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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**Form 8-K**

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**Current Report  
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)  
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**June 12, 2019  
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)**

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**SunTrust Banks, Inc.**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Georgia**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**001-08918**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**58-1575035**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**303 Peachtree Street, N.E.  
Atlanta, Georgia**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**30308**  
(Zip Code)

**(800) 786-8787**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act:

<b>Title of each class</b>	<b>Trading Symbol(s)</b>	<b>Name of each exchange on which registered</b>
<b>Common Stock</b>	<b>STI</b>	<b>New York Stock Exchange</b>
<b>Depository Shares, Each Representing a 1/4000th Interest in a Share of Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series A</b>	<b>STI PRA</b>	<b>New York Stock Exchange</b>
<b>5.853% Fixed-to-Floating Rate Normal Preferred Purchase Securities of SunTrust Preferred Capital I (representing interests in shares of Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series B)</b>	<b>STI/PRI</b>	<b>New York Stock Exchange</b>

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter). Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On June 12, 2019, SunTrust Banks, Inc. (“SunTrust”) issued a press release announcing that the name for the proposed combined company resulting from the merger of equals between SunTrust and BB&T Corporation (“BB&T”) will be Truist Financial Corporation. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Also on June 12, 2019, SunTrust and BB&T issued a joint press release announcing that 214 Tryon St., Charlotte, North Carolina, will be the new corporate headquarters location for the proposed combined company resulting from the merger of equals between SunTrust and BB&T. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2 and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

99.1 [Press Release, dated June 12, 2019](#)

99.2 [Joint Press Release, dated June 12, 2019](#)

**Forward Looking Statements**

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**Participants in the Solicitation**

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**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

SunTrust Banks, Inc.  
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Curt Phillips

Name: Curt Phillips

Title: Senior Vice President, Assistant General Counsel and  
Assistant Corporate Secretary

Date: June 12, 2019



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**Merger of Equals Between BB&T and SunTrust Will Create Truist**

*New name reflects rich heritage of both companies and a shared belief in building a better future*

ATLANTA – BB&T Corporation (NYSE: BBT) and SunTrust Banks, Inc., (NYSE: STI) today announced Truist as the name for the combined company to be created through their merger of equals. Truist will be the sixth-largest U.S. bank holding company serving more than 10 million households in the U.S., with a leading presence in many of the most attractive, high-growth markets in the country. Building on 275 years of combined history and culture, Truist’s additional size and scale will redefine the client experience through innovative technology and create meaningful change in its communities.

“With the merger of equals, our goal is to create a bold, transformative organization that delivers a smarter and easier client experience through technology and human connection,” said BB&T Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Kelly S. King, who will serve as the Chairman and CEO of the combined company. “True to the heritage of both companies, Truist will reflect what we stand for – a shared belief in building a better future for our clients and communities.”

“Truist is a brand name representative of two mission- and purpose-driven companies coming together to serve our clients as a true financial partner,” said SunTrust Chief Executive Officer Bill Rogers, who will be President and Chief Operating Officer of the combined company until he succeeds King as Chief Executive Officer in September 2021. “As part of our relentless pursuit to create a better experience, we’re making a commitment to always look forward, pursue what’s next and strive to do more to further financial well-being for everyone.”

The two companies partnered with Interbrand, a global brand consultancy, to lead in the development of the new name and brand identity. The rigorous, data-driven brand development process prioritized input from BB&T associates, SunTrust teammates and clients. Through focus groups and analytical research, these stakeholders shared their expectations and aspirations for the new brand, which led to the name revealed today.

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Additional brand elements, such as the logo, typography and visual identity will be revealed at a later date. The combined holding company will be named Truist Financial Corporation and the combined bank will be named Truist Bank. While the new names will be effective upon completion of the merger, clients will continue to be served post-closing under the BB&T and SunTrust brands for the near future. Over time following the closing, both the BB&T and SunTrust brands will be seamlessly transitioned to the full Truist client experience, products and services.

In the coming months, shareholders of both BB&T and SunTrust will vote on the proposed merger of equals. Shareholders of BB&T will also vote on the new holding company name. The merger is expected to close in the third or fourth quarter of 2019, subject to satisfaction of customary closing conditions, including receipt of regulatory approvals and approval by the shareholders of each company. BB&T and SunTrust remain separate and independent companies until the transaction closes.

For more information, visit <https://thepremierfinancialinstitution.com>.

#### **About BB&T**

BB&T is one of the largest financial services holding companies in the U.S. with \$227.7 billion in assets and market capitalization of approximately \$35.6 billion as of March 31, 2019. Building on a long tradition of excellence in community banking, BB&T offers a wide range of financial services including retail and commercial banking, investments, insurance, wealth management, asset management, mortgage, corporate banking, capital markets and specialized lending. Based in Winston-Salem, N.C., BB&T operates more than 1,800 financial centers in 15 states and Washington, D.C. and is consistently recognized for outstanding client service by Greenwich Associates for small business and middle market banking. More information about BB&T and its full line of products and services is available at [www.bbt.com](http://www.bbt.com).

#### **About SunTrust**

SunTrust Banks, Inc. (NYSE: STI) is a purpose-driven company dedicated to Lighting the Way to Financial Well-Being for the people, businesses, and communities it serves. SunTrust leads onUp, a national movement inspiring Americans to build financial confidence. Headquartered in Atlanta, the Company has two business segments: Consumer and Wholesale. Its flagship subsidiary, SunTrust Bank, operates an extensive branch and ATM network throughout the high-growth Southeast and Mid-Atlantic states, along with 24-hour digital access. Certain business lines serve consumer, commercial, corporate, and institutional clients nationally. As of March 31, 2019, SunTrust had total assets of \$220 billion and total deposits of \$162 billion. The Company provides deposit, credit, trust, investment, mortgage, asset management, securities brokerage and capital market services. Learn more at [www.suntrust.com](http://www.suntrust.com).

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**BB&T and SunTrust choose building in Charlotte for new headquarters**

*Uptown building will be home for new, proposed company*

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“This is a signature tower in the Uptown area of Charlotte, and the perfect spot for the new company’s headquarters,” said BB&T Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Kelly S. King. “This prime location will put our new company in the heart of the vibrant financial district and is the right backdrop for the bold, transformational financial institution we’re creating with this merger of equals.”

“We looked for a location that would attract and inspire our teams as they come together to create industry-leading client experiences,” said SunTrust Chairman and Chief Executive Officer William H. Rogers, Jr. “This new headquarters environment will help foster collaboration and innovation.”

The new headquarters will be home to the combined company’s executive management team. It also will accommodate leadership teams for groups including corporate communications, finance, human resources, insurance, legal, technology and risk management, eventually housing approximately 2,000 employees. As previously announced, Charlotte also will be home to the new company’s Innovation and Technology Center.

In February, BB&T and SunTrust announced a proposed merger of equals which would result in the sixth-largest U.S. commercial bank based on assets and deposits. The combined company will operate under a new name and brand. The transaction is expected to close later this year, subject to customary closing conditions, including regulatory approvals and approval of both companies’ shareholders.



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