

SYNOVUS FINANCIAL CORP  
Form DEFA14A  
March 18, 2011

## **SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION**

### **Proxy Statement Pursuant to Section 14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**(Amendment No.    )**

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Check the appropriate box:

Preliminary Proxy Statement

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Definitive Proxy Statement

Definitive Additional Materials

Soliciting Material Pursuant to Section 240.14a-12

**Synovus Financial Corp.**

**(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)**

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**\*\*\* Exercise Your *Right* to Vote \*\*\***

**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the  
Shareholder Meeting to Be Held on April 27, 2011.**

**SYNOVUS FINANCIAL CORP.**

**Meeting Information**

**Meeting Type:** Annual  
**For holders as of:** February 17, 2011  
**Date:** April 27, 2011      **Time:** 10:00 a.m. EDT  
**Location:** River Center for the Performing Arts  
900 Broadway  
Columbus, Georgia 31901

*SYNOVUS FINANCIAL CORP.*

*POST OFFICE BOX 120*

*COLUMBUS, GA 31902-0120*

You are receiving this communication because you hold shares in the above named company.

This is not a ballot. You cannot use this notice to vote these shares. This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. You may view the proxy materials online at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com) or easily request a paper copy (see reverse side).

We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

**See the reverse side of this notice to obtain proxy materials and voting instructions.**

## Before You Vote

### How to Access the Proxy Materials

**Proxy Materials Available to VIEW or RECEIVE:**

NOTICE AND PROXY STATEMENT      2010 ANNUAL REPORT

**How to View Online:**

Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow (located on the following page) and visit: [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com).

**How to Request and Receive a PAPER or E-MAIL Copy:**

If you want to receive a paper or e-mail copy of these documents, you must request one. There is NO charge for requesting a copy.

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- 2) *BY TELEPHONE:*    1-800-579-1639
- 3) *BY E-MAIL\*:*      [sendmaterial@proxyvote.com](mailto:sendmaterial@proxyvote.com)

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Requests, instructions and other inquiries sent to this e-mail address will NOT be forwarded to your investment advisor. Please make the request as instructed above on or before April 13, 2011 to facilitate timely delivery.

## How To Vote

### Please Choose One of the Following Voting Methods

**Vote In Person:** Many shareholder meetings have attendance requirements including, but not limited to, the possession of an attendance ticket issued by the entity holding the meeting. Please check the meeting materials for any special requirements for meeting attendance. At the meeting, you will need to request a ballot to vote these shares. Directions to the meeting may be obtained from the Investor Relations page of Synovus website at [www.synovus.com](http://www.synovus.com).

**Vote By Internet:** To vote now by Internet, go to [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com). Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow available and follow the instructions.

**Vote By Mail:** You can vote by mail by requesting a paper copy of the materials, which will include a proxy card.

**Voting Items**

**The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the following proposals:**

1. To elect the following 16 nominees as directors:

1A. Catherine A. Allen

1B. Richard E. Anthony

1C. James H. Blanchard

1D. Richard Y. Bradley

1E. Frank W. Brumley

1F. Elizabeth W. Camp

1G. T. Michael Goodrich

1H. V. Nathaniel Hansford

1I. Mason H. Lampton

1J. H. Lynn Page

1K. Joseph J. Prochaska, Jr.

1L. J. Neal Purcell

1M. Kessel D. Stelling, Jr.

1N. Melvin T. Stith

1O. Philip W. Tomlinson

1P. James D. Yancey

2. To approve the compensation of Synovus named executive officers as determined by the Compensation Committee.

3. To ratify the 2010 Tax Benefits Preservation Plan.

4. To approve the Synovus Financial Corp. 2011 Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

5. To approve the Synovus Financial Corp. 2011 Director Stock Purchase Plan.

6. To ratify the appointment of KPMG LLP as Synovus independent auditor for the year 2011.