees consistent with past

practice.

- (e) Benefit Plans. Enter into, establish, adopt or amend (except (i) as may be required by applicable law or (ii) to satisfy Previously Disclosed contractual obligations existing as of the date hereof) any pension, retirement, stock option, stock purchase, savings, profit sharing, deferred compensation, consulting, bonus, group insurance or other employee benefit, incentive or welfare contract, plan or arrangement, or any trust agreement (or similar arrangement) related thereto, in respect of any director, officer or employee of GAFC or its Subsidiaries, or take any action to accelerate the vesting or exercisability of stock options, restricted stock or other compensation or benefits payable thereunder.
- (f) Dispositions. Except as Previously Disclosed, sell, transfer, mortgage, encumber or otherwise dispose of or discontinue any of its assets, deposits, business or properties except in the ordinary course of business and in a transaction that is not material to it and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole.

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- (g) Acquisitions. Except as Previously Disclosed, acquire (other than by way of foreclosures or acquisitions of control in a bona fide fiduciary capacity or in satisfaction of debts previously contracted in good faith, in each case in the ordinary and usual course of business consistent with past practice) all or any portion of, the assets, business, deposits or properties of any other entity.
- (h) Governing Documents. Amend the GAFC Certificate, GAFC By-laws or the certificate of incorporation or by-laws (or similar governing documents) of any of GAFC's Subsidiaries.
- (i) Accounting Methods. Implement or adopt any change in its accounting principles, practices or methods, other than as may be required by GAAP.
- (j) Contracts. Except in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice, enter into or terminate any material contract (as defined in Section 6.03(k)) or amend or modify in any material respect any of its existing material contracts.
- (k) Claims. Except in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice, settle any claim, action or proceeding, except for any claim, action or proceeding which does not involve precedent for other material claims, actions or proceedings and which involve solely money damages in an amount, individually or in the aggregate for all such settlements, that is not material to GAFC and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole.
- (l) Adverse Actions. (a) Take any action while knowing that such action would, or is reasonably likely to, prevent or impede the Merger from qualifying as a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368 of the Code; or (b) knowingly take any action that is intended or is reasonably likely to result in (i) any of its representations and warranties set forth in this Agreement being or becoming untrue, subject to the standard set forth in Section 6.02, at any time at or prior to the Effective Time, (ii) any of the conditions to the Merger set forth in Article VIII not being satisfied or (iii) a material violation of any provision of this Agreement except, in each case, as may be required by applicable law or regulation.
- (m) Risk Management. Except as required by applicable law or regulation, (i) implement or adopt any material change in its interest rate and other risk management policies, procedures or practices, including, but not limited to implementation of any leverage strategies; (ii) fail to follow its existing policies or practices with respect to managing its exposure to interest rate and other risk; or (iii) fail to use commercially reasonable means to avoid any material increase in its aggregate exposure to interest rate risk.
- (n) Indebtedness. Incur any indebtedness for borrowed money other than in the ordinary course of business.
- (o) Loans. Make any loans in a principal amount in excess of \$750,000, or make any loans outside of the District of Columbia, Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia.
- (p) Commitments. Agree or commit to do any of the foregoing.
- 5.02 Forebearances of Summit. From the date hereof until the Effective Time, except as expressly contemplated by this Agreement, without the prior written consent of GAFC, Summit will not, and will cause each of its Subsidiaries not to:

Ordinary Course. Conduct the business of Summit and its Subsidiaries other than in the ordinary and usual course or fail to use reasonable efforts to preserve intact their business organizations and assets and maintain their rights, franchises and existing relations with customers, suppliers, employees and business associates, or take any action reasonably likely to have an adverse effect upon Summit's ability to perform any of its material obligations under this

Agreement.

Extraordinary Dividends. Make, declare, pay or set aside for payment any extraordinary dividend.

Adverse Actions. (a) Take any action while knowing that such action would, or is reasonably likely to, prevent or impede the Merger from qualifying as a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368 of the Code; or (b) knowingly take any action that is intended or is reasonably likely to result in (i) any of its representations and warranties set forth in this Agreement being or becoming untrue, subject to the standard set forth in Section 6.02, at any time at or prior to the Effective Time, (ii) any of the conditions to the Merger set forth in Article VIII not being satisfied or (iii) a material violation of any provision of this Agreement except, in each case, as may be required by applicable law or regulation; provided.

Commitments. Agree or commit to do any of the foregoing.

