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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20549**

**FORM 10-Q**

(Mark One)

**QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE SECURITIES  
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2006**

**TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE SECURITIES  
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_**

**COMMISSION FILE NUMBER 0-17224**

**FIRST BANCORP.**

(EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER)

Puerto Rico  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

66-0561882  
(I.R.S. employer  
identification number)

1519 Ponce de León Avenue, Stop 23  
Santurce, Puerto Rico  
(Address of principal executive offices)

00908  
(Zip Code)

(787) 729-8200

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not applicable

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes  No   
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer (as defined in rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer  Non-accelerated filer

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes  No

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date.

Common stock: 83,254,056 outstanding as of June 30, 2007.

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

First BanCorp ( the Corporation or First BanCorp ) was unable to timely file with the Securities and Exchange Commission ( SEC ) this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the interim period ended September 30, 2006 and the Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the interim periods ended June 30, 2006, March 31, 2006, September 30, 2005 and June 30, 2005 as a result of the delay in completing the restatement of the Corporation s audited financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2004, 2003 and 2002, and the unaudited selected quarterly financial information for each of the four quarters of 2004, 2003 and 2002, which resulted in delays in the filing of an amendment of First BanCorp s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2004 and consequent delays in the filing of the Corporation s subsequent reports. For information regarding the restatement of First BanCorp s previously issued financial statements, see the Corporation s Amendment No. 1 to Annual Report on Form 10-K/A for the year ended December 31, 2004, which was filed with the SEC on September 26, 2006, and Note 1

Restatement of Previously Issued Financial Statements to the accompanying unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements contained in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended September 30, 2006.

**FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS**

This Form 10-Q contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. When used in this Form 10-Q or future filings by First BanCorp with the SEC, in the Corporation s press releases or in other public or shareholder communications, or in oral statements made with the approval of an authorized executive officer, the word or phrases would be, will allow, intends to, will likely result, expected to, should, anticipate and similar expressions are meant to identify forward-looking statements.

First BanCorp wishes to caution readers not to place undue reliance on any such forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date made, and represent First BanCorp s expectations of future conditions or results and are not guarantees of future performance. First BanCorp advises readers that various factors could cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statement. Such factors include, but are not limited to, the following:

risks associated with the Corporation s inability to prepare and timely submit SEC and other regulatory filings;

a reduction in the Corporation s ability to attract new clients and retain existing ones;

general economic conditions, including prevailing interest rates and the performance of the financial markets, which may affect demand for the Corporation s products and services and the value of the Corporation s assets, including the value of the interest rate swaps that hedge the interest rate risk mainly relating to brokered certificates of deposit and medium-term notes;

risks arising from worsening economic conditions in Puerto Rico;

risks arising from credit and other risks of the Corporation s lending and investment activities, including the condo conversion loans in its Miami Agency;

increases in the Corporation s expenses associated with acquisitions and dispositions;

developments in technology;

risks associated with changes to the Corporation s business strategy to no longer acquire mortgage loans in bulk;

risks associated with the failure to obtain a final order from the District Court of Puerto Rico approving the settlement of the class-action lawsuit brought against the Corporation;

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the impact of Doral Financial Corporation financial condition on its repayment of its outstanding secured loan to the Corporation;

risks associated with being subject to the cease and desist order;

potential further downgrades in the credit ratings of the Corporation's securities;

general competitive factors and industry consolidation; and

risks associated with regulatory and legislative changes for financial services companies in Puerto Rico, the United States, and the U.S. and British Virgin Islands.

The Corporation does not undertake, and specifically disclaims any obligation, to update any of the forward-looking statements to reflect occurrences or unanticipated events or circumstances after the date of such statements except as required by the federal securities laws.

Investors should carefully consider these factors and the risk factors outlined under Item 1A, Risk Factors, in First BanCorp's 2005 Annual Report on Form 10-K and under Item 1A, Risk Factors, in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

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**FIRST BANCORP**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION**  
(Unaudited)

	September 30, 2006	December 31, 2005	September 30, 2005	September 30, 2004  (As Restated)
<b>Assets</b>				
Cash and due from banks	\$ 81,983,261	\$ 155,848,810	\$ 137,248,464	\$ 91,317,992
Money market instruments, including \$381,848,364 pledged that can be repledged as of December 31, 2005 (September 30, 2005 - \$267,777,336; September 30, 2004 - \$300,000,000)	748,784,722	666,856,432	1,073,114,286	732,600,317
Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell	41,336,579	508,967,369	160,783,017	302,000,000
Time deposits with other financial institutions	9,100,000	48,967,475	48,600,000	600,000
Total money market investments	799,221,301	1,224,791,276	1,282,497,303	1,035,200,317
Investment securities available for sale, at fair value:				
Securities pledged that can be repledged	1,272,618,338	1,744,846,054	1,806,959,109	1,225,842,399
Other investment securities	483,936,067	203,331,449	280,255,292	251,671,039
Total investment securities available for sale	1,756,554,405	1,948,177,503	2,087,214,401	1,477,513,438
Investment securities held to maturity, at amortized cost:				
Securities pledged that can be repledged	2,335,051,406	3,115,260,660	2,727,562,713	3,290,537,802
Other investment securities	1,022,978,696	323,327,297	239,186,736	360,132,648
Total investment securities held to maturity	3,358,030,102	3,438,587,957	2,966,749,449	3,650,670,450
Other equity securities	20,989,185	42,367,500	77,230,500	69,025,000
	10,710,424,305	12,436,257,993	12,150,959,315	8,496,426,264

Loans, net of allowance for  
loan and lease losses of  
\$150,924,964 (December 31,  
2005 - \$147,998,733;  
September 30, 2005 -  
\$147,267,275; September 30,  
2004 - \$137,253,064)

Loans held for sale, at lower of cost or market	30,603,213	101,672,531	74,198,668	7,419,060
Total loans, net	10,741,027,518	12,537,930,524	12,225,157,983	8,503,845,324
Premises and equipment, net	152,079,987	116,947,772	111,862,913	88,865,587
Other real estate owned	3,712,895	5,019,106	6,032,210	6,938,890
Accrued interest receivable on loans and investments	101,149,237	103,692,478	82,754,088	60,944,997
Due from customers on acceptances	531,416	353,864	397,538	717,930
Other assets	372,662,226	343,933,937	294,848,038	196,904,455
Total assets	\$ 17,387,941,533	\$ 19,917,650,727	\$ 19,271,992,887	\$ 15,181,944,380

#### Liabilities & Stockholders Equity

##### Liabilities:

Non-interest-bearing deposits	\$ 676,027,822	\$ 811,006,126	\$ 751,689,852	\$ 603,713,284
Interest-bearing deposits	11,205,497,022	11,652,746,080	11,501,114,323	6,753,832,707
Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase	3,228,435,000	4,833,882,000	4,470,696,000	4,558,915,656
Advances from the Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB)	134,000,000	506,000,000	448,000,000	1,373,000,000
Notes payable	181,575,237	178,693,249	178,419,384	152,901,700
Other borrowings	231,694,859	231,622,020	231,597,474	276,667,705
Subordinated notes			82,684,827	82,137,249
Bank acceptance outstanding	531,416	353,864	397,538	717,930
Payable for unsettled investment trade				10,285,040
Accounts payable and other liabilities	505,665,617	505,506,453	352,634,036	197,125,840
Total liabilities	16,163,426,973	18,719,809,792	18,017,233,434	14,009,297,111

##### Commitments and contingencies (Note 17)

##### Stockholders equity:

Preferred stock, authorized 50,000,000 shares: issued and	550,100,000	550,100,000	550,100,000	550,100,000
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outstanding 22,004,000 shares  
at \$25 liquidation value per  
share

Common stock, \$1 par value,  
authorized 250,000,000 shares;  
issued 93,151,856 shares  
(December 31, 2005-  
90,772,856 shares ;  
September 30, 2005 -  
90,772,856 shares;  
September 30, 2004 -  
45,206,555 shares)

Less: Treasury Stock (at par  
value)

Common stock outstanding

Additional paid-in capital

Capital reserve

Legal surplus

Retained earnings

Accumulated other

comprehensive (loss) income,

net of tax benefit (expense) of

\$234,362 (December 31, 2005

- \$16,259 ; September 30, 2005

- (\$369,061) ; September 30,

2004 (\$1,131,416))

Total stockholders equity

Total liabilities and  
stockholders equity

93,151,856	90,772,856	90,772,856	45,206,555
(9,897,800)	(9,897,800)	(9,897,800)	(4,920,900)
83,254,056	80,875,056	80,875,056	40,285,655
22,756,994			3,209,915
		82,825,000	80,000,000
265,844,192	265,844,192	183,019,192	165,709,122
331,375,119	316,696,971	357,748,736	292,850,947
(28,815,801)	(15,675,284)	191,469	40,491,630
1,224,514,560	1,197,840,935	1,254,759,453	1,172,647,269
\$ 17,387,941,533	\$ 19,917,650,727	\$ 19,271,992,887	\$ 15,181,944,380

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.



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**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME**  
(Unaudited)

	<b>Quarter Ended</b>		<b>September</b>
	<b>September</b>	<b>September</b>	<b>30,</b>
	<b>30,</b>	<b>30,</b>	<b>2004</b>
	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>(As Restated)</b>
<b>Interest income:</b>			
Loans	\$ 216,953,076	\$ 214,006,807	\$ 115,148,412
Investment securities	70,490,419	71,660,199	70,363,002
Money market investments	30,267,972	6,596,601	1,152,460
<b>Total interest income</b>	<b>317,711,467</b>	<b>292,263,607</b>	<b>186,663,874</b>
<b>Interest expense:</b>			
Deposits (Note 11)	135,647,412	161,152,342	(30,653,464)
Federal funds purchased and repurchase agreements	49,412,806	48,838,569	34,625,138
Advances from FHLB	2,876,488	5,207,707	7,573,861
Notes payable and other borrowings	7,072,733	10,321,624	4,512,647
<b>Total interest expense</b>	<b>195,009,439</b>	<b>225,520,242</b>	<b>16,058,182</b>
<b>Net interest income</b>	<b>122,702,028</b>	<b>66,743,365</b>	<b>170,605,692</b>
<b>Provision for loan and lease losses</b>	<b>20,559,123</b>	<b>12,861,207</b>	<b>13,199,850</b>
<b>Net interest income after provision for loan and lease losses</b>	<b>102,142,905</b>	<b>53,882,158</b>	<b>157,405,842</b>
<b>Non-interest income:</b>			
Other service charges on loans	1,227,894	1,529,430	851,848
Service charges on deposit accounts	3,025,188	3,025,013	2,705,111
Mortgage banking activities	1,595,068	318,125	1,328,492
Gain on partial extinguishment of a secured commercial loan to a local financial institution	1,000,000		
Net (loss) gain on investments and impairments	(6,083,674)	4,517,344	360,031
Rental income	847,343	875,408	814,398
Other operating income	6,432,570	7,427,195	5,631,393
<b>Total non-interest income</b>	<b>8,044,389</b>	<b>17,692,515</b>	<b>11,691,273</b>

**Non-interest expenses:**

Employees compensation and benefits	32,881,298	26,838,736	21,153,090
Occupancy and equipment	13,730,875	12,842,629	10,260,593
Business promotion	4,512,400	4,876,566	4,354,617
Professional fees	7,407,582	3,553,065	1,023,091
Taxes, other than income taxes	3,577,530	2,577,072	2,283,388
Insurance and supervisory fees	1,862,433	1,171,779	994,620
Other operating expenses	8,967,989	8,695,503	5,807,371
<b>Total non-interest expenses</b>	<b>72,940,107</b>	<b>60,555,350</b>	<b>45,876,770</b>
<b>Income before income taxes</b>	<b>37,247,187</b>	<b>11,019,323</b>	<b>123,220,345</b>
<b>Income tax (provision) benefit</b>	<b>(10,565,431)</b>	<b>6,285,264</b>	<b>(34,826,984)</b>
<b>Net income</b>	<b>\$ 26,681,756</b>	<b>\$ 17,304,587</b>	<b>\$ 88,393,361</b>
<b>Net income attributable to common stockholders</b>	<b>\$ 16,612,757</b>	<b>\$ 7,235,588</b>	<b>\$ 78,324,362</b>
<b>Net income per common share:</b>			
Basic	\$ 0.20	\$ 0.09	\$ 0.97
Diluted	\$ 0.20	\$ 0.09	\$ 0.94
<b>Dividends declared per common share</b>	<b>\$ 0.07</b>	<b>\$ 0.07</b>	<b>\$ 0.06</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

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**FIRST BANCORP**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME**  
**(Unaudited)**

	Nine Month Period Ended		
	September 30, 2006	September 30, 2005	September 30, 2004 (As Restated)
<b>Interest income:</b>			
Loans	\$ 710,646,312	\$ 541,459,045	\$ 325,791,945
Investment securities	214,171,649	201,724,546	169,875,169
Money market investments	65,041,845	10,613,567	2,415,876
Total interest income	989,859,806	753,797,158	498,082,990
<b>Interest expense:</b>			
Deposits (Note 11)	479,639,216	252,840,683	71,913,056
Federal funds purchased and repurchase agreements	154,111,848	126,896,352	94,816,509
Advances from FHLB	9,921,291	27,497,510	18,690,602
Notes payable and other borrowings	24,428,872	21,472,722	8,287,120
Total interest expense	668,101,227	428,707,267	193,707,287
Net interest income	321,758,579	325,089,891	304,375,703
<b>Provision for loan and lease losses</b>	49,289,600	34,889,980	39,600,000
Net interest income after provision for loan and lease losses	272,468,979	290,199,911	264,775,703
<b>Non-interest income:</b>			
Other service charges on loans	4,181,291	4,187,995	2,957,425
Service charges on deposit accounts	9,580,326	8,736,728	8,230,790
Mortgage banking activities	1,447,392	3,888,206	3,090,458
Loss on partial extinguishment of a secured commercial loan to a local financial institution	(10,640,344)		
Net (loss) gain on investments and impairments	(6,658,218)	12,849,663	4,875,926
Rental income	2,458,013	2,584,232	2,133,341
Gain on sale of credit card portfolio			5,532,684
Other operating income	20,047,067	19,116,254	17,981,078
Total non-interest income	20,415,527	51,363,078	44,801,702

**Non-interest expenses:**

Employees compensation and benefits	96,875,998	76,427,208	62,126,994
Occupancy and equipment	40,060,463	35,247,619	29,080,304
Business promotion	12,610,641	14,509,582	12,411,300
Professional fees	24,943,755	6,960,961	2,963,785
Taxes, other than income taxes	8,690,870	7,131,394	6,182,051
Insurance and supervisory fees	5,472,995	3,362,138	3,080,826
Other operating expenses	27,063,159	25,996,404	18,346,305
<b>Total non-interest expenses</b>	<b>215,717,881</b>	<b>169,635,306</b>	<b>134,191,565</b>
<b>Income before income taxes</b>	<b>77,166,625</b>	<b>171,927,683</b>	<b>175,385,840</b>
<b>Income tax provision</b>	<b>(14,819,125)</b>	<b>(32,002,088)</b>	<b>(39,754,445)</b>
<b>Net income</b>	<b>\$ 62,347,500</b>	<b>\$ 139,925,595</b>	<b>\$ 135,631,395</b>
<b>Net income attributable to common stockholders</b>	<b>\$ 32,140,503</b>	<b>\$ 109,718,598</b>	<b>\$ 105,424,398</b>
<b>Net income per common share:</b>			
Basic	\$ 0.39	\$ 1.36	\$ 1.31
Diluted	\$ 0.39	\$ 1.32	\$ 1.27
<b>Dividends declared per common share</b>	<b>\$ 0.21</b>	<b>\$ 0.21</b>	<b>\$ 0.18</b>

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**FIRST BANCORP**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**  
**(Unaudited)**

