

SUNTRUST BANKS INC  
Form 8-K  
November 14, 2017

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

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d)**

**of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) November 13, 2017**

**SunTrust Banks, Inc.**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**Georgia**  
**(State or other jurisdiction**

**of incorporation)**

**001-08918**  
**(Commission**

**File Number)**

**58-1575035**  
**(IRS Employer**

**Identification No.)**

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

**30308**  
**(Zip Code)**

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code (404) 588-7711**

**Not Applicable**

**(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)**

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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in 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.

**Item 3.03. Material Modification to Rights of Security Holders.**

On November 13, 2017, SunTrust Banks, Inc. (the Company) filed Articles of Amendment (the Articles of Amendment) to its Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation with the Secretary of State of the State of Georgia, setting forth the terms of its Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series H, no par value and \$100,000 liquidation preference per share (the Series H Preferred Stock). The Articles of Amendment were filed in connection with an underwriting agreement (the Underwriting Agreement), dated November 7, 2017, between the Company and the representatives of the underwriters listed on Schedule I thereto, whereby the Company agreed to sell and the Underwriters agreed to purchase from the Company, subject to and upon the terms and conditions set forth in the Underwriting Agreement, 500,000 depository shares, each representing a 1/100th interest in a share of the Series H Preferred Stock (or 5,000 shares of the Series H Preferred Stock in the aggregate).

Under the terms of the Series H Preferred Stock, the ability of the Company to declare or pay dividends on, or purchase, redeem or otherwise acquire, shares of its common stock will be subject to certain restrictions in the event that the Company fails to pay dividends on its Series H Preferred Stock. These restrictions are set forth in the Articles of Amendment, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 3.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 5.03. Amendment to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year.**

On November 13, 2017, the Company filed the Articles of Amendment with the Secretary of State of the State of Georgia. A copy of the Articles of Amendment is attached as Exhibit 3.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On November 7, 2017, the Company entered into the Underwriting Agreement. A copy of the Underwriting Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.1 and is incorporated herein by reference. The foregoing summary does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Underwriting Agreement.

Exhibits 1.1, 3.1, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 5.1 and 23.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K are filed herewith in connection with the Company's effective registration statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-206953) and are incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

1.1 Underwriting Agreement, dated November 7, 2017, among SunTrust Banks, Inc. and the representatives of the underwriters listed on Schedule I thereto.

3.1 Articles of Amendment with respect to the Series H Preferred Stock.

4.1 Form of Certificate representing the Series H Preferred Stock.

4.2 Deposit Agreement, dated November 14, 2017, between the Company, U.S. Bank National Association, and the holders from time to time of the Depository Receipts described therein.

4.3 Form of Depository Receipt (included as part of Exhibit 4.2).

- 5.1 Opinion of King & Spalding LLP.
- 23.1 Consent of King & Spalding LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1).

SIGNATURES

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.

Date: November 14, 2017

By: /s/ Curt Phillips  
Curt Phillips  
Group Vice President, Associate General Counsel and  
Assistant Corporate Secretary