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#### ARTICLE VI

#### Representations and Warranties

- GAFC has delivered to Summit a schedule (respectively, its "Disclosure Schedule") setting forth, among other things, items the disclosure of which is necessary or appropriate either in response to an express disclosure requirement contained in a provision hereof or as an exception to one or more representations or warranties contained in Section 6.03 or 6.04 or to one or more of its covenants contained in Article V; provided, that (a) no such item is required to be set forth in a Disclosure Schedule as an exception to a representation or warranty if its absence could not be reasonably likely to result in the related representation or warranty being deemed untrue or incorrect under the standard established by Section 6.02, and (b) the mere inclusion of an item in a Disclosure Schedule as an exception to a representation or warranty shall not be deemed an admission by a party that such item represents a material exception or fact, event or circumstance or that such item is reasonably likely to result in a Material Adverse Effect on the party making the representation. All of GAFC's and Summit's representations, warranties and covenants contained in this Agreement are qualified by reference to the respective Disclosure Schedule and none thereof shall be deemed to be untrue or breached as a result of effects arising solely from actions taken in compliance with a written request of Summit or GAFC, as the case may be.
- Standard. No representation or warranty of GAFC or Summit contained in Section 6.03 or 6.04 shall be deemed untrue or incorrect, and no party hereto shall be deemed to have breached a representation or warranty, as a consequence of the existence of any fact, event or circumstance unless such fact, circumstance or event, individually or taken together with all other facts, events or circumstances inconsistent with any representation or warranty contained in Section 6.03 or 6.04 has had or is reasonably likely to have a Material Adverse Effect. For purposes of this Agreement, "knowledge" shall mean (i) with respect to Summit, actual knowledge of H. Charles Maddy, III, and Robert S. Tissue, and (ii) with respect to GAFC, actual knowledge of Carroll E. Amos, Edward C. Allen, David E. Ritter, Robert W. Neff and Gary L. Hobert.
- 6.03 Representations and Warranties of GAFC. Subject to Sections 6.01 and 6.02 and except as Previously Disclosed, GAFC hereby represents and warrants to Summit:
- (a) Organization and Standing. GAFC is a corporation duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of Delaware. GAFC is duly qualified to do business and is in good standing in the Commonwealth of Virginia and in any foreign jurisdictions where its ownership or leasing of property or assets or the conduct of its business requires it to be so qualified.
- (b) Capitalization. As of May 31, 2008, the authorized capital stock of GAFC consists of (i) 10,000,000 shares of GAFC Common Stock, of which 3,024,220 shares were outstanding and no shares were held in treasury, and (ii) 2,500,000 shares of preferred stock, \$0.01 par value, none of which are issued and outstanding or held in treasury as of the date hereof. As of the date hereof, except pursuant to the terms of options, stock, and warrants issued pursuant to the GAFC Stock and/or Warrant Plans, GAFC does not have and is not bound by any outstanding subscriptions, options, warrants, calls, commitments or agreements of any character calling for the purchase or issuance of any shares of GAFC Common Stock or any other equity securities of GAFC or any of its Subsidiaries or any securities of GAFC or any of its Subsidiaries. As of May 31, 2008, GAFC has 340,171 shares of GAFC Common Stock (with a weighted average strike price of \$6.94 per share) which are issuable and reserved for issuance upon the exercise of GAFC Stock Options and GAFC Warrants. The outstanding shares of GAFC Common Stock have been duly authorized and are validly issued and outstanding, fully paid and nonassessable, and subject to no preemptive rights (and were not issued in violation of any preemptive rights).

(c) Subsidiaries. (i) GAFC has Previously Disclosed a list of all of its Subsidiaries together with the jurisdiction of organization of each such Subsidiary. (A) GAFC owns, directly or indirectly, all the issued and outstanding equity securities of each of its Subsidiaries, (B) no equity securities of any of its Subsidiaries are or may become required to be issued (other than to it or its wholly-owned Subsidiaries) by reason of any Right or otherwise, (C) there are no contracts, commitments, understandings or arrangements by which any of such Subsidiaries is or may be bound to sell or otherwise transfer any equity securities of any such Subsidiaries (other than to it or its wholly-owned Subsidiaries), (D) there are no contracts, commitments, understandings, or arrangements relating to its rights to vote or to dispose of such securities and (E) all the equity securities of each Subsidiary held by GAFC or its Subsidiaries are fully paid and nonassessable and are owned by GAFC or its Subsidiaries free and clear of any Liens.