	Nine Month Period Ended		
	September 30, 2006	September 30, 2005	September 30, 2004 (As Restated)
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>			
Net income	\$ 62,347,500	\$ 139,925,595	\$ 135,631,395
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation	12,566,395	11,179,619	10,474,400
Amortization of core deposit intangible	2,581,437	2,463,235	1,797,465
Provision for loan and lease losses	49,289,600	34,889,980	39,600,000
Deferred income tax (benefit) provision	(35,605,857)	(17,898,389)	237,561
Stock-based compensation recognized	5,379,511		
Gain on sale of investments, net	(5,431,170)	(14,348,729)	(7,574,918)
Other-than-temporary impairments on available-for-sale securities	12,089,388	1,499,066	2,698,992
Unrealized loss (gain) on derivative instruments	64,025,985	39,977,961	(23,644,682)
Net gain on sale of loans and impairments	(1,063,882)	(3,635,744)	(2,873,893)
Net loss on partial extinguishment of a secured commercial loan to a local financial institution	10,640,344		
Net amortization of premiums and discounts and deferred loan fees and costs	(2,045,780)	(45,794)	1,736,639
Amortization of broker placement fees	15,228,471	11,384,353	10,228,646
Amortization of basis adjustments on fair value hedges	458,374		
Net (accretion) of discounts and premiums on investment securities	(26,242,786)	(19,494,586)	(20,521,612)
Amortization of discount on subordinated notes		404,409	371,861
Gain on sale of credit card portfolio			(5,532,684)
(Decrease) increase in accrued income tax payable	(42,621,586)	16,444,977	(6,013,033)
Decrease (increase) in accrued interest receivable	2,543,241	(23,057,636)	(19,408,552)
Increase in accrued interest payable	26,564,232	39,556,298	6,294,948
Decrease (increase) in other assets	4,922,947	(19,422,780)	(20,475,269)
Increase in other liabilities	17,353,014	30,974,572	23,331,745
Total adjustments	110,631,878	90,870,812	(9,272,386)
Net cash provided by operating activities	172,979,378	230,796,407	126,359,009
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>			
Principal collected on loans	5,209,573,268	2,522,641,911	1,664,761,267
Loans originated	(3,491,295,450)	(4,580,927,938)	(3,327,844,911)
Purchase of loans	(134,310,032)	(317,031,608)	(147,976,311)

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Proceeds from sale of loans	116,214,827	120,682,234	109,704,058
Proceeds from sale of repossessed assets	32,988,920	24,737,292	23,556,754
Purchase of servicing assets	(723,779)		
Proceeds from sale of available for sale securities	228,122,652	223,329,617	32,845,372
Purchase of securities held to maturity	(402,607,038)	(1,410,859,719)	(1,547,072,399)
Purchase of securities available for sale	(225,372,830)	(1,220,389,587)	(495,451,907)
Principal repayments and maturities of securities held to maturity	509,566,831	1,842,826,825	1,056,932,801
Principal repayments of securities available for sale	168,697,285	232,016,437	270,854,574
Additions to premises and equipment	(47,698,610)	(19,603,460)	(14,070,585)
Decrease (increase) in other equity securities	21,378,315	6,827,600	(23,000,000)
Cash paid for net assets acquired in acquisition of business		(78,404,804)	
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	1,984,534,359	(2,654,155,200)	(2,396,761,287)
<b>Cash flows from financing activities:</b>			
Net (decrease) increase in deposits	(651,589,392)	3,892,017,199	577,444,682
Net (decrease) increase in federal funds purchased and securities sold under repurchase agreements	(1,605,447,000)	303,335,087	919,443,313
Net FHLB advances (paid) taken	(372,000,000)	(1,190,000,000)	460,000,000
Net proceeds from issuance of notes payable and other borrowings			429,409,766
Repayments of notes payable and other borrowings		(45,167,616)	
Dividends paid	(47,669,352)	(47,184,548)	(44,684,441)
Exercise of stock options	19,756,483	2,094,354	3,199,430
Treasury stock acquired		(965,079)	
Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities	(2,656,949,261)	2,914,129,397	2,344,812,750
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(499,435,524)	490,770,604	74,410,472
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	1,380,640,086	926,975,163	1,052,107,837
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 881,204,562	\$ 1,417,745,767	\$ 1,126,518,309
Cash and cash equivalents include:			
Cash and due from banks	\$ 81,983,261	\$ 137,248,464	\$ 91,317,992
Money market instruments	799,221,301	1,282,497,303	1,035,200,317
	\$ 881,204,562	\$ 1,419,745,767	\$ 1,126,518,309
<b>Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:</b>			
Cash paid during the period for:			
Interest on borrowings	\$ 559,113,647	\$ 400,248,577	\$ 293,543,996
Income Taxes	91,125,590	32,823,146	41,131,288
Non-cash investing and financing activities:			
Additions to other real estate owned	\$ 2,466,033	\$ 2,973,012	\$ 4,682,526

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Additions to auto repossessions	86,020,776	45,952,789	31,032,738
Capitalization of servicing assets	851,591	1,480,900	1,459,800
Mortgage loans securitized and transferred to securities available-for-sale			51,107,154

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

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**FIRST BANCORP**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY**  
**(Unaudited)**

	Nine Month Period Ended		
	September 30, 2006	September 30, 2005	September 30, 2004  (As Restated)
<b>Preferred Stock</b>	\$ 550,100,000	\$ 550,100,000	\$ 550,100,000
<b>Common Stock outstanding:</b>			
Balance at beginning of period	80,875,056	40,389,155	40,027,285
Common stock issued under stock option plan	2,379,000	76,373	258,370
Treasury stock acquired before stock split		(28,000)	
Shares issued as a result of stock split		40,437,528	
Balance at end of period	83,254,056	80,875,056	40,285,655
<b>Additional Paid-In-Capital:</b>			
Balance at beginning of period		4,863,299	268,855
Shares issued under stock option plan	17,377,483	2,017,981	2,941,060
Stock-based compensation recognized	5,379,511		
Treasury stock acquired		(937,079)	
Adjustment for stock split		(5,944,201)	
Balance at end of period	22,756,994		3,209,915
<b>Capital Reserve</b>		82,825,000	80,000,000
<b>Legal Surplus</b>	265,844,192	183,019,192	165,709,122
<b>Retained Earnings:</b>			
Balance at beginning of period	316,696,971	299,501,016	201,903,993
Net income	62,347,500	139,925,595	135,631,395
Cash dividends declared on common stock	(17,462,355)	(16,977,551)	(14,477,444)
Cash dividends declared on preferred stock	(30,206,997)	(30,206,997)	(30,206,997)
Adjustment for stock split		(34,493,327)	
Balance at end of period	331,375,119	357,748,736	292,850,947
<b>Accumulated Other Comprehensive (Loss)</b>			
<b>Income, net of tax:</b>			



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Balance at beginning of period	(15,675,284)	43,635,624	35,812,500
Other comprehensive (loss) income, net of tax	(13,140,517)	(43,444,155)	4,679,130
Balance at end of period	(28,815,801)	191,469	40,491,630
Total stockholders' equity	\$ 1,224,514,560	\$ 1,254,759,453	\$ 1,172,647,269

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

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**FIRST BANCORP**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)**  
**(Unaudited)**

	Quarter Ended		
	September 30, 2006	September 30, 2005	September 30, 2004 (As Restated)
Net income	\$ 26,681,756	\$ 17,304,587	\$ 88,393,361
Other comprehensive income (loss):			
Unrealized gain (loss) on securities:			
Unrealized holding gain (loss) arising during the period	48,411,623	(32,042,194)	18,839,245
Less: Reclassification adjustments for net loss (gain) and other than temporary impairments included in net income	6,083,674	(4,517,344)	(360,031)
Income tax (expense) benefit related to items of other comprehensive income	(675,834)	762,753	(48,139)
Other comprehensive income (loss) for the period, net of tax	53,819,463	(35,796,785)	18,431,075
Total comprehensive income (loss)	\$ 80,501,219	\$ (18,492,198)	\$ 106,824,436

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**FIRST BANCORP**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**  
**(Unaudited)**

	Nine Month Period Ended		
	September 30, 2006	September 30, 2005	September 30, 2004 (As Restated)
Net income	\$ 62,347,500	\$ 139,925,595	\$ 135,631,395
Other comprehensive (loss) income:			
Unrealized (loss) gain on securities:			
Unrealized holding (loss) gain arising during the period	(20,016,838)	(31,119,827)	10,073,391
Less: Reclassification adjustments for net loss (gain) and other than temporary impairments included in net income	6,658,218	(12,849,663)	(4,875,926)
Income tax benefit (expense) related to items of other comprehensive income	218,103	525,335	(518,335)
Other comprehensive (loss) income for the period, net of tax	(13,140,517)	(43,444,155)	4,679,130
Total comprehensive income	\$ 49,206,983	\$ 96,481,440	\$ 140,310,525

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**FIRST BANCORP**  
**PART I NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**(UNAUDITED)**

**1 RESTATEMENT OF PREVIOUSLY ISSUED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

As previously reported, on December 13, 2005 the Corporation concluded that its financial statements for the interim and annual periods from January 1, 2000 through March 31, 2005 should no longer be relied upon and that its consolidated financial statements for some or all of the periods included therein should be restated (the 2004 restatement ). On September 26, 2006, the Corporation filed with the SEC an Amended Annual Report on Form 10-K/A restating its audited financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2004, 2003 and 2002. The following provides a brief description of the principal accounting adjustments included in the 2004 restatement of the Corporation s consolidated financial statements and the effect of the adjustments on the Corporation s Consolidated Statement of Financial Condition as of September 30, 2004, its Consolidated Statements of Income for the quarter and nine month period ended September 30, 2004 and its Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows for the nine month period ended September 30, 2004. In addition, with the filing of its 2006 Annual Report on Form 10-K, First BanCorp restated its 2005 and 2004 Statements of Cash Flows due to some incorrect classifications. The classification errors related to three main items: 1) the treatment of discounts and the related accretion activity on certain investment securities (mostly zero coupon securities ), 2) the classification of cash flows from the disposition of repossessed assets, and 3) purchases of zero coupon bonds and agency discount notes amounts presented as part of investing activities (the 2006 restatement ). All financial information for the quarter and nine month period ended September 30, 2004 included in any subsequent notes is presented on a restated basis. A more detailed description of the accounting adjustments made in connection with the 2004 restatement, as well as a background discussion of the 2004 restatement, is included in Note 1 Restatement of Previously Issued Financial Statements to First Bancorp audited Consolidated Financial Statements, included in the Corporation s amended 2004 Annual Report on Form 10-K. A more detailed description of the accounting adjustments made in connection with the 2006 restatement, is included in Note 1 Restatement of 2005 and 2004 Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows to First BanCorp audited Consolidated Financial Statements, included in the Corporation s 2006 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

As discussed in more detail below, First BanCorp has separately quantified the impact of various accounting adjustments on its interim unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements.

**Table of Contents****RECONCILIATION OF PREVIOUSLY REPORTED TO RESTATED FIGURES  
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION**

	<b>As of September 30, 2004</b>
<i>(In thousands)</i>	
Cash and due from banks, (no adjustment required)	\$ 91,318
Money market investments, as previously reported	\$ 1,023,910
Impact of accounting errors and corrections:	
Reclassifications	11,290
Money market investments, as restated	\$ 1,035,200
Investment securities including FHLB Stock, as previously reported	\$ 5,350,974
Impact of accounting errors and corrections:	
Accounting for investment securities	771
Recharacterization of pass-through certificates as secured loans	(143,246)
Reclassifications	(11,290)
Investment securities including FHLB stock, as restated	\$ 5,197,209
Total loans, net of allowance for loan and lease losses, as previously reported	\$ 8,365,028
Impact of accounting errors and corrections:	
Accounting for derivative instruments and broker placement fees	(210)
Accounting for origination fees and costs and premiums and discounts on loans	(2,267)
Recharacterization of pass-through certificates as secured loans	143,246
Reclassifications	492
Other accounting adjustments	(2,444)
Total loans, net of allowance for loan and lease losses, as restated	\$ 8,503,845
Total other assets, as previously reported	\$ 346,430
Impact of accounting errors and corrections:	
Accounting for derivative instruments and broker placement fees	(475)
Tax impact of accounting adjustments	7,259
Reclassifications	(488)
Valuation of financial instruments	1,200
Other accounting adjustments	446
Total other assets, as restated	\$ 354,372

Total assets, as restated	\$ 15,181,944
Total liabilities, as previously reported	\$ 13,994,207
Impact of accounting errors and corrections:	
Accounting for derivative instruments and broker placement fees	13,863
Tax impact of accounting adjustments	2,392
Reclassifications	4
Other accounting adjustments	(1,169)
Total liabilities, as restated	\$ 14,009,297
Stockholders' equity, as previously reported	\$ 1,183,453
Impact of accounting errors and corrections:	
Accounting for derivative instruments and broker placement fees	(15,211)
Accounting for investment securities	3,121
Accounting for origination fees and costs and premiums and discounts on loans	(2,267)
Valuation of financial instruments	1,200
Tax impact of accounting adjustments	4,866
Impact of accounting adjustments in other comprehensive income	(1,686)
Other accounting adjustments	(829)
Stockholders' equity, as restated	\$ 1,172,647

**Table of Contents****RECONCILIATION OF PREVIOUSLY REPORTED TO RESTATED FIGURES  
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME**

	<b>Quarter Ended September 30, 2004</b>	<b>Nine Month Period Ended September 30, 2004</b>
<i>(In thousands, except per share amounts)</i>		
Net interest income, as previously reported	\$ 103,272	\$ 281,753
Impact of accounting errors and corrections:		
Accounting for derivative instruments and broker placement fees	58,924	11,761
Accounting for investment securities	6,043	1,731
Accounting for origination fees and costs and premiums and discounts on loans	241	535
Reclassification of late charges, penalty fees on loans and other	2,561	8,803
Other accounting adjustments	(435)	(207)
Net interest income, as restated	\$ 170,606	\$ 304,376
Provision for loan and lease losses (no adjustment required)	\$ 13,200	\$ 39,600
Non-interest income, as previously reported	\$ 15,722	\$ 53,370
Impact of accounting errors and corrections:		
Accounting for derivative instruments and broker placement fees	(763)	623
Accounting for origination fees and costs and premiums and discounts on loans	(721)	(2,020)
Reclassification of late charges, penalty fees on loans and other	(2,561)	(8,803)
Valuation of financial instruments		1,200
Other accounting adjustments	15	432
Non-interest income, as restated	\$ 11,692	\$ 44,802
Non-interest expenses, as previously reported	\$ 45,976	\$ 134,644
Impact of accounting errors and corrections:		
Accounting for origination fees and costs and premiums and discounts on loans	(280)	(805)
Other accounting adjustments	181	353
Non-interest expenses, as restated	\$ 45,877	\$ 134,192
Income tax expense, as previously reported	\$ (10,737)	\$ (31,659)
Impact of accounting errors and corrections	(24,091)	(8,096)

Income tax expense, as restated	\$	(34,828)	\$	(39,755)
Net income, as restated	\$	88,393	\$	135,631
Basic earnings per common share, as previously reported	\$	0.48	\$	1.23
Effect of adjustments		0.49		0.08
Basic earnings per common share, as restated	\$	0.97	\$	1.31
Diluted earnings per common share, as previously reported	\$	0.47	\$	1.20
Effect of adjustments		0.47		0.07
Diluted earnings per common share, as restated	\$	0.94	\$	1.27

The Corporation classified the accounting practices and related adjustments that were affected by the restatement into the categories described below.

**Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Broker Placement Fees.** As part of the restatement, the Corporation reviewed its accounting for derivative instruments and concluded that its use of the short-cut method of hedge accounting under Statement of Financial Accounting Standard No. ( SFAS ) 133, *Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities*, for interest rate swaps that economically hedge mainly brokered certificates of deposit ( CDs ) was not consistent with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America ( GAAP ) because the fee received from the swap counterparty at the inception of the relationship caused the swap not to have a fair value of zero at inception (which is required under SFAS 133 to qualify for the short-cut



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method). In connection with the evaluation of hedge accounting transactions, the Corporation concluded that the short-cut method was also incorrectly used for certain interest rate swaps hedging medium-term notes, certain corporate bonds and certain commercial loan receivables.

Prior to the restatement, the Corporation recorded, under the short-cut method, the effective portion of the change in fair value of the hedged item as an adjustment to income that offsets the fair value adjustment on the related interest rate swap. Furthermore, prior to the restatement, the broker placement fees were offset with the upfront fees received from the swap counterparties at inception with no separate accounting recognition.

The adjustments related to the correction of the accounting for derivative instruments and broker placement fees primarily consisted of: (1) eliminating the fair value adjustments previously made to the brokered CDs, medium-term notes and other hedged items; (2) recognizing the fair value of the interest rate swaps at inception, which is the equivalent of the upfront fees received from swap counterparties; (3) recognizing the placement fees paid to the brokers that placed the brokered CDs and medium-term notes as deferred costs required to be amortized over the expected maturities of the related economically hedged items; and (4) correcting the fair value of the interest rate swaps as of the end of each reporting period.