- (ii) GAFC has Previously Disclosed a list of all equity securities, or similar interests of any Person or any interest in a partnership or joint venture of any kind, other than its Subsidiaries, that it beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, as of May 31, 2008.
- (iii) Each of GAFC's Subsidiaries has been duly organized and is validly existing in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its organization, and is duly qualified to do business and in good standing in the jurisdictions where its ownership or leasing of property or the conduct of its business requires it to be so qualified.
- (d) Corporate Power. Each of GAFC and its Subsidiaries has the corporate power and authority to carry on its business as it is now being conducted and to own all its properties and assets; and GAFC has the corporate power and authority to execute, deliver and perform its obligations under this Agreement and to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby.
- (e) Corporate Authority. Subject to receipt of the requisite approval of this Agreement (including the agreement of merger set forth herein) by the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of GAFC Common Stock entitled to vote thereon (which is the only vote of GAFC stockholders required thereon), the execution and delivery of this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby have been authorized by all necessary corporate action of GAFC and the GAFC Board. Assuming due authorization, execution and delivery by Summit, this Agreement is a valid and legally binding obligation of GAFC, enforceable in accordance with its terms (except as enforceability may be limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium, fraudulent transfer and similar laws of general applicability relating to or affecting creditors' rights or by general equity principles). The GAFC Board of Directors has received the written opinion of Sandler O'Neill & Partners, L.P. to the effect that as of the date hereof the consideration to be received by the holders of GAFC Common Stock in the Merger is fair to the holders of GAFC Common Stock from a financial point of view.
- (f) Consents and Approvals; No Defaults. Except as disclosed in Schedule 6.03(f), (i) no consents or approvals of, or filings or registrations with, any Governmental Authority or with any third party are required to be made or obtained by GAFC or any of its Subsidiaries in connection with the execution, delivery or performance by GAFC of this Agreement or to consummate the Merger except for (A) filings of applications or notices with federal and state banking and insurance authorities and (B) the filing of a certificate of merger with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware pursuant to the DGCL, the filing of articles of merger with the Secretary of State of the State of West Virginia pursuant to the WVBCA, and the issuance of a certificate of merger in connection therewith. As of the date hereof, GAFC is not aware of any reason why the approvals set forth in Section 8.01(b) will not be received without the imposition of a condition, restriction or requirement of the type described in Section 8.01(b).
- (ii) Subject to receipt of the regulatory approvals referred to in the preceding paragraph, and expiration of related waiting periods, the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby do not and will not (A) constitute a breach or violation of, or a default under, or give rise to any Lien, any acceleration of remedies or any right of termination under, any law, rule or regulation or any judgment, decree, order, governmental permit or license, or any agreement, indenture or instrument of GAFC or of any of its Subsidiaries or to which GAFC or any of its Subsidiaries or properties is subject or bound, (B) constitute a breach or violation of, or a default under, the GAFC Certificate or the GAFC By-Laws, or (C) require any consent or approval under any such law, rule, regulation, judgment, decree, order, governmental permit or license or any agreement, indenture or instrument.
- (g) Financial Reports; Absence of Certain Changes or Events. (i) GAFC's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2005, 2006 and 2007, and all other reports, registration statements, definitive proxy statements or information statements filed or to be filed by it or any of its Subsidiaries subsequent to September 30, 2004, under the Securities Act or under Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act in the form filed or to be

filed (collectively "GAFC's SEC Documents"), as of the date filed, (A) as to form complied or will comply in all material respects with the applicable requirements under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act, as the case may be, and (B) did not and will not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; and each of the balance sheets or statements of condition of GAFC contained in or incorporated by reference into any of GAFC's SEC Documents (including the related notes and schedules thereto) fairly presents, or will fairly present, the financial position of GAFC and its Subsidiaries as of its date, and each of the statements of income or results of operations and changes in stockholders' equity and cash flows or equivalent statements of GAFC in any of GAFC's SEC Documents (including any related notes and schedules thereto) fairly presents, or will fairly present, the results of operations, changes in stockholders' equity and cash flows, as the case may be, of GAFC and its Subsidiaries for the periods to which they relate, and in each case were prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles consistently applied during the periods involved, except in each case as may be noted therein, and subject to normal year-end audit adjustments in the case of unaudited statements.

- (ii) GAFC's Disclosure Schedule lists, and GAFC has delivered or previously made available to Summit, copies of the documentation creating or governing all securitization transactions and "off-balance sheet arrangements" (as defined in Item 303(c) of Regulation S-K) effected by GAFC or its Subsidiaries, since September 30, 2007. BDO Siedman, LLP, which has expressed its opinion with respect to the financial statements of GAFC and its Subsidiaries (including the related notes) included in the GAFC SEC Documents is and has been throughout the periods covered by such financial statements (A) a registered public accounting firm (as defined in Section 2(a)(12) of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, (B) "independent" with respect to GAFC within the meaning of Regulation S-X and C in compliance with subsection (g) through (l) of Section 10A of the Exchange Act and the related rules of the SEC and the Public Accounting Oversight Board.
- Except as disclosed on Disclosure Schedule 6.03(g), GAFC has on a timely basis filed all forms, reports (iii) and documents required to be filed by it with the SEC since September 30, 2005. GAFC's Disclosure Schedule lists, and, except to the extent available in full without redaction on the SEC's web site through the Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis and Retrieval System ("EDGAR") two days prior to the date of this Agreement, GAFC has delivered or previously made available to Summit copies in the form filed with the SEC of (A) GAFC's Annual Reports on Form 10-K for each fiscal year of the Company beginning since September 30, 2004, (B) it Quarterly Reports on form 10-Q for each of the first three fiscal quarters in each of the fiscal years of the GAFC referred to in clause (A) above, (C) all proxy statements relating to GAFC's meetings of stockholders (whether annual or special) held, and all information statements relating to stockholder consents since the beginning of the first fiscal year referred to in clause above, (D) all certifications and statements required by (x) the SEC's Order dated June 27, 2002, pursuant to Section 21(a)(1) of the Exchange Act (File No. 4-460), (y) Rule 13a-14 or 15d-14 under the Exchange Act or (z) 18 U.S.C. §1350 (Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002) with respect to any report referred to above, (E) all other forms, reports, registration statements and other documents (other than preliminary materials if the corresponding definitive materials have been provided to Summit pursuant to this Section 6.03(g)(iii), filed by GAFC with the SEC since the beginning of the first fiscal year referred above, and (E) all comment letters received by GAFC from the Staff of the SEC since December 31, 2004, and all responses to such comment letters by or on behalf of GAFC.
- (iv) Except as Previously Disclosed, GAFC maintains disclosure controls and procedures required by Rule 13a-15 or 15d-15 under the Exchange Act; such controls and procedures are effective to ensure that all material information concerning GAFC and its subsidiaries is made known on a timely basis to the individuals responsible for the preparation of the Company's filings with the SEC and other public disclosure documents. GAFC's Disclosure Schedule lists, and GAFC has delivered to Summit copies of, all written descriptions of, and all policies, manuals and other documents promulgating, such disclosure controls and procedures. To GAFC's knowledge, each director and executive officer of GAFC has filed with the SEC on a timely basis all statements required by Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations thereunder since September 30, 2005. As used in this Section 6.03(q), the term "file" shall be broadly construed to include any manner in which a document or information is furnished, supplied or otherwise made available to the SEC.
- (v) Since September 30, 2007, GAFC and its Subsidiaries have not incurred any liability other than in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice or for legal, accounting, and financial advisory fees and out-of-pocket expenses in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.
- (vi) Since September 30, 2007, (A) GAFC and its Subsidiaries have conducted their respective businesses in the ordinary and usual course consistent with past practice (excluding matters related to this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby) and (B) no event has occurred or circumstance arisen that, individually or taken together with all other facts, circumstances and events (described in any paragraph of Section 6.03 or otherwise), is reasonably likely to have a Material Adverse Effect with respect to GAFC.

- (h) Litigation. No litigation, claim or other proceeding before any court or Governmental Authority is pending against GAFC or any of its Subsidiaries and, to GAFC's knowledge, no such litigation, claim or other proceeding has been threatened.
- (i) Regulatory Matters. (i) Except as disclosed on Disclosure Schedule 6.03(i), neither GAFC nor any of its Subsidiaries or properties is a party to or is subject to any order, decree, agreement, memorandum of understanding or similar arrangement with, or a commitment letter or similar submission to, or extraordinary supervisory letter from, any federal or state governmental agency or authority charged with the supervision or regulation of financial institutions (or their holding companies) or issuers of securities or engaged in the insurance of deposits (including, without limitation, the Office of the Thrift Supervision, the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation) or the supervision or regulation of it or any of its Subsidiaries (collectively, the "Regulatory Authorities").
- (ii) Except as disclosed on Disclosure Schedule 6.03(i), neither GAFC nor any of its Subsidiaries has been advised by any Regulatory Authority that such Regulatory Authority is contemplating issuing or

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requesting (or is considering the appropriateness of issuing or requesting) any such order, decree, agreement, memorandum of understanding, commitment letter, supervisory letter or similar submission.