The net cumulative pre-tax effect through September 30, 2004 related to the correction of the accounting for derivative instruments and broker placement fees was a decrease of \$15.2 million. The following table details the components of the pre-tax income effect from the correction in the accounting for interest rate swaps and broker placement fees for the quarter and nine month period ended September 30, 2004:

	<b>Quarter Ended September 30, 2004</b>	<b>Nine Month Period Ended September 30, 2004</b>
Elimination of fair value adjustments previously made to hedged items	\$ 61,661	\$ 12,507
Recognition of interest rate swap up-front fees	3,727	16,468
Broker placement fees amortization	(3,351)	(8,886)
Corrections to interest rate swap valuations	(3,876)	(7,705)
Total	\$ 58,161	\$ 12,384

**Recharacterization of purchases of mortgage loans and pass-through trust certificates as commercial loans secured by mortgage loans.** Prior to the restatement, the Corporation had inaccurately recorded as purchases of residential mortgages, commercial mortgage loans and pass-through trust certificates certain mortgage-related transactions with local financial institutions. Certain of these transactions included or likely included recourse provisions, which had not been analyzed as part of the Corporation's financial reporting process. The Corporation determined that such transactions did not satisfy the reasonable assurance standard of SFAS 140, Accounting for Transfers and Servicing of Financial Assets and Extinguishments of Liabilities, regarding the isolation of assets in bankruptcy, with the result that they did not qualify as a true sale for accounting purposes. The restatement reflects these mortgage-related transactions as commercial loans secured by mortgage loans and pass-through trust certificates. This conclusion resulted in the revised classification of approximately \$3.1 billion in mortgage-related loans to secured loans to local financial institutions as of September 30, 2004 and \$143.2 million pass-through trust certificates to secured loans to local financial institutions as of September 30, 2004. The recharacterization of the mortgage-related transactions did not impact the Corporation's retained earnings as of September 30, 2004.

**Accounting for Investment Securities.** The Corporation historically amortized premiums and discounts related to most of its investment securities into interest income over the life of the related securities using a straight-line method adjusted for prepayment of securities. As part of the restatement, the Corporation concluded that it needed to correct its methodology and adjust its financial statements to reflect the amortization of premiums and discounts into interest income over the terms of the securities using the effective interest method instead of the straight-line method. The

cumulative effect of this correction on the Corporation's pre-tax income through September 30, 2004

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was an increase of \$3.1 million. For the quarter and nine month period ended September 30, 2004, the effect for the correction of the accounting for investment securities was an increase on the Corporation's pre-tax income of \$6.0 million and \$1.7 million, respectively.

In addition, the Corporation identified other types of investment instruments that had not been recognized in the Consolidated Statement of Financial Condition in accordance with the provisions of SFAS 115 Accounting for Certain Investments in Debt and Equity Securities.

***Accounting for deferral and recognition of origination fees and costs on loans.*** As part of the restatement process, the Corporation reviewed the methodology used to measure origination fees and costs associated with its loans origination, in accordance with SFAS 91, Accounting for Nonrefundable Fees and Costs Associated with Origination or Acquiring Loans and Initial Direct Costs of Leases, which establishes the accounting treatment for nonrefundable fees and costs associated with lending, committing to lend or purchasing loans. The Corporation concluded that throughout the restatement period, it did not apply SFAS 91 requirements to one of its consumer loans portfolios. Accordingly, the Corporation concluded that, in order to comply with SFAS 91, it needed to defer and amortize loan origination fees and costs on this portfolio using the interest method. The cumulative effect of this correction on the Corporation's pre-tax income through September 30, 2004 was a decrease of approximately \$2.3 million, of which \$0.2 million and \$0.7 million was recorded as a reduction in pre-tax income for the quarter and nine month period ended September 30, 2004, respectively.

***Valuation of financial instruments.*** In connection with a loan restructuring, First BanCorp became the holder of warrants. The warrant certificate gives the Corporation the right to purchase common stock from a privately held company at a fixed price. This transaction was not formally evaluated or documented as part of the Corporation's financial reporting process. As part of the restatement process, the Corporation concluded that this transaction meets the definition of a derivative instrument as stated in SFAS 133. Accordingly, the warrant was marked to market and the valuation recognized in earnings as part of Other operating income. The cumulative effect of this correction on the Corporation's pre-tax income through September 30, 2004 was an increase of \$1.2 million, all of which related to the quarter ended March 31, 2004.

***Other Accounting Adjustments and Reclassifications.*** As part of the restatement, the Corporation also made corrections to various other aspects of its Consolidated Financial Statements, including adjustments to the gain on sale of credit card portfolios, accrual of rental expense on lease contracts and income from a loan origination subsidiary. The cumulative effect of all these other adjustments on the Corporation's pre-tax income through September 30, 2004 was a decrease of \$0.8 million, of which approximately \$0.6 million was recorded as a decrease to pre-tax income for the quarter ended September 30, 2004 and \$0.1 million was recorded as a decrease to pre-tax income for the nine month period ended September 30, 2004.

The reclassifications made to conform to GAAP included, among other things, reclassifying late charges and prepayment fees on loans from non-interest income to interest income on loans, and reclassifying dividends on equity securities from non-interest income to interest income on investments. Other reclassifications included reclassifying loans receivable balances within loan categories, reclassifying certain amounts previously reported as repurchase agreements to other borrowings, and reclassifying certain short-term investments previously reported as part of the available for sale and held to maturity investment portfolio to money market investments.

***Income Taxes.*** As a result of the corrections reflected in the restatement, the Corporation's cumulative income tax expense through September 30, 2004 was reduced by approximately \$4.9 million, of which \$24.1 million was recorded as an increase to income tax expense for the quarter ended September 30, 2004 and \$8.1 million was recorded as an increase to income tax expense for the nine month period ended September 30, 2004. The cumulative reduction through September 30, 2004 resulted principally from changes in deferred taxes. See Note 15 for additional details regarding the Corporation's income taxes.

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The following table shows the impact of all restatement adjustments on the previously reported unaudited Consolidated Statement of Financial Condition as of September 30, 2004.

**FIRST BANCORP**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION**  
(Unaudited)

<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	<b>September 30, 2004</b> <b>(As Previously Reported)</b>	<b>Adjustments</b>	<b>September 30, 2004</b> <b>(As Restated)</b>
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash and due from banks	\$ 91,318	\$	\$ 91,318
Money market instruments	721,310	11,290	732,600
Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell	302,000		302,000
Time deposits with other financial institutions	600		600
Total money market investments	1,023,910	11,290	1,035,200
Investment securities available for sale, at fair value:			
Securities pledged that can be repledged	1,270,255	(44,413)	1,225,842
Other investment securities	350,923	(99,252)	251,671
Total investment securities available for sale	1,621,178	(143,665)	1,477,513
Investment securities held to maturity, at amortized cost:			
Securities pledged that can be repledged	3,289,813	725	3,290,538
Other investment securities	371,333	(11,200)	360,133
Total investment securities held to maturity	3,661,146	(10,475)	3,650,671
Other equity securities	68,650	375	69,025
Loans, net of allowance for loan and lease losses	8,357,609	138,817	8,496,426
Loans held for sale, at lower of cost or market	7,419		7,419
Total loans, net	8,365,028	138,817	8,503,845
Premises and equipment, net	88,866		88,866
Other real estate owned	6,939		6,939
Accrued interest receivable	61,181	(236)	60,945
Due from customers on acceptances	718		718
Other assets	188,726	8,178	196,904
Total assets	\$ 15,177,660	\$ 4,284	\$ 15,181,944

**Liabilities & Stockholders Equity**

## Liabilities:

Non-interest-bearing deposits	\$	603,713	\$	\$	603,713
Interest-bearing deposits		6,764,318	(10,485)		6,753,833
Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase		4,614,109	(55,194)		4,558,915
Advances from the Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB)		1,373,000			1,373,000
Notes payable		153,551	(649)		152,902
Other borrowings		231,500	45,168		276,668
Subordinated notes		82,821	(684)		82,137
Bank acceptance outstanding		718			718
Payable for unsettled investment trade		10,285			10,285
Accounts payable and other liabilities		160,192	36,934		197,126
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>13,994,207</b>	<b>15,090</b>		<b>14,009,297</b>

## Stockholders equity:

Preferred stock, authorized 50,000,000 shares: issued and outstanding 22,004,000 shares at \$25 liquidation value per share		550,100			550,100
Common stock, \$1 par value, authorized 250,000,000 shares; issued 45,206,555 shares		45,207			45,207
Less: Treasury Stock (at par value)		(4,921)			(4,921)
<b>Common stock outstanding</b>		<b>40,286</b>			<b>40,286</b>
Additional paid-in capital		3,210			3,210
Capital reserve		80,000			80,000
Legal surplus		163,107	2,602		165,709
Retained earnings		304,573	(11,722)		292,851
Accumulated other comprehensive income, net of tax		42,177	(1,686)		40,491
<b>Total stockholders equity</b>		<b>1,183,453</b>	<b>(10,806)</b>		<b>1,172,647</b>
<b>Total liabilities and stockholders equity</b>	\$	<b>15,177,660</b>	\$	<b>4,284</b>	\$ <b>15,181,944</b>

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The following tables show the impact of all restatement adjustments on the previously reported unaudited Consolidated Statements of Income and basic and diluted earnings per share for the quarter and nine month period ended September 30, 2004.

**FIRST BANCORP**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME**  
**(Unaudited)**

	September 30, 2004 (As Previously Reported)	Quarter Ended Adjustments	September 30, 2004 (As Restated)
<i>(In thousands, except per share data)</i>			
<b>Interest income:</b>			
Loans	\$ 113,832	\$ 1,316	\$ 115,148
Investment securities	65,095	5,268	70,363
Money market investments	1,153		1,153
Total interest income	180,080	6,584	186,664
<b>Interest expense:</b>			
Deposits	30,730	(61,384)	(30,654)
Federal funds purchased and repurchase agreements	34,829	(204)	34,625
Advances from FHLB	7,574		7,574
Notes payable and other borrowings	3,675	838	4,513
Total interest expense	76,808	(60,750)	16,058
Net interest income	103,272	67,334	170,606
<b>Provision for loan and lease losses</b>	13,200		13,200
Net interest income after provision for loan and lease losses	90,072	67,334	157,406
<b>Non-interest income:</b>			
Other service charges on loans	4,384	(3,532)	852
Service charges on deposit accounts	2,705		2,705
Mortgage banking activities	1,329		1,329
Net gain on investments and impairments	360		360
Rental income	814		814
Other operating income	6,130	(498)	5,632
Total non-interest income	15,722	(4,030)	11,692

**Non-interest expenses:**

Employees compensation and benefits	21,433	(280)	21,153
Occupancy and equipment	10,223	37	10,260
Business promotion	4,354		4,354
Professional fees	1,024		1,024
Taxes, other than income taxes	2,283		2,283
Insurance and supervisory fees	995		995
Other operating expenses	5,664	144	5,808
Total non-interest expenses	45,976	(99)	45,877
<b>Income before income tax</b>	59,818	63,403	123,221
<b>Income tax provision</b>	(10,737)	(24,091)	(34,828)
<b>Net income</b>	\$ 49,081	\$ 39,312	\$ 88,393
<b>Net income attributable to common stockholders</b>	\$ 39,012	\$ 39,312	\$ 78,324
<b>Net income per common share:</b>			
Basic	\$ 0.48	\$ 0.49	\$ 0.97
Diluted	\$ 0.47	\$ 0.47	\$ 0.94

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**FIRST BANCORP**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME**  
(Unaudited)

	Nine Months Ended		
	September 30, 2004 (As Previously Reported)	Adjustments	September 30, 2004 (As Restated)
<i>(In thousands, except per share data)</i>			
<b>Interest income:</b>			
Loans	\$ 316,954	\$ 8,838	\$ 325,792
Investment securities	168,465	1,410	169,875
Money market investments	2,416		2,416
Total interest income	487,835	10,248	498,083
<b>Interest expense:</b>			
Deposits	84,387	(12,474)	71,913
Federal funds purchased and repurchase agreements	95,175	(359)	94,816
Advances from FHLB	18,691		18,691
Notes payable and other borrowings	7,829	458	8,287
Total interest expense	206,082	(12,375)	193,707
Net interest income	281,753	22,623	304,376
<b>Provision for loan and lease losses</b>	39,600		39,600
Net interest income after provision for loan and lease losses	242,153	22,623	264,776
<b>Non-interest income:</b>			
Other service charges on loans	14,547	(11,590)	2,957
Service charges on deposit accounts	8,231		8,231
Mortgage banking activities	3,091		3,091
Net gain on investments and impairments	4,876		4,876
Rental income	2,133		2,133
Gain on sale of credit card portfolio	5,533		5,533
Other operating income	14,959	3,022	17,981
Total non-interest income	53,370	(8,568)	44,802
<b>Non-interest expenses:</b>			



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Employees compensation and benefits	62,932	(805)	62,127
Occupancy and equipment	29,054	26	29,080
Business promotion	12,411		12,411
Professional fees	2,964		2,964
Taxes, other than income taxes	6,182		6,182
Insurance and supervisory fees	3,081		3,081
Other operating expenses	18,020	327	18,347
Total non-interest expenses	134,644	(452)	134,192
<b>Income before income tax</b>	160,879	14,507	175,386
<b>Income tax provision</b>	(31,659)	(8,096)	(39,755)
<b>Net income</b>	\$ 129,220	\$ 6,411	\$ 135,631
<b>Net income attributable to common stockholders</b>	\$ 99,013	\$ 6,411	\$ 105,424
<b>Net income per common share:</b>			
Basic	\$ 1.23	\$ 0.08	\$ 1.31
Diluted	\$ 1.20	\$ 0.07	\$ 1.27

**Table of Contents****Restatement of 2004 Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows**

During the preparation of the 2006 consolidated financial statements, management became aware of some incorrect classifications in the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004. The classification errors related to three main items: 1) the treatment of discounts and the related accretion activity on certain investment securities (mostly zero coupon securities) purchased by the Corporation which were incorrectly presented as cash flows related to investing activities (principal repayments and maturities of securities held-to-maturity), instead of operating activities (net amortization or accretion of discounts and premiums on investment securities), 2) the classification of cash flows from the disposition of repossessed assets which was included as part of operating activities (decrease or increase in other assets), instead of investing activities (proceeds from sale of repossessed assets), and 3) purchases of zero coupon bonds and agency discount notes amounts presented as part of investing activities (purchases of securities held-to-maturity) were reported at par amount rather than the actual cash paid for the securities and the discounts on such securities were being presented as investing activities (principal repayments and maturities of securities held-to-maturity) rather than being excluded from the Cash Flow Statements.

The cash flows related to the accretion of discount on certain investment securities have been properly classified as cash flows from operating activities and the cash flows from the disposition of repossessed assets have been properly classified as cash flows from investing activities in the restated Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows for the nine month period ended September 30, 2004. The amounts presented as purchases, principal repayments and maturities of securities under cash flows from investing activities have also been corrected to reflect actual cash outflows and inflows related to zero coupon bonds and discounts notes. In addition, the Corporation has corrected the classification of other items, including items related to the 2004 restatement (see footnotes in table below), and the classification of short-term held-to-maturity investments (less than 90 days) from investments to cash and cash equivalents.

Also, the Corporation has corrected the classification of cash receipts from sales and repayments as well as cash disbursements in originations of loans classified as held-for-sale on the consolidated statements of cash flows. The Corporation previously reported the cash receipts from sales and repayments as well as cash disbursements in originations of loans classified as held-for-sale that were originally acquired for investment as cash flows of operating activities in the consolidated statements of cash flows. Since these loans were originally acquired by the Corporation for investment purposes, cash receipts from sales and repayments as well as cash disbursements in originations of these loans should be classified as cash flows of investing activities in the consolidated statements of cash flows.