- (iii) GAFC is not a financial holding company as defined by the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act of 1999.
- (j) Compliance with Laws. Each of GAFC and its Subsidiaries:
- (i) is in compliance in all material respects with all applicable federal, state, local and foreign statutes, laws, regulations, ordinances, rules, judgments, orders or decrees applicable thereto or to the employees conducting such businesses, including, without limitation, the Equal Credit Opportunity Act, the Fair Housing Act, the Community Reinvestment Act, the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act and all other applicable fair lending laws and other laws relating to discriminatory business practices;
- (ii) has all permits, licenses, authorizations, orders and approvals of, and has made all filings, applications and registrations with, all Governmental Authorities that are required in order to permit them to own or lease their properties and to conduct their businesses as presently conducted; all such permits, licenses, certificates of authority, orders and approvals are in full force and effect and, to GAFC's knowledge, no suspension or cancellation of any of them is threatened:
- (iii) Except as disclosed on Disclosure Schedule 6.03(j), GAFC has received, since September 30, 2006, no notification or communication from any Governmental Authority (A) asserting that GAFC or any of its Subsidiaries is not in compliance with any of the statutes, regulations, or ordinances which such Governmental Authority enforces or (B) threatening to revoke any license, franchise, permit, or governmental authorization (nor, to GAFC's knowledge, do any grounds for any of the foregoing exist); and
- (iv) Since July 1, 2001, is in compliance with the privacy provisions of the Gramm-Leach-Bailey Act, and all other applicable laws relating to consumer privacy.
- (k) Material Contracts; Defaults. Except for this Agreement, neither GAFC nor any of its Subsidiaries is a party to, bound by or subject to any agreement, contract, arrangement, commitment or understanding (whether written or oral) (i) that is a "material contract" within the meaning of Item 601(b)(10) of the SEC's Regulation S-K or (ii) that restricts or limits in any way the conduct of business by it or any of its Subsidiaries (including without limitation a non-compete or similar provision). Neither GAFC nor any of its Subsidiaries is in default under any contract, agreement, commitment, arrangement, lease, insurance policy or other instrument to which it is a party, by which its respective assets, business, or operations may be bound or affected, or under which it or its respective assets, business, or operations receive benefits, and there has not occurred any event that, with the lapse of time or the giving of notice or both, would constitute such a default.
- (1) No Brokers. No action has been taken by GAFC that would give rise to any valid claim against any party hereto for a brokerage commission, finder's fee or other like payment with respect to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, excluding a Previously Disclosed fee to be paid to Sandler O'Neill & Partners, L.P.
- (m) Employee Benefit Plans. (i) GAFC has Previously Disclosed a complete and accurate list of all existing bonus, incentive, deferred compensation, pension, retirement, profit-sharing, thrift, savings, employee stock ownership, stock bonus, stock purchase, restricted stock, stock option, severance, welfare and fringe benefit plans, employment or severance agreements and all similar practices, policies and arrangements in which any current or former employee (the "Employees"), current or former consultant (the "Consultants") or current or former director (the "Directors") of GAFC or any of its Subsidiaries participates or to which any such Employees, Consultants or Directors are a party (the "Compensation and Benefit Plans"). Neither GAFC nor any of its Subsidiaries has any commitment to

create any additional Compensation and Benefit Plan or to modify or change any existing Compensation and Benefit Plan.

Each Compensation and Benefit Plan has been operated and administered in all material respects in accordance with its terms and with applicable law, including, but not limited to, ERISA, the Code, the Securities Act, the Exchange Act, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, or any regulations or rules promulgated thereunder, and all filings, disclosures and notices required by ERISA, the Code, the Securities Act, the Exchange Act, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act and any other applicable law have been timely made. Each Compensation and Benefit Plan which is an "employee pension benefit plan" within the meaning of Section 3(2) of ERISA (a "Pension Plan") and which is intended to be qualified under Section 401(a) of the Code has received a favorable determination letter or has applied for a favorable determination letter in compliance with the Code (including a determination that the related trust under such Compensation and Benefit Plan is exempt from tax under Section 501(a) of the Code) from the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS"), and GAFC is

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not aware of any circumstances likely to result in the revocation of any existing favorable determination letter or in not receiving a favorable determination letter. There is no material pending or, to the knowledge of GAFC, threatened legal action, suit or claim relating to the Compensation and Benefit Plans other than routine claims for benefits. Neither GAFC nor any of its Subsidiaries has engaged in a transaction, or omitted to take any action, with respect to any Compensation and Benefit Plan that would reasonably be expected to subject GAFC or any of its Subsidiaries to a tax or penalty imposed by either Section 4975 of the Code or Section 502 of ERISA, assuming for purposes of Section 4975 of the Code that the taxable period of any such transaction expired as of the date hereof.

- (ii) No Compensation and Benefit Plans currently maintained, or maintained within the last six years, by GAFC or any of its Subsidiaries or any entity (and "ERISA Affiliate") which is considered one employer with GAFC under Section 4001(a)(14) of ERISA or Section 414(b) or (c) of the Code is or was subject to Title IV of ERISA or is or was a multiemployer plan under Subtitle E of Title IV of ERISA. To the knowledge of GAFC, there is no pending investigation or enforcement action by the PBGC, the DOL or IRS or any other governmental agency with respect to any Compensation and Benefit Plan.
- (iii) All contributions required to be made under the terms of any Compensation and Benefit Plan or any employee benefit arrangements under any collective bargaining agreement to which GAFC or any of its Subsidiaries is a party have been timely made or have been reflected on GAFC's financial statements. None of GAFC, any of its Subsidiaries or any ERISA Affiliate (x) has provided, or would reasonably be expected to be required to provide, security to any Pension Plan pursuant to Section 401(a)(29) of the Code, and (y) has taken any action, or omitted to take any action, that has resulted, or would reasonably be expected to result, in the imposition of a lien under Section 412(n) of the Code or pursuant to ERISA.
- (iv) Neither GAFC nor any of its Subsidiaries has any obligations to provide retiree health and life insurance or other retiree death benefits under any Compensation and Benefit Plan, other than benefits mandated by Section 4980B of the Code, and each such Compensation and Benefit Plan may be amended or terminated without incurring liability thereunder. There has been no communication to Employees by GAFC or any of its Subsidiaries that would reasonably be expected to promise or guarantee such Employees retiree health or life insurance or other retiree death benefits on a permanent basis.
- (v) GAFC and its Subsidiaries do not maintain any Compensation and Benefit Plans covering foreign Employees.
- (vi) With respect to each Compensation and Benefit Plan, if applicable, GAFC has provided or made available to Summit, true and complete copies of existing: (A) Compensation and Benefit Plan documents and amendments thereto; (B) trust instruments and insurance contracts; (C) two most recent Forms 5500 filed with the IRS; (D) most recent actuarial report and financial statement; (E) the most recent summary plan description; (F) most recent determination letter issued by the IRS; (G) any Form 5310 or Form 5330 filed with the IRS; and (H) most recent nondiscrimination tests performed under ERISA and the Code (including 401(k) and 401(m) tests).
- (vii) Except as Previously Disclosed, the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement would not, directly or indirectly (including, without limitation, as a result of any termination of employment prior to or following the Effective Time) reasonably be expected to (A) entitle any Employee, Consultant or Director to any payment (including severance pay or similar compensation) or any increase in compensation, (B) result in the vesting or acceleration of any benefits under any Compensation and Benefit Plan or (C) result in any material increase in benefits payable under any Compensation and Benefit Plan.
- (viii) Neither GAFC nor any of its Subsidiaries maintains any compensation plans, programs or arrangements the payments under which would not reasonably be expected to be deductible as a result of the

limitations under Section 162(m) of the Code and the regulations issued thereunder.

(ix) As a result, directly or indirectly, of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement (including, without limitation, as a result of any termination of employment prior to or following the Effective Time), none of Summit, GAFC or the Surviving Corporation, or any of their respective Subsidiaries will be obligated to make a payment that would be characterized as an "excess parachute payment" to an individual who is a "disqualified individual" (as such terms are defined in Section 280G of the Code), without regard to whether such payment is reasonable compensation for personal services performed or to be performed in the future.

- (n) Labor Matters. Neither GAFC nor any of its Subsidiaries is a party to or is bound by any collective bargaining agreement, contract or other agreement or understanding with a labor union or labor organization, nor is GAFC or any of its Subsidiaries the subject of a proceeding asserting that it or any such Subsidiary has committed an unfair labor practice (within the meaning of the National Labor Relations Act) or seeking to compel GAFC or any such Subsidiary to bargain with any labor organization as to wages or conditions of employment, nor is there any strike or other labor dispute involving it or any of its Subsidiaries pending or, to GAFC's knowledge, threatened, nor is GAFC aware of any activity involving its or any of its Subsidiaries' employees seeking to certify a collective bargaining unit or engaging in other organizational activity.
- (o) Takeover Laws. GAFC has taken all action required to be taken by it in order to exempt this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby from, and this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby are exempt from, the requirements of any "moratorium", "control share", "fair price", "affiliate transaction", "business combination" or other antitakeover laws and regulations of any state applicable to GAFC (collectively, "Takeover Laws"), including, without limitation, Section 203 of the DGCL.
- (p) Environmental Matters. To GAFC's knowledge, neither the conduct nor operation of GAFC or its Subsidiaries nor any condition of any property presently or previously owned, leased or operated by any of them (including, without limitation, in a fiduciary or agency capacity), or on which any of them holds a Lien, violates or violated Environmental Laws and to GAFC's knowledge, no condition has existed or event has occurred with respect to any of them or any such property that, with notice or the passage of time, or both, is reasonably likely to result in liability under Environmental Laws. To GAFC's knowledge, neither GAFC nor any of its Subsidiaries has received any notice from any person or entity that GAFC or its Subsidiaries or the operation or condition of any property ever owned, leased, operated, or held as collateral or in a fiduciary capacity by any of them are or were in violation of or otherwise are alleged to have liability under any Environmental Law, including, but not limited to, responsibility (or potential responsibility) for the cleanup or other remediation of any pollutants, contaminants, or hazardous or toxic wastes, substances or materials at, on, beneath, or originating from any such property.
- (q) Tax Matters. (i) All Tax Returns that are required to be filed by or with respect to GAFC and its Subsidiaries have been duly filed, (ii) all Taxes shown to be due on the Tax Returns referred to in clause (i) have been paid in full, (iii) the Tax Returns referred to in clause (i) have been examined by the Internal Revenue Service or the appropriate state, local or foreign taxing authority or the period for assessment of the Taxes in respect of which such Tax Returns were required to be filed has expired, (iv) all deficiencies asserted or assessments made as a result of such examinations have been paid in full, (v) no issues that have been raised by the relevant taxing authority in connection with the examination of any of the Tax Returns referred to in clause (i) are currently pending, and (vi) no waivers of statutes of limitation have been given by or requested with respect to any Taxes of GAFC or its Subsidiaries. GAFC has made available to Summit true and correct copies of the United States Federal Income Tax Returns filed by GAFC and its Subsidiaries for each of the three most recent fiscal years ended on or before December 31, 2004. Neither GAFC nor any of its Subsidiaries has any liability with respect to income, franchise or similar Taxes that accrued on or before December 31, 2005 in excess of the amounts accrued with respect thereto that are reflected in the financial statements of GAFC as of December 31, 2002 for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2004. As of the date hereof, neither GAFC nor any of its Subsidiaries has any reason to believe that any conditions exist that might prevent or impede the Merger from qualifying as a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Code. No Tax is required to be withheld pursuant to Section 1445 of the Code as a result of the transfer contemplated by this Agreement.
- (r) Risk Management Instruments. Except as disclosed on Disclosure Schedule 6.03(r), neither GAFC nor any of its Subsidiaries are parties to any interest rate swaps, caps, floors, option agreements, futures and forward contracts and other similar risk management arrangements, whether entered into for GAFC's own account, or for the account of one or more of GAFC's Subsidiaries or their customers.