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The following comparative table presents the effects of the aforementioned classification corrections as well as the impact of all restatement adjustments related with the 2004 restatement on the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows for the nine month period ended September 30, 2004:

<b>Nine Month Period Ended September 30, (in thousands)</b>	<b>2004</b>		
	<b>As Previously Reported</b>	<b>Adjustments</b>	<b>(As Restated)</b>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>			
Net income	\$ 129,220	\$ 6,411	\$ 135,631
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Deferred income tax (benefit) provision (1)	(5,047)	5,285	238
Unrealized derivatives (gain) (2)	(1,174)	(22,471)	(23,645)
Amortization of brokers' placement fees (2)		10,229	10,229
(Accretion) amortization of premiums and discounts on investment securities (3)		(20,522)	(20,522)
Decrease (increase) in other assets (3)	6,011	(26,486)	(20,475)
Other adjustments to cash flows from operating activities (4) (5)	(7,526)	52,428	44,902
Total adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities	(7,736)	(1,537)	(9,273)
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>	<b>121,484</b>	<b>4,874</b>	<b>126,358</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>			
Proceeds from sale of repossessed assets (3)		23,557	23,557
Purchase of securities held to maturity (3)	(5,182,605)	3,635,533	(1,547,072)
Principal repayments and maturities of securities held to maturity (3)	4,651,937	(3,595,004)	1,056,933
Other adjustments to cash flows from investing activities (4) (5)	(1,894,906)	(35,273)	(1,930,179)
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>	<b>(2,425,574)</b>	<b>28,813</b>	<b>(2,396,761)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities:</b>			
Net increase in deposits (2)	590,289	(12,844)	577,445
Other adjustments to cash flows from financing activities (5)	1,768,785	(1,417)	1,767,368
<b>Net cash provided by financing activities</b>	<b>2,359,074</b>	<b>(14,261)</b>	<b>2,344,813</b>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	54,984	19,426	74,410
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	1,060,244	(8,136)	1,052,108
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of period (6)</b>	<b>\$ 1,115,228</b>	<b>\$ 11,290</b>	<b>\$ 1,126,518</b>

- (1) Deferred tax effect of items related to the 2004 restatement; refer to explanation of change in Note 1 Restatement of previously issued financial statements  
Income Taxes above.
- (2) Refer to explanation of change in Note 1 Restatement of previously issued financial statements  
Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Broker Placement Fees above.
- (3) Refer to explanation of change in the first paragraph of Restatement of 2004 Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows above.
- (4) Refer to explanation of change in the third paragraph of Restatement of 2004 Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows above.

- (5) Change resulting from certain not significant 2004 restatement adjustments (refer to Note 1 Restatement of previously issued financial statements) and the correction of immaterial classification errors.
- (6) Correction of classification of short-term held-to-maturity investments (less than 90 days) from investments to cash and cash equivalents.

**Table of Contents****2 BASIS OF PRESENTATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited) have been prepared in conformity with the accounting policies stated in the Corporation's Annual Audited Financial Statements included in the Corporation's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005. Certain information and note disclosure normally included in the financial statements prepared in accordance with GAAP have been condensed or omitted from these statements pursuant to the rules and regulations of the SEC and, accordingly, these financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited Consolidated Financial Statements of the Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2005, included in the Corporation's 2005 Annual Report on Form 10-K. All adjustments (consisting only of normal recurring adjustments) which are, in the opinion of management, necessary for a fair presentation of the statement of financial position, results of operations and cash flows for the interim periods have been reflected. All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

The results of operations for the quarter and nine month period ended on September 30, 2006, are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the entire year.

On May 24, 2005, the Corporation's Board of Directors declared a two-for-one split in the Corporation's common stock. The record date of the stock split was June 15, 2005, and the distribution date was June 30, 2005. The per share data contained in the Consolidated Financial Statements prior to the quarter ended June 30, 2005 has been adjusted to reflect the two-for-one stock split.

**Recently issued accounting pronouncements**

The Financial Accounting Standards Board ( FASB ), its Emerging Issues Task Force ( EITF ) and the SEC have issued the following accounting pronouncements and Issue discussions relevant to the Corporation's operations:

In February 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 159, "The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities Including an Amendment of FASB Statement No. 115". This Statement allows entities to choose to measure certain financial assets and liabilities at fair value with changes in fair value reflected in earnings. The fair value option may be applied on an instrument-by-instrument basis. This Statement is effective for periods after November 15, 2007, however, early adoption is permitted provided that the entity also elects to apply the provisions of SFAS 157, "Fair Value Measurements". The Corporation adopted SFAS 159 effective January 1, 2007. The Corporation decided to early adopt SFAS 159 for the callable brokered CDs and a portion of the callable fixed medium-term notes that were economically hedged with interest rate swaps. First BanCorp had been following the long-haul method of accounting, which was adopted on April 3, 2006, under SFAS 133 for the portfolio of callable interest rate swaps, callable brokered CDs and callable notes. One of the main considerations in determining to early adopt SFAS 159 for these instruments was to eliminate the operational procedures required by the long-haul method of accounting in terms of documentation, effectiveness assessment, and manual procedures followed by the Corporation to fulfill the requirements specified by SFAS 133.

Upon adoption of SFAS 159, the Corporation selected the fair value measurement for approximately 63% of the brokered CDs portfolio and certain of the medium-term notes portfolio ( designated liabilities ). Interest rate risk on the brokered CDs and medium term notes chosen for the fair value measurement option will continue to be economically hedged through callable interest rate swaps with the same terms and conditions. The cumulative after-tax effect on the opening balance of retained earnings from adopting these standards is an approximate increase of \$92.2 million. Under SFAS 159, this one-time credit was not recognized in current earnings. Regulatory capital increased by the positive adjustment to retained earnings, exceeding by higher margins the capital levels required to be classified as well-capitalized and strengthened the Corporation's regulatory capital ratios.

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With the Corporation's elimination of the use of the long-haul method in connection with the adoption of SFAS 159 as of January 1, 2007, the Corporation will no longer amortize the basis adjustment. The basis adjustment amortization is the reversal of the change in value of the brokered CDs and medium term notes recognized since the implementation of the long-haul method. Since the time the Corporation implemented the long-haul method, it has recognized the basis adjustment and the changes in the value of the brokered CDs and medium term notes based on the expected call date of the instruments. The adoption of SFAS 159 also requires the recognition, as part of the adoption adjustment to retained earnings, of all of the unamortized placement fees that were paid to broker counterparties upon the issuance of the brokered CDs and medium term notes. The Corporation previously amortized those fees through earnings based on the expected call date of the instruments. The impact of the de-recognition of the basis adjustment and the unamortized placement fees as of January 1, 2007 results in a cumulative after-tax reduction to retained earnings of approximately \$23.8 million. This negative charge is included in the total cumulative after-tax increase to retained earnings of \$92.2 million that results with the adoption of SFAS 157 and SFAS 159.

In September 2006, the SEC issued Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 108, "Considering the Effects of Prior Year Misstatements when Quantifying Misstatements in Current Year Financial Statements" (SAB 108). This interpretation expresses the SEC staff's views regarding the process of quantifying financial statement misstatements that could result in improper amounts of assets or liabilities. While a misstatement may not be considered material for the period in which it occurred, it may be considered material in a subsequent year if the corporation were to correct the misstatement through current period earnings. SAB 108 requires a materiality evaluation based on all relevant quantitative and qualitative factors and the quantification of the misstatement using both a balance sheet and income statement approach to determine materiality. SAB 108 is effective for periods ending after November 15, 2006. The adoption of this Statement did not have a material effect on the Corporation's financial condition and results of operations.

In September 2006, the FASB issued SFAS No. 158 "Employers' Accounting for Defined Benefit Pension and Other Postretirement Plans" an amendment of FASB Statements No. 87, 88, 106 and 132(R). This Statement requires corporations to recognize the overfunded or underfunded status of a defined benefit postretirement plan as an asset or liability in its statement of financial position and to recognize changes in that funded status in the year in which the changes occur through comprehensive income of a business entity or changes in unrestricted net assets of a not-for-profit organization. This Statement is effective for periods ending after December 15, 2006. This Statement is not applicable to the Corporation and therefore has no impact to the Corporation's financial condition or results of operations.

In September 2006, the FASB issued SFAS 157, "Fair Value Measurements". This Statement defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value in GAAP and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. This Statement is effective for periods beginning after November 15, 2007. Effective January 1, 2007, the Corporation elected to early adopt this Statement. For further details and for the effect on the Corporation's financial condition and results of operations upon adoption of SFAS 157 and SFAS 159, refer to the discussion on SFAS 159 above.

In June 2006, the FASB issued Financial Interpretation No. 48, "Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes" an interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109. This interpretation clarifies the accounting for uncertainty in income taxes recognized in accordance with SFAS No. 109. This interpretation provides a recognition threshold and measurement attribute for the financial statement recognition and measurement of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. This interpretation also provides guidance on derecognition, classification, interest and penalties, accounting in interim periods, disclosure and transition. This interpretation is effective for periods beginning after December 15, 2006. The Corporation adopted FIN 48 effective January 1, 2007. The cumulative effect of adoption of FIN 48 resulted in an increase of \$2.6 million to tax reserves with offsetting adjustments to retained earnings. Additionally, in connection with the adoption of

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FIN 48, the Corporation elected to classify interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax portions as components of income tax expense.

In March 2006, the FASB issued SFAS No. 156, *Accounting for Servicing of Financial Assets*, an amendment of SFAS No. 140. This Statement requires that servicing assets and servicing liabilities be initially measured at fair value along with any derivative instruments used to mitigate inherent risks. This Statement is effective for periods beginning after September 15, 2006. The adoption of this Statement in 2007 did not have a material effect on the Corporation's financial condition and results of operations.

In February 2006, the FASB issued SFAS No. 155, *Accounting for Certain Hybrid Financial Instruments*, an amendment of FASB Statements No. 133 and 140. This Statement allows fair value measurement for any hybrid financial instrument that contains an embedded derivative requiring bifurcation. It also establishes a requirement to evaluate interests in securitized financial assets to establish whether the interests are freestanding derivatives or hybrid financial instruments that contain an embedded derivative requiring bifurcation. This Statement is effective for all financial instruments acquired or issued after September 15, 2006. The adoption of this Statement did not have a material effect on the Corporation's financial condition and results of operations.

In May 2005, the FASB issued SFAS No. 154, *Accounting Changes and Error Corrections* a replacement of APB Opinion No. 20 and FASB Statement No. 3. This Statement changes the requirements for the accounting for and reporting of a voluntary change in accounting principle. This Statement requires retrospective application to prior periods' financial statements of a change in accounting principle unless it is impracticable to do so; in which case the earliest period for which retrospective application is practicable should be applied. If it is impracticable to calculate the cumulative effect of a change in accounting principle, the Statement requires prospective application as of the earliest date practicable. This Statement does not change the guidance in APB Opinion No. 20 with regard to the reporting of the correction of an error, or a change in accounting estimate. The Statement's purpose is to improve the comparability of financial information among periods. SFAS No. 154 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2005. The adoption of this statement did not have a material effect on the Corporation's financial condition and results of operations.

In December 2004, the Financial Accounting Standard Board ( FASB ) issued SFAS 123R, *Share-Based Payment*. This statement is a revision of SFAS 123, *Accounting for Stock- Based Compensation* and it also supersedes APB No. 25, *Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees*, ( APB 25 ), and its related implementation guidance.

This Statement requires a public entity to measure the cost of employee services received in exchange for an award of equity instruments based on the grant-date fair value of the award (with limited exceptions). The cost will be recognized over the period during which an employee is required to provide service in exchange for the award the requisite service period (usually the vesting period). No compensation cost is recognized for equity instruments for which employees do not render the requisite service.

SFAS 123R eliminates the alternative to use APB 25's intrinsic value method of accounting that was provided in SFAS 123 as originally issued. Under APB 25, issuing stock options to employees generally resulted in recognition of no compensation cost.

The Corporation prospectively applied SFAS123R to its financial statements as of January 1, 2006. Refer to Note 4 to these consolidated financial statements for required disclosures and further information on the impact of the adoption of this accounting pronouncement.



**Table of Contents****3 EARNINGS PER COMMON SHARE**

The calculations of earnings per common share for the quarters and nine month periods ended on September 30, 2006, 2005 and 2004 are as follows:

	<b>Quarter Ended September 30,</b>		
	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004 (As Restated)</b>
	<b>(In thousands, except per share data)</b>		
<b>Net Income:</b>			
Net Income	\$ 26,682	\$ 17,305	\$ 88,393
Less: Preferred stock dividend	(10,069)	(10,069)	(10,069)
Net income available to common stockholders	\$ 16,613	\$ 7,236	\$ 78,324
<b>Weighted-Average Shares:</b>			
Basic weighted average common shares outstanding	83,254	80,875	80,484
Average potential common shares	83	2,051	2,524
Diluted weighted-average number of common shares outstanding	83,337	82,926	83,008
<b>Earnings per common share:</b>			
Basic	\$ 0.20	\$ 0.09	\$ 0.97
Diluted	\$ 0.20	\$ 0.09	\$ 0.94

	<b>Nine Month Period Ended September 30,</b>		
	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004 (As Restated)</b>
	<b>(In thousands, except per share data)</b>		
<b>Net Income:</b>			
Net Income	\$ 62,348	\$ 139,926	\$ 135,631
Less: Preferred stock dividend	(30,207)	(30,207)	(30,207)
Net income available to common stockholders	\$ 32,141	\$ 109,719	\$ 105,424
<b>Weighted-Average Shares:</b>			
Basic weighted average common shares outstanding	82,694	80,837	80,348
Average potential common shares	360	2,218	2,480
Diluted weighted-average number of common shares outstanding	83,054	83,055	82,828

**Earnings per common share:**

Basic	\$ 0.39	\$ 1.36	\$ 1.31
Diluted	\$ 0.39	\$ 1.32	\$ 1.27

Potential common shares consist of common stock issuable under the assumed exercise of stock options using the treasury stock method. This method assumes that the potential common shares are issued and the proceeds from exercise are used to purchase common stock at the exercise date. The difference between the number of potential shares issued and the shares purchased is added as incremental shares to the actual number of shares outstanding to compute diluted earnings per share. Stock options that result in lower potential shares issued than shares purchased under the treasury stock method are not included in the computation of dilutive earnings per share since their inclusion would have an antidilutive effect in earnings per share. For the quarter and nine month period ended September 30, 2006, there were 2,179,796 and 2,438,791 weighted-average outstanding stock options, respectively, that were excluded from the computation of outstanding shares because they were antidilutive. For

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the quarter and nine month period ended September 30, 2005, there were 1,719,600 and 725,228 weighted-average outstanding stock options, respectively, that were excluded from the computation of outstanding shares because they were antidilutive. All options outstanding were included in the computation of outstanding shares for the quarter ended September 30, 2004. For the nine month period ended on September 30, 2004, a total of 928,800 stock options, were not included in the computation of outstanding shares because they were antidilutive.

**4 STOCK OPTION PLAN**

Since 1997 the Corporation has had a stock option plan covering certain employees. This plan allowed for the granting of up to 8,696,112 purchase options on shares of the Corporation's common stock to officers and other employees. According to the plan, the options granted cannot exceed 20% of the number of common shares outstanding. Each option provides for the purchase of one share of common stock at a price not less than the fair market value of the stock on the date the option is granted. Stock options are fully vested upon issuance. The maximum term to exercise the options is ten years. The stock option plan provides for a proportionate adjustment in the exercise price and the number of shares that can be purchased in the event of a stock dividend, stock split, reclassification of stock, merger or reorganization and certain other issuances and distributions such as stock appreciation rights.

Under the Corporation's stock option plan, the Compensation Committee may grant stock appreciation rights at any time subsequent to the grant of an option. Pursuant to the stock appreciation rights, the Optionee surrenders the right to exercise an option granted under the plan in consideration for payment by the Corporation of an amount equal to the excess of the fair market value of the shares of common stock subject to such option surrendered over the total option price of such shares. Any option surrendered shall be cancelled by the Corporation and the shares subject to the option shall not be eligible for further grants under the option plan.

During the second quarter of 2005, the Corporation issued 76,373 (152,746 as adjusted for the June 2005 stock split) shares of common stock as a result of the exercise of 36,479 stock options and 39,894 shares granted pursuant to stock appreciation rights before the June 2005 stock split, both under the Corporation's stock-based compensation plan.

Prior to the adoption of SFAS 123R on January 1, 2006, the Corporation accounted for stock options under the recognition and measurement principles of APB 25 and related Interpretations. No stock-based employee compensation cost was reflected in net income for the quarters and nine month periods ended September 30, 2005 and 2004, as all options granted under the plan had an exercise price equal to the market value of the underlying common stock on the date of the grant. The table below illustrates the effect on net income and earnings per common share if the Corporation had applied the fair value recognition provisions of SFAS 123 to stock-based employee compensation granted during the third quarter and first nine months of 2005 and 2004.