- (s) Books and Records. The books and records of GAFC and its Subsidiaries have been fully, properly and accurately maintained in all material respects, and there are no material inaccuracies or discrepancies of any kind contained or reflected therein and they fairly reflect the substance of events and transactions included therein.
- Insurance. GAFC Previously Disclosed all of the insurance policies, binders, or bonds maintained by GAFC or its Subsidiaries. GAFC and its Subsidiaries are insured with insurers believed to be reputable against such risks and in such amounts as the management of GAFC reasonably has determined to be prudent in accordance with industry practices. All such insurance policies are in full force and effect; GAFC and its Subsidiaries are not in material default thereunder; and all claims thereunder have been filed in due and timely fashion.

- (u) Disclosure. The representations and warranties contained in this Section 6.03 do not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact necessary in order to make the statements and information contained in this Section 6.03, in light of the circumstances in which they are made, not misleading.
- Representations and Warranties of Summit. Subject to Sections 6.01 and 6.02 and except as Previously Disclosed, Summit hereby represents and warrants to GAFC:
- (a) Organization and Standing. Summit is a corporation duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of West Virginia. Summit is duly qualified to do business and is in good standing in the foreign jurisdictions where its ownership or leasing of property or assets or the conduct of its business requires it to be so qualified.
- (b) Capitalization. (i) As of May 31, 2008, the authorized capital stock of Summit consists solely of 20,000,000 shares of Summit Common Stock, of which as of May 31, 2008, 7,408,941 shares were outstanding, and 250,000 shares of Summit Preferred Stock, of which none are issued and outstanding as of May 31, 2008. As of the date hereof, except as set forth in its Disclosure Schedule, Summit does not have and is not bound by any outstanding subscriptions, options, warrants, calls, commitments or agreements of any character calling for the purchase or issuance of any shares of Summit Common Stock or any other equity securities of Summit or any of its Subsidiaries or any securities representing the right to purchase or otherwise receive any shares of Summit Common Stock or other equity securities of Summit or any of its Subsidiaries. As of May 31, 2008, Summit has 337,580 shares of Summit Common Stock which are issuable and reserved for issuance upon exercise of Summit Stock Options. The outstanding shares of Summit Common Stock have been duly authorized and are validly issued and outstanding, fully paid and nonassessable, and subject to no preemptive rights (and were not issued in violation of any preemptive rights).
- (ii) The shares of Summit Common Stock to be issued in exchange for shares of GAFC Common Stock in the Merger, when issued in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, will be duly authorized, validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable, with no personal liability attaching to the ownership thereof, subject to no preemptive rights and authorized for trading on the NASDAQ Capital Market.
- (c) Subsidiaries. Each of Summit's Subsidiaries has been duly organized and is validly existing in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its organization, and is duly qualified to do business and is in good standing in the jurisdictions where its ownership or leasing of property or the conduct of its business requires it to be so qualified and it owns, directly or indirectly, all the issued and outstanding equity securities of each of its Significant Subsidiaries.
- (d) Corporate Power. Each of Summit and its Subsidiaries has the corporate power and authority to carry on its business as it is now being conducted and to own all its properties and assets; and Summit has the corporate power and authority to execute, deliver and perform its obligations under this Agreement and to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby.
- (e) Corporate Authority. This Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby have been authorized by all necessary corporate action of Summit and the Summit Board. Except as set forth in Section 8.01(a), shareholder approval of the transactions contemplated hereby is not required. Assuming due authorization, execution and delivery by GAFC, this Agreement is a valid and legally binding agreement of Summit, enforceable in accordance with its terms (except as enforceability may be limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium, fraudulent transfer and similar laws of general applicability relating to or affecting creditors' rights or by general equity principles).