**Table of Contents****Pro-forma information:**

	<b>Quarter ended September 30, 2004 (As Restated)</b>		<b>Nine month period ended September 30, 2004 (As Restated)</b>	
	<b>2005</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2005</b>
	<b>(In thousands, except per share data)</b>			
<b>Net income</b>				
As reported	\$ 17,305	\$ 88,393	\$ 139,926	\$ 135,631
Deduct: Stock-based employee compensation expense determined under fair value method			6,118	4,963
Pro forma	\$ 17,305	\$ 88,393	\$ 133,808	\$ 130,668
<b>Earnings per common share-basic:</b>				
As reported	\$ 0.09	\$ 0.97	\$ 1.36	\$ 1.31
Pro forma	\$ 0.09	\$ 0.97	\$ 1.28	\$ 1.25
<b>Earnings per common share-diluted:</b>				
As reported	\$ 0.09	\$ 0.94	\$ 1.32	\$ 1.27
Pro forma	\$ 0.09	\$ 0.94	\$ 1.25	\$ 1.21

On January 1, 2006, the Corporation adopted SFAS 123R using the modified prospective method. Under this method, and since all previously issued stock options were fully vested at the time of the adoption, the Corporation expenses the fair value of all employee stock options granted after January 1, 2006 (same as the prospective method). The compensation expense associated with expensing stock options for the quarter and nine month period ended September 30, 2006 was approximately \$0.5 million and \$5.4 million, respectively. All employee stock options granted during 2006 were fully vested at the time of grant.

The activity of stock options during the first nine months of 2006 is set forth below:

	<b>Nine Month Period Ended September 30, 2006</b>			
	<b>Number of Options</b>	<b>Weighted-Average Exercise Price</b>	<b>Weighted-Average Remaining Contractual Term (Years)</b>	<b>Aggregate Intrinsic Value (In thousands)</b>
Beginning of period	5,316,410	\$ 13.28		
Options granted	1,235,000	12.21		
Options exercised	(2,379,000)	8.30		
Options expired unexercised	(1,148,000)	20.68		
End of period outstanding and exercisable	3,024,410	\$ 13.95	7.23	\$ 2,065

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The fair value of options granted in 2006, 2005 and 2004 that was estimated using the Black-Scholes option pricing, and the assumptions used follow:

	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>
Weighted Average Stock Price at grant date and exercise price	\$ 12.21	\$ 23.92	\$ 21.45
Stock option estimated fair value	\$2.89-\$4.60	\$ 6.40-\$6.41	\$5.30-\$5.45
Weighted-average estimated fair value	\$ 4.36	\$ 6.40	\$ 5.33
Expected stock option term (years)	4.22-4.31	4.25 - 4.27	4.08-4.33
Expected volatility	39% -46%	28%	28%
Weighted-average expected volatility	45%	28%	28%
Expected dividend yield	2.2% - 3.2%	1.0%	1.0%
Weighted-average expected dividend yield	2.3%	1.0%	1.0%
Risk-free interest rate	4.7% - 5.6%	4.2%	3.1%

The Corporation uses empirical research data to estimate options exercises and employee termination within the valuation model; separate groups of employees that have similar historical exercise behavior are considered separately for valuation purposes. For 2006, the expected volatility is based on the historical implied volatility of the Corporation's common stock at each grant date. For periods prior to 2006, the expected volatility is based on the historical volatility of the Corporation's common stock over a 260-working days period. The dividend yield is based on the historical 12-month dividend yield observable at each grant date. The risk-free rate for periods is based on historical zero coupon curves obtained from Bloomberg at the time of grant based on the option expected term.

No options were exercised during the third quarter of 2006 and 2005. The total intrinsic value of options exercised during the third quarter of 2004 was \$1.1 million. The total intrinsic value of options exercised during the first nine months of 2006, 2005 and 2004 was approximately \$10.0 million, \$0.8 million and \$7.6 million, respectively. Cash proceeds from options exercised during the third quarter of 2004 amounted to approximately \$0.5 million. Cash proceeds from options exercised during the first nine months of 2006, 2005 and 2004 amounted to approximately \$19.8 million, \$0.6 million and \$3.2 million, respectively.

**Table of Contents****5 INVESTMENT SECURITIES****Investment Securities Available for Sale**

The amortized cost, gross unrealized gains and losses, approximate fair value, weighted-average yield and contractual maturities of investment securities available for sale at September 30, 2006, December 31, 2005, September 30, 2005 and September 30, 2004 were as follows:

	September 30, 2006					December 31, 2005				
	Amortized cost	Gross Unrealized gains losses		Fair value	Weighted average yield%	Amortized cost	Gross Unrealized gains losses		Fair value	Weighted average yield%
(Dollars in thousands)										
Obligations of U.S. Government Sponsored Agencies:										
Within 1 year	\$	\$	\$	\$		\$ 1,000	\$	\$	\$ 1,000	6.00
After 5 to 10 years	402,378	21	9,778	392,621	4.31	392,939		4,289	388,650	4.27
After 10 years	12,984	8	47	12,945	6.16					
Puerto Rico Government Obligations:										
After 1 to 5 years	4,624	149		4,773	6.17	4,594	223		4,817	6.17
After 5 to 10 years	15,467	303	507	15,263	4.86	15,271	196	678	14,789	4.84
After 10 years	5,360	101	172	5,289	5.88	5,311	131	42	5,400	5.88
United States and Puerto Rico Government Obligations	440,813	582	10,504	430,891	4.42	419,115	550	5,009	414,656	4.34
Mortgage-backed Securities:										
FHLMC certificates:										
Within 1 year	10			10	6.06	2			2	4.26
After 1 to 5 years	2,016	40		2,056	7.03	1,762	30		1,792	6.43
After 5 to 10 years						1,336	82		1,418	7.98
After 10 years	6,021	55	156	5,920	5.60	6,839	77	166	6,750	5.55
	8,047	95	156	7,986	5.96	9,939	189	166	9,962	6.03
GNMA certificates:										
After 1 to 5 years	692	5		697	6.37	939	14		953	6.39
	1,068	6	3	1,071	5.78	291	10		301	6.64

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After 5 to 10 years										
After 10 years	393,906	482	7,663	386,725	5.23	438,565	1,021	1,959	437,627	5.19
	395,666	493	7,666	388,493	5.24	439,795	1,045	1,959	438,881	5.20
FNMA										
certificates:										
After 1 to 5 years	105			105	7.33	187	3		190	7.55
After 5 to 10 years	9,026	11	150	8,887	4.76	124	11		135	11.40
After 10 years	907,500	670	13,376	894,794	5.17	1,038,126	1,054	10,031	1,029,149	5.14
	916,631	681	13,526	903,786	5.16	1,038,437	1,068	10,031	1,029,474	5.14
Mortgage										
pass-through										
certificates:										
After 10 years	375	3		378	7.28	400	3		403	7.29
Mortgage-backed										
Securities										
	1,320,719	1,272	21,348	1,300,643	5.19	1,488,571	2,305	12,156	1,478,720	5.16
Corporate										
Bonds:										
After 1 to 5 years						2,483	84	1	2,566	7.75
After 5 to 10 years	1,302		178	1,124	7.46	1,912	12	42	1,882	8.09
After 10 years	4,468		792	3,676	7.72	21,857	909	1,833	20,933	7.44
Corporate bonds	5,770		970	4,800	7.66	26,252	1,005	1,876	25,381	7.52
Equity securities										
(without										
contractual										
maturity)										
	18,302	1,955	37	20,220	0.80	29,931	1,131	1,641	29,421	3.70
Total Investment										
Securities										
Available for										
Sale										
	\$ 1,785,604	\$ 3,809	\$ 32,859	\$ 1,756,554	4.96	\$ 1,963,869	\$ 4,991	\$ 20,682	\$ 1,948,178	5.00

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	September 30, 2005					September 30, 2004 (As Restated)				
	Amortized cost	Gross Unrealized gains	losses	Fair value	Weighted average yield %	Amortized cost	Gross Unrealized gains	losses	Fair value	Weighted average yield %
	(Dollars in thousands)									
Obligations of U.S. Government Sponsored Agencies: After 5 to 10 years	\$ 392,782	\$ 394	\$ 2,886	\$ 390,290	4.27	\$ 284,743	\$ 11,742	\$	\$ 296,485	4.68
Puerto Rico Government Obligations: After 1 to 5 years	4,585	261		4,846	6.17	4,449	255		4,704	6.16
After 5 to 10 years	15,207	223	172	15,258	4.83	12,730	251	66	12,915	4.58
After 10 years	5,295	135	46	5,384	5.87	7,567	437	83	7,921	5.94
United States and Puerto Rico Government Obligations	417,869	1,013	3,104	415,778	4.33	309,489	12,685	149	322,025	4.73
Mortgage-backed Securities: FHLMC certificates: Within 1 year						1			1	4.26
After 1 to 5 years	1,964	45		2,009	6.41	2,634	135		2,769	6.35
After 5 to 10 years	1,535	99		1,634	8.04	2,568	167		2,735	8.12
After 10 years	7,191	98	101	7,188	5.58	3,069	176		3,245	6.85
	10,690	242	101	10,831	6.08	8,272	478		8,750	7.08
GNMA certificates: After 1 to 5 years	996	17		1,013	6.40	965	44		1,009	5.90
After 5 to 10 years	321	11		332	6.65	996	61		1,057	6.90
After 10 years	456,524	969	1,007	456,486	5.21	110,105	2,428		112,533	4.75
	457,841	997	1,007	457,831	5.21	112,066	2,533		114,599	4.78



FNMA										
certificates:										
After 1 to 5 years	113	2		115	7.53	48	3		51	8.29
After 5 to 10 years	164	8		172	9.10	362	34		396	8.37
After 10 years	1,093,553	2,453	2,457	1,093,549	5.11	922,291	16,546	3	938,834	4.97
	1,093,830	2,463	2,457	1,093,836	5.11	922,701	16,583	3	939,281	4.98
Mortgage pass-through certificates:										
After 10 years	408	4		412	7.29	554	5		559	7.28
Mortgage-backed Securities	1,562,769	3,706	3,565	1,562,910	5.15	1,043,593	19,599	3	1,063,189	4.97
Corporate Bonds:										
Within 1 year	20,000			20,000	4.68	20,000	450		20,450	6.36
After 1 to 5 years	3,361	2,080		5,441	7.63	20,875	1,835		22,710	3.13
After 5 to 10 years	3,399	1,022	87	4,334	7.81	375	751		1,126	7.73
After 10 years	22,682	914	1,490	22,106	7.44					
Corporate bonds	49,442	4,016	1,577	51,881	6.36	41,250	3,036		44,286	4.74
Equity securities (without contractual maturity)	56,572	6,506	6,433	56,645	3.51	41,557	8,818	2,362	48,013	0.35
Total Investment Securities Available for Sale										
	\$ 2,086,652	\$ 15,241	\$ 14,679	\$ 2,087,214	4.97	\$ 1,435,889	\$ 44,138	\$ 2,514	\$ 1,477,513	4.78

Maturities of mortgage-backed securities are based on contractual terms assuming no prepayments. Expected maturities of investments might differ from contractual maturities because they may be subject to prepayments and/or call options. The weighted average yield on investment securities held for sale is based on amortized cost and, therefore, does not give effect to changes in fair value. The net unrealized gains or losses on available for sale securities are presented as part of accumulated other comprehensive income.

The following tables show the Corporation's available-for-sale investments' fair value and gross unrealized losses, aggregated by investment category and length of time that individual securities have been in a continuous unrealized loss position, at September 30, 2006, December 31, 2005, September 30, 2005 and September 30, 2004:

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	Less than 12 months		As of September 30, 2006 12 months or more		Total	
	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses
<b>Debt Securities</b>						
Obligations of U.S. Government Sponsored Agencies	\$ 12,911	\$ 65	\$ 383,660	\$ 9,760	\$ 396,571	\$ 9,825
Puerto Rico Government Obligations			13,482	679	13,482	679
<b>Mortgage-Backed Securities</b>						
FHLMC	591		4,008	156	4,599	156
GNMA	367,308	7,666			367,308	7,666
FNMA	368,958	5,900	506,296	7,626	875,254	13,526
<b>Corporate Bonds</b>			4,800	970	4,800	970
<b>Equity Securities</b>	1,735	37			1,735	37
	\$ 751,503	\$ 13,668	\$ 912,246	\$ 19,191	\$ 1,663,749	\$ 32,859

	Less than 12 months		As of December 31, 2005 12 months or more		Total	
	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses
<b>Debt Securities</b>						
Obligations of U.S. Government Sponsored Agencies	\$ 388,650	\$ 4,289	\$	\$	\$ 388,650	\$ 4,289
Puerto Rico Government Obligations			13,440	720	13,440	720
<b>Mortgage-Backed Securities</b>						
FHLMC	4,440	166			4,440	166
GNMA	369,231	1,959			369,231	1,959
FNMA	939,197	10,031			939,197	10,031
<b>Corporate Bonds</b>	8,711	1,876			8,711	1,876
<b>Equity Securities</b>	16,229	1,641			16,229	1,641
	\$ 1,726,458	\$ 19,962	\$ 13,440	\$ 720	\$ 1,739,898	\$ 20,682



loss position during 2006 was principally due to increases in interest rates and the corresponding decrease in prices.

During the first nine months of 2006, 2005, and 2004, the Corporation recorded other-than-temporary impairments of \$12.1 million, \$1.5 million, and \$2.7 million, respectively, on certain equity securities held in its investment portfolio. Management concluded that the declines in value of the securities were other-than-temporary; as such, the cost basis of these securities was written down to the market value at the date of the analyses.

Total proceeds from the sale of securities available for sale during the nine-month period ended September 30, 2006 amounted to approximately \$228.1 million ( 2005 \$223.3 million ; 2004-\$32.8 million). The Corporation realized gross gains of approximately \$5.6 million and approximately \$0.2 million in gross realized losses for the first nine months of 2006 (2005 \$14.3 million in gross realized gains ; 2004-\$7.6 million in gross realized gains and approximately \$15,000 in gross realized losses).

**Table of Contents****Investment Securities Held to Maturity**

The amortized cost, gross unrealized gains and losses, approximate fair value, weighted-average yield and contractual maturities of investment securities held-to-maturity at September 30, 2006, December 31, 2005, September 30, 2005 and September 30, 2004 were as follows:

	September 30, 2006					December 31, 2005				
	Amortized cost	Gross Unrealized gains	Gross losses	Fair value	Weighted average yield %	Amortized cost	Gross Unrealized gains	Gross losses	Fair value	Weighted average yield %
(Dollars in thousands)										
U.S. Treasury Securities: Due within 1 year	\$ 156,913	\$ 23	\$	\$ 156,936	4.96	\$ 149,156	\$ 48	\$	\$ 149,204	3.97
Obligations of other U.S. Government Sponsored Agencies: After 10 years	2,066,418		63,531	2,002,887	5.83	2,041,558		65,799	1,975,759	5.83
Puerto Rico Government Obligations: After 1 to 5 years						5,000	20		5,020	5.00
After 5 to 10 years	16,575	535	141	16,969	5.84					
After 10 years	15,000	309		15,309	5.50	9,163	502	143	9,522	5.94
United States and Puerto Rico Government obligations	2,254,906	867	63,672	2,192,101	5.77	2,204,877	570	65,942	2,139,505	5.70
Mortgage-backed securities: FHLMC certificates: After 5 to 10 years	16,511		574	15,937	3.57	20,211		778	19,433	3.63
FNMA certificates: After 5 to 10 years	15,196		542	14,654	3.80	18,418		602	17,816	3.79
After 10 years	1,069,417	57	37,369	1,032,105	4.38	1,195,082		35,277	1,159,805	4.32
	1,101,124	57	38,485	1,062,696	4.36	1,233,711		36,657	1,197,054	4.30

Mortgage-backed securities

Corporate Bonds:

After 10 years                      2,000    2,000    5.80

Total Investment Securities Held to Maturity

\$ 3,358,030   \$ 924   \$ 102,157   \$ 3,256,797   5.31   \$ 3,438,588   \$ 570   \$ 102,599   \$ 3,336,559   5.20

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	September 30, 2005				September 30, 2004 (As Restated)					
	Amortized cost	Gross Unrealized gains	Unrealized losses	Fair value	Weighted average yield %	Amortized cost	Gross Unrealized gains	Unrealized losses	Fair value	Weighted average yield %
(Dollars in thousands)										
Obligations of other U.S. Government Sponsored Agencies: Due within										
1 year	\$ 64,838	\$	\$	\$ 64,838	3.85	\$	\$	\$	\$	
After 10 years	1,583,502		44,707	1,538,795	5.76	2,011,140	359	39,122	1,972,377	5.39
Puerto Rico Government Obligations:										
After 1 to 5 years	5,000	43		5,043	5.00	5,000	135		5,135	5.00
After 10 years	9,030	507	144	9,393	5.94	8,517	797		9,314	5.93
United States and Puerto Rico Government obligations	1,662,370	550	44,851	1,618,069	5.68	2,024,657	1,291	39,122	1,986,826	5.39
Mortgage-backed securities: FHLMC certificates:										
After 5 to 10 years	21,736		743	20,993	3.69	28,508	5	624	27,889	3.59
FNMA certificates:										
After 5 to 10 years	19,611		539	19,072	3.78	24,905		46	24,859	3.80
After 10 years	1,263,032		27,895	1,235,137	4.29	1,572,601	32	10,154	1,562,479	4.27
Mortgage-backed securities	1,304,379		29,177	1,275,202	4.27	1,626,014	37	10,824	1,615,227	4.25
Total Investment Securities Held to Maturity	\$ 2,966,749	\$ 550	\$ 74,028	\$ 2,893,271	5.06	\$ 3,650,671	\$ 1,328	\$ 49,946	\$ 3,602,053	4.89

Maturities of mortgage-backed securities are based on contractual terms assuming no prepayments. Expected maturities of investments might differ from contractual maturities because they may be subject to prepayments and/or call options.

The following tables show the Corporation's held-to-maturity investments' gross unrealized losses and fair value, aggregated by investment category and length of time that individual securities have been in a continuous unrealized loss position, at September 30, 2006, December 31, 2005, September 30, 2005 and September 30, 2004.

	Less than 12 months		As of September 30, 2006		Total	
	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses
			(Dollars in thousands)			
<b>Debt Securities</b>						
Other U.S. Government Sponsored Agencies	\$ 139,960	\$ 9,723	\$ 1,862,927	\$ 53,808	\$ 2,002,887	\$ 63,531
Puerto Rico Government Obligations			3,900	141	3,900	141
<b>Mortgage Backed Securities</b>						
FHLMC			15,937	574	15,937	574
FNMA	24,817	1,092	1,018,585	36,819	1,043,402	37,911
	\$ 164,777	\$ 10,815	\$ 2,901,349	\$ 91,342	\$ 3,066,126	\$ 102,157

	Less than 12 months		As of December 31, 2005		Total	
	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses
			(Dollars in thousands)			
<b>Debt Securities</b>						
Other U.S. Government Sponsored Agencies	\$ 1,585,810	\$ 40,379	\$ 389,949	\$ 25,420	\$ 1,975,759	\$ 65,799
Puerto Rico Government Obligations	3,746	143			3,746	143
<b>Mortgage-Backed Securities</b>						
FHLMC			19,433	778	19,433	778
FNMA	11,771	339	1,165,849	35,540	1,177,620	35,879
	\$ 1,601,327	\$ 40,861	\$ 1,575,231	\$ 61,738	\$ 3,176,558	\$ 102,599



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	Less than 12 months		As of September 30, 2005 12 months or more		Total	
	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses
			(Dollars in thousands)			
<b>Debt Securities</b>						
US Treasury Securities						
Other U.S. Government Sponsored Agencies	\$ 1,219,932	\$ 18,884	\$ 383,701	\$ 25,823	\$ 1,603,633	\$ 44,707
Puerto Rico Government Obligations	3,695	144			3,695	144
<b>Mortgage- Backed Securities</b>						
FHLMC	513	21	20,480	722	20,993	743
FNMA	374,127	7,891	880,082	20,543	1,254,209	28,434
	\$ 1,598,267	\$ 26,940	\$ 1,284,263	\$ 47,088	\$ 2,882,530	\$ 74,028

	Less than 12 months		As of September 30, 2004 (As restated) 12 months or more		Total	
	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses
			(Dollars in thousands)			
<b>Debt Securities</b>						
Other U.S. Government Sponsored Agencies	\$ 1,378,472	\$ 30,840	\$ 457,154	\$ 8,282	\$ 1,835,626	\$ 39,122
<b>Mortgage-Backed Securities</b>						
FHLMC			27,028	624	27,028	624
FNMA	1,556,661	10,200			1,556,661	10,200
	\$ 2,935,133	\$ 41,040	\$ 484,182	\$ 8,906	\$ 3,419,315	\$ 49,946

Held-to-maturity securities in an unrealized loss position at September 30, 2006 are primarily mortgage-backed securities and U.S. agency securities. The vast majority of them are rated the equivalent of AAA by the major rating agencies. Management believes that the unrealized losses in the held-to-maturity portfolio at September 30, 2006 are substantially related to market interest rate fluctuations and not deterioration in the creditworthiness of the issuers; as a result, the impairment is considered temporary.

**Table of Contents****6 OTHER EQUITY SECURITIES**

Institutions that are members of the FHLB system are required to maintain a minimum investment in FHLB stock. Such minimum is calculated as a percentage of aggregate outstanding mortgages and an additional investment is required that is calculated as a percentage of total FHLB advances, letters of credit, and the collateralized portion of interest-rate swaps outstanding. The stock is capital stock issued at \$100 par value. Both stock and cash dividends may be received on FHLB stock.

At September 30, 2006, December 31, 2005, September 30, 2005 and September 30, 2004, there were investments in FHLB stock with book value of \$19.3 million, \$40.9 million, \$75.8 million and \$68.6 million respectively. The estimated market value of such investments is its redemption value determined by the ultimate recoverability of its par value.

The Corporation has other equity securities that do not have a readily available fair value. The carrying value of such securities at September 30, 2006, December 31, 2005, September 30, 2005 and September 30, 2004 was \$1.7 million, \$1.4 million, \$1.4 million and \$0.4 million, respectively.

**7 LOAN PORTFOLIO**

The following is a detail of the loan portfolio:

	<b>September 30, 2006</b>	<b>December 31, 2005</b>	<b>September 30, 2005</b>	<b>September 30, 2004 (As Restated)</b>
	<b>(Dollars in thousands)</b>			
Residential real estate loans, mainly secured by first mortgages	\$ 2,663,587	\$ 2,245,272	\$ 2,025,749	\$ 1,211,980
Commercial loans:				
Construction loans	1,533,409	1,137,118	969,540	398,570
Commercial mortgage loans	1,180,631	1,090,193	1,037,658	632,330
Commercial loans	2,388,014	2,421,219	2,311,053	1,765,082
Loans to local financial institutions collateralized by real estate mortgages and pass-through trust certificates	960,970	3,676,314	4,011,063	3,135,491
Commercial loans	6,063,024	8,324,844	8,329,314	5,931,473
Finance leases	344,416	280,571	258,705	198,322
Consumer loans	1,790,323	1,733,569	1,684,458	1,291,904
Loans receivable	10,861,350	12,584,256	12,298,226	8,633,679
Allowance for loan and lease losses	(150,925)	(147,999)	(147,267)	(137,253)
Loans receivable, net	10,710,425	12,436,257	12,150,959	8,496,426
Loans held for sale	30,603	101,673	74,199	7,419

Total loans	\$ 10,741,028	\$ 12,537,930	\$ 12,225,158	\$ 8,503,845
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The Corporation's primary lending area is Puerto Rico. The Corporation's Bank subsidiary also lends in the U.S. and British Virgin Islands markets and in the state of Florida (USA). The Corporation has a significant lending concentration of \$527.8 million in one mortgage originator in Puerto Rico at September 30, 2006. The Corporation has outstanding \$433.2 million with another mortgage originator in Puerto Rico for total loans granted to mortgage originators amounting to \$961.0 million at September 30, 2006. These commercial loans were secured by individual residential and commercial mortgage loans. The mortgage originators have always paid the loans in accordance with their terms and conditions of the loan agreements.

Of the total net loans portfolio of \$10.7 billion as of September 30, 2006, approximately 77% have credit risk concentration in Puerto Rico, 15% in the state of Florida and 8% in the Virgin Islands.

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On May 25, 2006, the Corporation entered into a series of credit agreements with Doral Financial Corporation ( Doral ) to formally document as secured borrowings the loan transfers between the parties that previously had been accounted for as sales. The terms of the credit agreements specified: (1) a floating interest payment based on a spread over 90-day LIBOR subject to a cap; (2) an amortization schedule tied to the scheduled amortization of the underlying mortgage loans subject to a maximum maturity of 10 years; (3) mandatory prepayments as a result of actual prepayments from the underlying mortgages; and (4) an option to Doral to prepay the loan without penalty at any time.

On May 31, 2006, First BanCorp received a cash payment from Doral, substantially reducing the balance of approximately \$2.9 billion in secured commercial loans to approximately \$450 million as of that date. In connection with the repayment, the Corporation and Doral entered into a sharing agreement on May 25, 2006 with respect to certain profits or losses that Doral incurs as part of the sales of the mortgages that collateralized the commercial loans. First BanCorp agreed to reimburse Doral for 40% of the net losses incurred by Doral as a result of sales or securitization of the mortgages, subject to certain conditions and subject to a maximum reimbursement of \$9.5 million, which will be reduced proportionately to the extent that Doral does not sell the mortgages. As a result of the sharing agreement and the partial extinguishment of the commercial loans by Doral, the Corporation recorded a net loss of \$10.6 million during the first nine months of 2006 composed of gains and losses as part of the sharing agreement and the difference between the carrying value of the loans and the net payment received from Doral.

**8 ALLOWANCE FOR LOAN AND LEASE LOSSES**

The changes in the allowance for loan and lease losses were as follows:

	<b>Quarter Ended September 30,</b>		
	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>
	<b>(Dollars in thousands)</b>		
Balance at beginning of period	\$ 146,527	\$ 146,154	\$ 133,678
Provision for loan and lease losses	20,560	12,861	13,200
Charge-offs	(21,233)	(13,197)	(11,104)
Recoveries	5,071	1,449	1,479
Balance at end of year	\$ 150,925	\$ 147,267	\$ 137,253

	<b>Nine Month Period Ended September 30,</b>		
	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>
	<b>(Dollars in thousands)</b>		
Balance at beginning of period	\$ 147,999	\$ 141,036	\$ 126,378
Provision for loan and lease losses	49,290	34,890	39,600
Charge-offs	(54,494)	(34,794)	(33,081)
Recoveries	8,130	4,772	4,356
Other adjustments (1)		1,363	
Balance at end of year	\$ 150,925	\$ 147,267	\$ 137,253

(1) Represents allowance for loan losses from the acquisition

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The allowance for impaired loans is part of the allowance for loan and lease losses. These loans represent loans for which management has determined that it is probable that the debtor will be unable to pay all the amounts due, according to the contractual terms of the loan agreement, and do not necessarily represent loans for which the Corporation will incur a substantial loss. At September 30, 2006, December 31, 2005, September 30, 2005 and September 30, 2004, impaired loans had a related allowance as follows:

	<b>As of September 30, 2006</b>	<b>As of December 31, 2005</b>	<b>As of September 30, 2005</b>	<b>As of September 30, 2004 (As Restated)</b>
		<b>(Dollars in thousands)</b>		
Impaired loans	\$60,159	\$ 59,801	\$ 58,369	\$ 62,589
Allowance for impaired loans	\$ 8,762	\$ 9,219	\$ 17,193	\$ 14,729

Interest income in the amount of approximately \$0.6 million, \$1.1 million and \$0.4 million was recognized on impaired loans for the quarters ended September 30, 2006, 2005 and 2004, respectively. Interest income in the amount of approximately \$2.6 million, \$3.8 million and \$1.6 million was recognized on impaired loans for the nine month period ended September 30, 2006, 2005 and 2004, respectively.

**Table of Contents****9 DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS AND HEDGING ACTIVITIES**

The primary market risk facing the Corporation is interest rate risk, which includes the risk that changes in interest rates will result in changes in the value of its assets or liabilities and the risk that net interest income from its loan and investment portfolios will change in response to changes in interest rates. The overall objective of the Corporation's interest rate risk management activities is to reduce the variability of earnings caused by changes in interest rates.

The Corporation uses various financial instruments, including derivatives, to manage the interest rate risk related primarily to the values of its brokered CDs and medium-term notes.

**Interest rate swap contracts that qualify for hedge accounting**

As part of the interest rate risk management, the Corporation has entered into a series of interest rate swap agreements. Under the interest rate swaps, the Corporation agrees with other parties to exchange, at specified intervals, the difference between fixed-rate and floating-rate interest amounts calculated by reference to an agreed notional principal amount. Net interest settlements on interest rate swaps that qualify for hedge accounting and unrealized gains and losses arising from changes in fair value of derivative instruments and hedged items are recorded as an adjustment to interest income or interest expense depending on whether an asset or liability is being hedged.

Effective April 3, 2006, the Corporation adopted the long-haul method of effectiveness testing under SFAS 133, for substantially all of the interest rate swaps that hedge its brokered CDs and medium-term notes. The long haul method requires periodic assessment of hedge effectiveness and measurement of ineffectiveness. The ineffectiveness results to the extent that changes in the fair values of a derivative do not offset changes in the fair values of the hedged item due to changes in the hedged risk in the Consolidated Statement of Income.

First BanCorp's implementation of the long-haul method resulted from its previously reported determination that it should not have used the short-cut method to account for interest rate swaps related to brokered CDs and medium-term notes because of technical issues involving the interpretation of the use of the method (refer to First BanCorp audited Consolidated Financial Statements, included in the Corporation's amended 2004 Annual Report on Form 10-K for additional information). Accordingly, prior to the implementation of the long-haul method, First BanCorp had reflected changes in the fair value of those swaps as well as swaps related to certain loans as non-hedging instruments through operations. Prior to the implementation of fair value hedge, the Corporation recorded unrealized losses in the valuation of derivative instruments of approximately \$68.0 million for 2006. With respect to the brokered CDs and medium term notes (hedged liabilities) the basis differential between the market value and the book value of the hedged liabilities at the inception of fair value hedge accounting in the amount of approximately \$200.0 million amortizes or accretes as a yield adjustment over the expected remaining term of the hedged liabilities as the changes in value since the inception of the long haul method are recorded to the hedged liabilities. For the third quarter and first nine months of 2006, the Corporation recorded an accretion of \$0.8 million and an amortization of \$0.5 million, respectively, as a basis adjustment on the hedged liabilities.

The Corporation recognized, as a reduction to interest expense, approximately \$1.4 million and \$3.4 million for the quarter and nine-months ended September 30, 2006, respectively, representing ineffectiveness on the hedges of its brokered CDs and medium-term notes that qualified as fair value hedges under SFAS 133.

**Table of Contents****Interest rate swap contracts not qualifying for hedge accounting**

Prior to April 3, 2006, the Corporation used interest rate swaps as economic hedges. These swaps either did not qualify for hedge accounting treatment or were not qualified by the Corporation for hedge accounting treatment. Changes in the fair value of these derivatives and the interest exchanged were recognized in earnings in the interest income or interest expense caption of the Consolidated Statements of Income depending upon whether an asset or liability was being economically hedged. At December 31, 2005, September 30, 2005 and September 30, 2004, all derivative instruments held by the Corporation were considered economic hedges as these did not qualify for hedge accounting under SFAS 133.

The following table summarizes the notional amounts of all derivative instruments as of September 30, 2006, December 31, 2005, September 30, 2005 and September 30, 2004:

	<b>Notional amounts</b>			<b>As of September 30, 2004 (As Restated)</b>
	<b>As of September 30, 2006</b>	<b>As of December 31, 2005</b>	<b>As of September 30, 2005</b>	
	<b>(Dollars in thousands)</b>			
Interest rate swap agreements:				
Pay fixed versus receive floating	\$ 80,720	\$ 109,320	\$ 109,320	\$ 113,165
Received fixed versus pay floating	4,858,490	5,751,128	5,748,120	3,867,766
Embedded written options	13,515	13,515	13,515	13,515
Purchased options	13,515	13,515	13,515	13,515
Written interest rate cap agreements	125,200	150,200	150,200	25,000
Purchased interest rate caps	338,617	386,750	556,052	25,000
	<b>\$ 5,430,057</b>	<b>\$ 6,424,428</b>	<b>\$ 6,590,722</b>	<b>\$ 4,057,961</b>



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The following table summarizes the notional amounts of all derivatives by the Corporation's designation as of September 30, 2006, December 31, 2005, September 30, 2005 and September 30, 2004:

	Notional amounts			As of September 30, 2004 (As Restated)
	As of September 30, 2006	As of December 31, 2005	As of September 30, 2005	
	(Dollars in thousands)			
Designated hedges:				
Fair value hedge:				
Interest rate swaps used to hedge fixed rate certificates of deposit	\$ 4,321,746	\$	\$	\$
Interest rate swaps used to hedge fixed and step rate notes payable	165,442			
Total fair value hedges	\$ 4,487,188	\$	\$	\$
Economic undesignated hedges:				
Interest rate swaps used to hedge fixed rate certificates of deposit and loans	\$ 452,022	\$ 5,860,448	\$ 5,857,440	\$ 3,980,931
Embedded options on stock index deposits	13,515	13,515	13,515	13,515
Purchased options used to manage exposure to the stock market on embedded stock index options	13,515	13,515	13,515	13,515
Written interest rate cap agreements	125,200	150,200	150,200	25,000
Purchased interest rate cap agreements	338,617	386,750	556,052	25,000
Total derivatives not designated as hedge	\$ 942,869	\$ 6,424,428	\$ 6,590,722	\$ 4,057,961
Total	\$ 5,430,057	\$ 6,424,428	\$ 6,590,722	\$ 4,057,961

As of September 30, 2006, derivatives qualifying for fair value hedge accounting with a negative fair value of \$143.8 million were recorded as part of Accounts payable and other liabilities in the Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition. Changes in the fair value of hedged liabilities since the inception of hedge accounting were recorded to the hedged liabilities.