(f) Consents and Approvals; No Defaults. (i) No consents or approvals of, or filings or registrations with, any Governmental Authority or with any third party are required to be made or obtained by Summit or any of its Subsidiaries in connection with the execution, delivery or performance by Summit of this Agreement or to consummate the Merger except for (A) filings of applications and notices with the federal and state banking and insurance authorities; (B) filings with the NASDAQ Capital Market regarding the Summit Common Stock to be issued in the Merger; (C) the filing and declaration of effectiveness of the Registration Statement; (D) the filing of a certificate of merger with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware pursuant to the DGCL, the filing of articles of merger with the Secretary of State of the State of West Virginia pursuant to the WVBCA, and the issuance of the related certificate of merger; (E) such filings as are required to be made or approvals as are required to be obtained under the securities or "Blue Sky" laws of various states in connection with the issuance of Summit Stock in the Merger; and (F) receipt of the approvals set forth in Section 8.01(b). As of the date hereof, Summit is not aware of any reason why the approvals set forth in Section 8.01(b) will not be received without the imposition of a condition, restriction or requirement of the type described in Section 8.01(b).

- (ii) Subject to the satisfaction of the requirements referred to in the preceding paragraph and expiration of the related waiting periods, the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby do not and will not (A) constitute a breach or violation of, or a default under, or give rise to any Lien, any acceleration of remedies or any right of termination under, any law, rule or regulation or any judgment, decree, order, governmental permit or license, or agreement, indenture or instrument of Summit or of any of its Subsidiaries or to which Summit or any of its Subsidiaries or properties is subject or bound, (B) constitute a breach or violation of, or a default under, the certificate of incorporation or by-laws (or similar governing documents) of Summit or any of its Subsidiaries, or (C) require any consent or approval under any such law, rule, regulation, judgment, decree, order, governmental permit or license, agreement, indenture or instrument.
- (g) Financial Reports and SEC Documents; Absence of Certain Changes or Events. (i) Summit's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2005, 2006 and 2007, and all other reports, registration statements, definitive proxy statements or information statements filed or to be filed by it or any of its Subsidiaries subsequent to December 31, 2004, under the Securities Act or under Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act in the form filed or to be filed (collectively "Summit's SEC Documents"), as of the date filed, (A) as to form complied or will comply in all material respects with the applicable requirements under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act, as the case may be, and (B) did not and will not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; and each of the balance sheets or statements of condition of Summit contained in or incorporated by reference into any of Summit's SEC Documents (including the related notes and schedules thereto) fairly presents, or will fairly present, the financial position of Summit and its Subsidiaries as of its date, and each of the statements of income or results of operations and changes in stockholders' equity and cash flows or equivalent statements of Summit in any of Summit's SEC Documents (including any related notes and schedules thereto) fairly presents, or will fairly present, the results of operations, changes in stockholders' equity and cash flows, as the case may be, of Summit and its Subsidiaries for the periods to which they relate, in each case in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles consistently applied during the periods involved, except in each case as may be noted therein, and subject to normal year-end audit adjustments in the case of unaudited statements. Summit's Disclosure Schedule lists, and upon request, Summit has delivered to GAFC, copies of the documentation creating or governing all securitization transactions and "off-balance sheet arrangements" (as defined in Item 303(c) of Regulation S-K) effected by Summit or its Subsidiaries, since December 31, 2007. Arnett & Foster, which has expressed its opinion with respect to the financial statements of Summit and its Subsidiaries (including the related notes) included in the Summit SEC Documents is and has been throughout the periods covered by such financial statements (x) a registered public accounting firm (as defined in Section 2(a)(12) of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002), (y) "independent" with respect to Summit within the meaning of Regulation S-Y, and Z in compliance with subsection (g) through (l) of Section 10A of the Exchange Act and the related rules of the SEC and the Public Accounting Oversight Board.
- (i) Since December 31, 2007, Summit and its Subsidiaries have not incurred any liability other than in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice.
- (ii) Since December 31, 2007, (A) Summit and its Subsidiaries have conducted their respective businesses in the ordinary and usual course consistent with past practice (excluding matters related to this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby) and (B) no event has occurred or circumstance arisen that, individually or taken together with all other facts, circumstances and events (described in any paragraph of Section 6.04 or otherwise), is reasonably likely to have a Material Adverse Effect with respect to Summit.
- (h) Litigation. Except as Previously Disclosed, no litigation, claim or other proceeding before any court or Governmental Authority is pending against Summit or any of its Subsidiaries and, to the best of Summit's knowledge, no such litigation, claim or other proceeding has been threatened.

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