As of September 30, 2006, derivatives not designated or not qualifying as a hedge with a positive fair value of \$16.5 million (December 31, 2005 \$15.8 million; September 30, 2005 \$17.6 million; September 30, 2004 \$5.8 million) and with a negative fair value of \$19.6 million (December 31, 2005 \$158.1 million; September 30, 2005

\$126.2 million; September 30, 2004 - \$58.8 million) were recorded as part of Other Assets and Accounts payable and other liabilities, respectively, in the Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition.

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The majority of the Corporation's derivative instruments represent interest rate swaps and mainly convert long-term fixed-rate brokered CDs to a floating rate. A summary of the types of swaps used at September 30, 2006, December 31, 2005, September 30, 2005 and September 30, 2004 follows:

	<b>As of September 30, 2006</b>	<b>As of December 31, 2005</b>	<b>As of September 30, 2005</b>	<b>As of September 30, 2004 (As Restated)</b>
<b>(Dollars in thousands)</b>				
<b>Pay fixed/receive floating:</b>				
Notional amount	\$ 80,720	\$ 109,320	\$ 109,320	\$ 113,165
Weighted average receive rate at period end	7.39%	6.41%	5.86%	3.46%
Weighted average pay rate at period end	6.37%	6.60%	6.60%	6.97%
Floating rates range from 187 to 251.5 basis points over 3-month LIBOR				
<b>Receive fixed/pay floating:</b>				
Notional amount	\$4,858,490	\$5,751,128	\$5,748,120	\$3,867,766
Weighted average receive rate at period end	5.13%	4.90%	4.88%	5.23%
Weighted average pay rate at period end	5.49%	4.37%	3.82%	1.79%
Floating rates range from 5 basis points under to 19.5 basis points over 3-month LIBOR				

Indexed options are generally over-the-counter (OTC) contracts that the Corporation enters into in order to receive the appreciation of a specified Stock Index (i.e., Dow Jones Industrial Composite Stock Index) over a specified period in exchange for a premium paid at the contract's inception. The option period is determined by the contractual maturity of the notes payable tied to the performance of the Stock Index. The credit risk inherent in these options is the risk that the exchange party may not fulfill its obligation.

Interest rate caps are option-like contracts that require the writer, i.e. the seller, to pay the purchaser at specified future dates the amount, if any, by which a specified market interest rate exceeds the fixed cap rate, applied to a notional principal amount.

To satisfy the needs of its customers, the Corporation may enter into non-hedging transactions. These transactions are structured with the same terms and conditions and the Corporation participates as a buyer in one of the agreements and as the seller in the other agreements.

In addition, the Corporation enters into certain contracts with embedded derivatives that do not require separate accounting as these are clearly and closely related. When the embedded derivative possesses economic characteristics that are not clearly and closely related to the economic characteristics of the host contract, it is bifurcated, carried at fair value, and designated as a trading or non-hedging derivative instrument.

**Table of Contents****10 GOODWILL AND OTHER INTANGIBLES**

Goodwill at September 30, 2006 amounted to \$28.7 million (December 31, 2005 \$28.7 million, September 30, 2005 \$28.7 million and September 30, 2004 \$0) and resulted primarily from the acquisition of Ponce General Corporation in 2005. No goodwill was written down during 2006, 2005 and 2004.

At September 30, 2006, the gross carrying amount and accumulated amortization of core deposit intangibles was \$41.2 million and \$14.1 million, respectively, recognized as part of Other Assets in the Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition (December 31, 2005 \$41.2 million and \$11.6 million, respectively ; September 30, 2005 \$41.2 million and \$10.3 million, respectively ; September 30, 2004 \$23.9 million and \$7.3 million, respectively). During the quarters ended September 30, 2006, 2005 and 2004, the amortization expense of core deposits amounted to \$0.8 million, \$0.9 million, and \$0.6 million, respectively. For the nine month periods ended September 30, 2006, 2005 and 2004, the amortization expense of core deposits amounted to \$2.6 million, \$2.5 million, and \$1.8 million, respectively.

**11 DEPOSITS**

The following table summarizes deposit balances:

	As of September 30,  2006	As of December 31,  2005	As of September 30,  2005	As of September 30,  2004 (As Restated)
	(Dollars in thousands)			
Non-interest-bearing checking account deposits	\$ 676,028	\$ 811,006	\$ 751,690	\$ 603,713
Saving accounts	998,844	1,034,047	1,084,843	893,080
Interest-bearing checking accounts	354,604	375,305	376,915	331,117
Certificates of deposit	1,703,483	1,664,379	1,667,130	1,336,161
Brokered certificates of deposit	8,148,566	8,579,015	8,372,226	4,193,475
	\$ 11,881,525	\$ 12,463,752	\$ 12,252,804	\$ 7,357,546

The interest expense on deposits includes the valuation to market of interest rate swaps that hedge brokered certificates of deposit, the related interest exchanged, the amortization of broker placement fees and the basis adjustment amortization on the brokered CDs designated under fair value hedges.

The following are the components of interest expense on deposits:

	Quarter ended			Nine month period ended		
	September 30,  2006	September 30,  2005	September 30,  2004 (As Restated)	September 30,  2006	September 30,  2005	September 30,  2004 (As Restated)
	(Dollars in thousands)					
Interest expense on deposits	\$ 141,903	\$ 88,568	\$ 30,342	\$ 402,956	\$ 202,905	\$ 83,045
Amortization of broker placement fees	6,491	4,917	3,084	15,196	11,364	9,574

Interest expense on deposits excluding unrealized (gain) loss on derivatives (designated and undesignated hedges) and (accretion) amortization of basis adjustment on fair value hedges	148,394	93,485	33,426	418,152	214,269	92,619
Unrealized (gain) loss on derivatives (designated and undesignated hedges) (Accretion) amortization of basis adjustment on fair value hedges	(11,886)	67,668	(64,080)	61,069	38,572	(20,706)
	(861)			418		
Total interest expense on deposits	\$ 135,647	\$ 161,153	\$ (30,654)	\$ 479,639	\$ 252,841	\$ 71,913

Total interest expense on deposits includes interest exchanged on interest rate swaps that hedge designated and undesignated brokered certificates of deposit that for the quarter and nine month period ended September 30, 2006 amounted to net interest incurred of \$6.0 million and \$4.3 million, respectively (2005 net interest realized for the quarter and nine month period of \$16.4 million and \$61.5 million, respectively ; 2004 net interest realized for the quarter and nine month period of \$32.7 million and \$94.7 million, respectively).

**Table of Contents****12 NOTES PAYABLE**

Notes payable consist of:

	<b>September 30, 2006</b>	<b>December 31, 2005</b>	<b>September 30, 2005</b>	<b>September 30, 2004 (As Restated)</b>
	(Dollars in Thousands)			
Callable fixed rate notes, bearing interest at 6.00%, maturing on October 1, 2024	\$ 151,246	\$ 149,456	\$ 149,452	\$
Callable step-rate notes, bearing step increasing interest from 5.00% to 7.00% maturing on October 18, 2019	15,547	15,245	15,241	
Dow Jones Industrial Average (DJIA) linked principal protected notes:				
Series A maturing on February 28, 2012	7,107	6,752	6,631	6,328
Series B maturing on May 27, 2011	7,675	7,240	7,095	6,661
Callable fixed rate notes, bearing interest at 6.40%, maturing on June 1, 2019				30,112
Callable fixed rate notes, bearing interest at 6.40%, maturing on July 1, 2019				99,841
Callable step-up fixed rate notes, bearing interest at 4.90%, maturing on July 1, 2014				9,960
	\$ 181,575	\$ 178,693	\$ 178,419	\$ 152,902

**Table of Contents****13 OTHER BORROWINGS**

Other borrowings consist of:

	September 30, 2006	December 31, 2005	September 30, 2005	September 30, 2004 (As Restated)
	(Dollars in Thousands)			
Junior subordinated debentures due in 2034, interest bearing at a floating rate of 2.75% over 3-month LIBOR (8.14% at September 30, 2006, 7.25% at December 31, 2005, 6.64% at September 30, 2005 and 4.64% at September 30, 2004)	\$ 102,829	\$ 102,756	\$ 102,731	\$ 102,634
Junior subordinated debentures due in 2034, interest bearing at a floating rate of 2.50% over 3-month LIBOR (7.89% at September 30, 2006, 7.00% at December 31, 2005, 6.39% at September 30, 2005 and 4.37% at September 30, 2004)	128,866	128,866	128,866	128,866
Loan payable to a local financial institution due in October 2004, interest bearing at 2.09%				45,168
	\$ 231,695	\$ 231,622	\$ 231,597	\$ 276,668

**14 SUBORDINATED NOTES**

On December 20, 1995, the Corporation issued 7.63% subordinated capital notes in the amount of \$100 million maturing on December 20, 2005. The notes were issued at a discount. At September 30, 2006, there was no outstanding balance as the notes payable were paid at their maturity date of December 20, 2005 (carrying value of \$82.7 million as of September 30, 2005 and \$82.1 million as of September 30, 2004). Interest on the notes was paid semiannually and at maturity. The notes represented unsecured obligations of the Corporation ranking subordinate in right of payment to all existing and future senior debt including the claims of depositors and other general creditors. The notes could not be redeemed prior to their maturity.

**15 INCOME TAXES**

Income tax expense include Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands income taxes as well as applicable federal and state taxes. The Corporation is subject to Puerto Rico income tax on its income from all sources. As a Puerto Rico corporation, First BanCorp is treated as a foreign corporation for U.S. income tax purposes and is generally subject to United States income tax only on its income from sources within the United States or income effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business within the United States. Any such tax paid is creditable, within certain conditions and limitations, against the Corporation's Puerto Rico tax liability. The Corporation is also subject to U.S. Virgin Islands taxes on its income from sources within this jurisdiction. However, any tax paid, subject to certain conditions and limitations, is creditable against the Corporation's Puerto Rico tax liability.

Under the Puerto Rico Internal Revenue Code of 1994, as amended ( PR Code ), First BanCorp is subject to a maximum statutory tax rate of 39%, except that in years 2005 and 2006, an additional transitory tax rate of 2.5% was

signed into law by the Governor of Puerto Rico. In August 2005, the Government of Puerto Rico approved a transitory tax rate of 2.5% that increased the maximum statutory tax rate from 39.0% to 41.5% for a two-year period. The additional tax related to the income earned from January 1 to the date of enactment of the law was

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fully recorded in the third quarter of 2005. On May 13, 2006, with an effective date of January 1, 2006, the Governor of Puerto Rico approved an additional transitory tax rate of 2.0% applicable only to companies covered by the Puerto Rico Banking Act as amended, such as First Bank Puerto Rico ( First Bank or the Bank ), which raised the maximum statutory tax rate to 43.5% for taxable years that commenced during calendar year 2006. For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2006, the maximum statutory tax rate will be 39%. The PR Code also includes an alternative minimum tax of 22% that applies if the Corporation's regular income tax liability is less than the alternative minimum tax requirements.

The Corporation has maintained an effective tax rate lower than the maximum statutory rate mainly by investing in government obligations and mortgage-backed securities exempt from U.S. and Puerto Rico income taxes and doing business through international banking units (IBEs) of the Corporation and the Bank and by the Bank's subsidiary, FirstBank Overseas Corporation. The IBEs and FirstBank Overseas Corporation were created under the International Banking Entity Act of Puerto Rico, which provides for total Puerto Rico tax exemption on net income derived by IBEs operating in Puerto Rico. Since 2004, IBEs that operate as a unit of a bank pay income taxes at normal rates to the extent that the IBEs' net income exceeds predetermined percentages of the bank's total net taxable income; such limitations were 30% of total net taxable income for a taxable year commencing between July 1, 2004 and July 1, 2005, and 20% of total net taxable income for taxable years commencing thereafter.

For the nine month period ended September 30, 2006, the Corporation's provision for income tax was \$14.8 million compared to \$32.0 million and \$39.8 million for the same period in 2005 and 2004, respectively. The decrease in income tax expense for the first nine months of 2006 as compared to the first nine months of 2005 and 2004 was mainly due to an increase in deferred tax benefits resulting principally from higher unrealized losses on derivative instruments. For the first nine months of 2006, the Corporation recognized a deferred tax benefit of \$35.6 million compared to a deferred tax benefit of \$17.9 million for the same period in 2005 and a deferred tax provision of \$0.2 million for the first nine months of 2004.

The Corporation evaluated its ability to realize its deferred tax assets and concluded, based on the evidence available, that it is more likely than not that some of the deferred tax assets will not be realized and, thus, established a valuation allowance of \$4.9 million as of September 30, 2006. At September 30, 2006, the deferred tax asset, net of the valuation allowance, amounted to approximately \$170.9 million compared to \$93.3 million at September 30, 2005 and \$55.6 million at September 30, 2004. At September 30, 2005 and 2004, based on the Corporation's analysis and available evidence, the Corporation did not establish a valuation allowance.

**16 SEGMENT INFORMATION**

Based upon the Corporation's organizational structure and the information provided to the Chief Operating Decision Maker and to a lesser extent to the Board of Directors, the operating segments are driven primarily by the Corporation's legal entities. At September 30, 2006, the Corporation had four reportable segments: Commercial and Corporate Banking; Mortgage Banking; Consumer (Retail) Banking; and Treasury and Investments, as well as an Other category reflecting other legal entities reported separately on an aggregate basis. Management determined the reportable segments based on the internal reporting used to evaluate performance and to assess where to allocate resources. Other factors such as the Corporation's organizational chart, nature of the products, distribution channels and the economic characteristics of the products were also considered in the determination of the reportable segments.

The Commercial and Corporate Banking segment consists of the Corporation's lending and other services for large customers represented by the public sector and specialized and middle-market clients. The Commercial and Corporate Banking segment offers commercial loans, including commercial real estate and construction loans, and other products such as cash management and business management services. The Mortgage Banking segment's



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operations consist of the origination, sale and servicing of a variety of residential mortgage loans. The Mortgage Banking segment also acquires and sells mortgages in the secondary markets. Certain mortgage loans are purchased from other local banks or mortgage brokers. The Consumer (Retail) segment consists of the Corporation's consumer lending and deposit-taking activities conducted mainly through its branch network and loan centers. The Treasury and Investment segment is responsible for the Corporation's investment portfolio and treasury functions executed to manage and enhance liquidity. This segment loans funds to the Commercial and Corporate Banking; Mortgage Banking; and Consumer segments to finance their lending activities and borrows from those segments. The Consumer segment also loans funds to other segments. The interest rates charged or credited by Treasury and Investments and the Consumer segment are allocated based on market rates. The difference between the allocated interest income or expense and the Corporation's actual net interest income from centralized management of funding costs is reported in the Treasury and Investments segment. The Other category is mainly composed of insurance, finance leases and other products.

The accounting policies of the business segments are the same as those described in Note 1 of the Corporation's financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2005 contained in the annual report of the Corporation on Form 10-K.

The Corporation evaluates the performance of the segments based on net interest income after the estimated provision for loan and lease losses, non-interest income and direct non-interest expenses. The segments are also evaluated based on the average volume of their interest-earning assets less the allowance for loan and lease losses.

The following table presents information about the reportable segments (in thousands):

	<b>Mortgage Banking</b>	<b>Consumer</b>	<b>Commercial and Corporate</b>	<b>Treasury and Investments</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>For the quarter ended September 30, 2006:</b>						
Interest income	\$ 38,256	\$ 51,095	\$ 98,146	\$ 100,078	\$ 30,136	\$ 317,711
Net (charge) credit for transfer of funds	(27,473)	27,754	(69,499)	74,735	(5,517)	
Interest expense		(18,302)		(169,804)	(6,903)	(195,009)
Net interest income	10,783	60,547	28,647	5,009	17,716	122,702
Provision for loan and lease losses	(209)	(11,488)	(4,589)		(4,274)	(20,560)
Other income (loss)	1,617	5,695	1,835	(5,942)	4,840	8,045
Direct operating expenses	(4,759)	(20,807)	(3,987)	(2,398)	(11,570)	(43,521)
Segment income (loss)	\$ 7,432	\$ 33,947	\$ 21,906	\$ (3,331)	\$ 6,712	\$ 66,666
Average earnings assets	\$2,346,487	\$1,921,140	\$5,297,964	\$7,674,849	\$1,189,667	\$18,430,107

**For the quarter  
ended**

**September 30,  
2005:**

Interest income	\$ 27,821	\$ 45,326	\$ 117,823	\$ 77,586	\$ 23,707	\$ 292,263
Net (charge) credit for transfer of funds	(17,677)	20,522	(69,692)	70,260	(3,413)	
Interest expense		(14,317)		(207,383)	(3,820)	(225,520)
Net interest income (loss)	10,144	51,531	48,131	(59,537)	16,474	66,743
Provision for loan and lease losses	(470)	(7,295)	(1,859)		(3,237)	(12,861)
Other income	16	7,098	1,202	4,727	4,650	17,693
Direct operating expenses	(4,023)	(20,003)	(2,651)	(1,432)	(9,242)	(37,351)
Segment income	\$ 5,667	\$ 31,331	\$ 44,823	\$ (56,242)	\$ 8,645	\$ 34,224
Average earnings assets	\$1,702,626	\$1,769,130	\$7,561,035	\$6,471,610	\$ 917,143	\$18,421,544

**For the quarter  
ended  
September 30,  
2004 (As  
Restated):**

Interest income	\$ 19,539	\$ 34,492	\$ 49,082	\$ 71,516	\$ 12,035	\$ 186,664
Net (charge) credit for transfer of funds	(12,636)	13,983	(25,144)	25,791	(1,994)	
Interest expense		(9,933)		(6,125)		(16,058)
Net interest income	6,903	38,542	23,938	91,182	10,041	170,606
(Provision) recovery for loan and lease losses	(221)	(4,614)	(4,737)		(3,628)	(13,200)
Other income	1,339	4,579	1,946	572	3,256	11,692
Direct operating expenses	(2,985)	(16,947)	(1,935)	(852)	(4,785)	(27,504)
Segment income	\$ 5,036	\$ 21,560	\$ 19,212	\$ 90,902	\$ 4,884	\$ 141,594
Average earnings assets	\$1,152,374	\$1,352,992	\$5,258,914	\$5,808,739	\$ 296,362	\$13,869,381

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	<b>Mortgage Banking</b>	<b>Consumer</b>	<b>Commercial and Corporate</b>	<b>Treasury and Investments</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>For the nine-month period ended September 30, 2006:</b>						
Interest income	\$ 110,108	\$ 151,607	\$ 365,568	\$ 277,252	\$ 85,324	\$ 989,859
Net (charge) credit for transfer of funds	(77,279)	80,959	(245,668)	256,875	(14,887)	
Interest expense		(52,235)		(597,709)	(18,156)	(668,100)
Net interest income (loss)	32,829	180,331	119,900	(63,582)	52,281	321,759
Provision for loan and lease losses	(3,796)	(24,405)	(4,556)		(16,533)	(49,290)
Other income (loss)	1,513	17,440	(6,760)	(6,788)	15,011	20,416
Direct operating expenses	(12,134)	(63,479)	(12,549)	(5,679)	(33,221)	(127,062)
Segment income (loss)	\$ 18,412	\$ 109,887	\$ 96,035	\$ (76,049)	\$ 17,538	\$ 165,823
Average earnings assets	\$2,256,743	\$1,930,513	\$6,613,801	\$7,214,537	\$1,131,857	\$19,147,451
<b>For the nine-month period ended September 30, 2005:</b>						
Interest income	\$ 76,481	\$ 127,029	\$ 280,467	\$ 210,982	\$ 58,838	\$ 753,797
Net (charge) credit for transfer of funds	(47,747)	55,879	(173,560)	175,280	(9,852)	
Interest expense		(37,935)		(383,472)	(7,300)	(428,707)
Net interest income	28,734	144,973	106,907	2,790	41,686	325,090
Provision for loan and lease losses	(1,964)	(19,814)	(5,666)		(7,446)	(34,890)
Other income	3,604	17,360	3,915	13,317	13,167	51,363
Direct operating expenses	(11,363)	(56,206)	(7,687)	(3,807)	(23,124)	(102,187)
Segment income	\$ 19,011	\$ 86,313	\$ 97,469	\$ 12,300	\$ 24,283	\$ 239,376

Average earnings assets	\$1,530,763	\$1,657,212	\$7,172,343	\$5,823,033	\$ 710,506	\$16,893,857
<b>For the nine-month period ended September 30, 2004 (As Restated):</b>						
Interest income	\$ 56,217	\$ 101,011	\$ 134,058	\$ 172,292	\$ 34,505	\$ 498,083
Net (charge) credit for transfer of funds	(36,004)	39,295	(57,501)	59,965	(5,755)	
Interest expense		(29,826)		(163,881)		(193,707)
Net interest income	20,213	110,480	76,557	68,376	28,750	304,376
Provision for loan and lease losses	(661)	(19,843)	(10,896)		(8,200)	(39,600)
Other income	3,138	19,940	5,875	6,517	9,332	44,802
Direct operating expenses	(7,792)	(48,114)	(5,745)	(2,302)	(13,443)	(77,396)
Segment income	\$ 14,898	\$ 62,463	\$ 65,791	\$ 72,591	\$ 16,439	\$ 232,182
Average earnings assets	\$1,073,365	\$1,296,098	\$4,887,378	\$5,228,527	\$ 279,752	\$12,825,120

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The following table presents a reconciliation of the reportable segment financial information to the consolidated totals (in thousands):

	<b>Quarter Ended September 30,</b>		
	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004 (As Restated)</b>
<b>Net income:</b>			
Total income for segments and other	\$ 66,666	\$ 34,224	\$ 141,594
Other operating expenses	(29,419)	(23,204)	(18,373)
Income before income tax (expense) benefit	37,247	11,020	123,221
Income taxes	(10,565)	6,285	(34,828)
Total consolidated net income	\$ 26,682	\$ 17,305	\$ 88,393
<b>Average assets:</b>			
Total average earning assets for segments	\$ 18,430,107	\$ 18,421,544	\$ 13,869,381
Average non-earning assets	736,097	588,549	409,889
Total consolidated average assets	\$ 19,166,204	\$ 19,010,093	\$ 14,279,270

	<b>Nine-month Period Ended September 30,</b>		
	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004 (As Restated)</b>
<b>Net income:</b>			
Total income for segments and other	\$ 165,823	\$ 239,376	\$ 232,182
Other operating expenses	(88,656)	(67,448)	(56,796)
Income before income taxes	77,167	171,928	175,386
Income taxes	(14,819)	(32,002)	(39,755)
Total consolidated net income	\$ 62,348	\$ 139,926	\$ 135,631
<b>Average assets:</b>			
Total average earning assets for segments	\$ 19,147,451	\$ 16,893,857	\$ 12,825,120
Average non-earning assets	721,444	537,922	446,754
Total consolidated average assets	\$ 19,868,895	\$ 17,431,779	\$ 13,271,874

**17. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

The Corporation enters into financial instruments with off-balance sheet risk in the normal course of business to meet the financing needs of its customers. These financial instruments may include commitments to extend credit and commitments to sell and purchase mortgage loans at fair value. As of September 30, 2006, commitments to extend credit amounted to approximately \$1.9 billion and stand by letters of credit amounted to approximately

\$100.8 million. Commitments to extend credit are agreements to lend to a customer as long as the conditions established in the contract are met. Commitments generally have fixed expiration dates or other termination clauses. Generally, the Corporation's mortgage banking activities do not enter into interest rate lock agreements with its prospective borrowers.

As of September 30, 2006, First BanCorp and its subsidiaries were defendants in various legal proceedings arising in the ordinary course of business. Management believes, based on the opinion of legal counsel, that the final disposition of these matters will not have a material adverse effect on the Corporation's financial position or results of operations, except as described below.

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On August 1, 2005, the Audit Committee of the Corporation determined that it should review the background and accounting for certain mortgage-related transactions that the Corporation had entered into with Doral Financial Corporation ( Doral ) and R&G Financial Corporation ( R&G ) between 1999 and 2005 that did not qualify as true sales for accounting purposes. The Committee retained the law firms of Clifford Chance U.S. LLP and Martínez Odell & Calabria and forensic accountants FTI Consulting Inc. to assist the Audit Committee in its review. On August 25, 2005, the Corporation announced the receipt of a letter from the SEC in which the SEC indicated that it was conducting an informal inquiry into the Corporation. On October 21, 2005, the Corporation announced that the SEC had issued a formal order of investigation into the accounting for the mortgage related transactions with Doral and R&G. The Corporation announced on December 13, 2005 that management, with the concurrence of the Board of Directors, determined to restate its previously reported financial statements to correct its accounting for the mortgage-related transactions. The Corporation has fully cooperated with the SEC's investigation. In August 2006, the Audit Committee completed its review and the Corporation filed the Amended 2004 Form 10-K with the SEC on September 26, 2006, the 2005 Form 10-K on February 9, 2007 and the 2006 Form 10-K on July 9, 2007.

On August 7, 2007, First BanCorp announced that the SEC approved a final settlement with the Corporation, which resolves the previously disclosed SEC investigation of the Corporation. Under the settlement, the Corporation agreed, without admitting or denying any wrongdoing, to be enjoined from future violations of certain provisions of the securities laws. The Corporation also agreed to pay an \$8.5 million civil penalty and the disgorgement of \$1 to the SEC. The SEC may request that the civil penalty be subject to distribution pursuant to the Fair Fund provisions of Section 308(a) of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. The monetary payment will have no impact on the Corporation's earnings or capital in 2007. As reflected in First BanCorp's previously filed audited Consolidated Financial Statements for 2005, the Corporation accrued \$8.5 million in 2005 for the potential settlement with the SEC. In connection with the settlement, the Corporation consented to the entry of a final judgment to implement the terms of the agreement. The United States District Court for the Southern District of New York must consent to the entry of the final judgment in order to consummate the settlement.

Following the announcement of the Audit Committee's review, the Corporation and certain of its current and former officers and directors were named as defendants in five separate securities class actions filed between October 31, 2005 and December 5, 2005, alleging violations of Sections 10(b) and 20(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. At present, all securities class actions have been consolidated into one case named *In Re: First BanCorp Securities Litigations*. Subsequently, in 2007, the Corporation reached an agreement in principle and signed a memorandum of understanding with the lead plaintiff. The agreement specified a payment of \$74.25 million by the Corporation subject to the approval by the United States District Court for the District of Puerto Rico.

On August 1, 2007, the United States District Court for the District of Puerto Rico issued a Preliminary Order approving the stipulation of settlement filed in connection with the proposed settlement of the class action lawsuit brought on behalf of First BanCorp's shareholders against the Corporation in the amount of \$74.25 million.

The effectiveness of a final order to be issued by the Court is subject to:

The payment of \$61 million to be deposited by First BanCorp in a settlement fund within fifteen calendar days of the date of issuance of the Preliminary Order; and

The mailing of a notice to shareholders that describes the general terms of the settlement.

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The court hearing for the final order of approval of the settlement has been set for October 15, 2007. First BanCorp intends to comply with the \$61 million payment requirement within the timeframe set forth in the terms of the settlement. The remaining amount of \$13,250,000 will be paid before December 31, 2007. The monetary payment will have no impact on the Corporation's earnings or capital in 2007. As reflected in First BanCorp's audited Consolidated Financial Statements, included in the Corporation's 2005 Annual Report on Form 10-K, the Corporation accrued \$74.25 million in 2005 for a possible settlement of the class action.

The Corporation expects to seek recovery of a total of approximately \$14.75 million from its insurance companies and from former executives of the Corporation. Since agreements with the insurance carriers have not been executed, the Corporation cannot provide assurances that the monies from the insurance carriers will be received and consequently, the Corporation has not made accruals for any potential payment from its insurance carriers.

Between November 8, 2005 and March 7, 2006, several shareholders of the Corporation commenced five separate derivative actions against certain current and former executive officers and directors of the Corporation. In these actions, the Corporation was included as a nominal defendant. These actions were filed pursuant to Section 304 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and alleged, among other things, a breach of fiduciary duty on behalf of the defendants. All shareholder derivative actions were consolidated into one case named *In Re: First BanCorp Derivative Litigation* which was dismissed on November 30, 2006 before the U.S. District Court for the District of Puerto Rico.



**Table of Contents****18 FIRST BANCORP (Holding Company Only) Financial Information**

The following condensed financial information presents the financial position of the Holding Company only at September 30, 2006, December 31, 2005, September 30, 2005 and September 30, 2004 and the results of its operations for the quarter and nine-month period ended on September 30, 2006, 2005 and 2004.

	As of September 30,  2006	As of December 31,  2005	As of September 30,  2005	As of September 30,  2004  (As Restated)
	(Dollars in thousands)			
<b>Assets</b>				
Cash and due from banks	\$ 20,682	\$ 2,772	\$ 18,007	\$ 17,604
Money market instruments	300	300	75,300	194,200
Investment securities available for sale, at market:				
Equity investments	20,220	29,421	52,962	45,556
Other equity securities	1,425	1,425	1,425	375
Loans receivable, net	67,173	74,914	78,852	97,823
Investment in FirstBank Puerto Rico, at equity	1,348,269	1,316,380	1,207,411	1,129,363
Investment in FirstBank Insurance Agency, at equity	3,177	5,953	4,833	2,413
Investment in Ponce General Corporation, at equity	102,087	105,907	104,991	
Investment in PR Finance, at equity	2,579	3,005	2,545	
Accrued interest receivable	376	363	354	281
Investment in FBP Statutory Trust I	3,093	3,093	3,093	
Investment in FBP Statutory Trust II	3,866	3,866	3,866	
Other assets	35,522	29,758	740	8,389
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 1,608,769</b>	<b>\$ 1,577,157</b>	<b>\$ 1,554,379</b>	<b>\$ 1,496,004</b>
<b>Liabilities &amp; Stockholders Equity</b>				
<b>Liabilities:</b>				
Other borrowings	\$ 231,695	\$ 295,446	\$ 298,660	\$ 321,668
Accounts payable and other liabilities	152,559	83,870	960	1,689
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>384,254</b>	<b>379,316</b>	<b>299,620</b>	<b>323,357</b>
<b>Stockholders equity</b>	<b>1,224,515</b>	<b>1,197,841</b>	<b>1,254,759</b>	<b>1,172,647</b>
<b>Total liabilities and stockholders equity</b>	<b>\$ 1,608,769</b>	<b>\$ 1,577,157</b>	<b>\$ 1,554,379</b>	<b>\$ 1,496,004</b>



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	<b>Quarter Ended September 30, 2006</b>	<b>Quarter Ended September 30, 2005</b>	<b>Quarter Ended September 30, 2004 (As Restated)</b>
	<b>(Dollars in thousands)</b>		
<b>Income:</b>			
Interest income on investment securities	\$	\$ 321	\$ 82
Interest income on other investments	4	587	241
Interest income on loans	983	1,053	821
Dividend from FirstBank Puerto Rico	22,209	17,013	15,957
Other income	142	109	212
	23,338	19,083	17,313
<b>Expense:</b>			
Notes payable and other borrowings	4,755	4,345	1,677
Interest on funding to subsidiaries	1,296		
Other operating expenses	1,492	244	201
	7,543	4,589	1,878
(Loss) gain on sale of investments, net	(9,139)	4,517	360
<b>Income before income tax provision and equity in undistributed earnings of subsidiaries</b>	6,656	19,011	15,795
Income tax benefit (provision)	1,157	(32)	(24)
<b>Equity in undistributed earnings (loss) of subsidiaries</b>	18,869	(1,674)	72,622
<b>Net income</b>	\$ 26,682	\$ 17,305	\$ 88,393
	<b>Nine-month Period Ended September 30, 2006</b>	<b>Nine-month Period Ended September 30, 2005</b>	<b>Nine-month Period Ended September 30, 2004 (As Restated)</b>

(Dollars in thousands)

**Income:**

Interest income on investment securities	\$ 178	\$ 663	\$ 323
Interest income on other investments	171	2,309	532
Interest income on loans	3,068	3,085	1,267
Dividend from FirstBank Puerto Rico	41,297	50,644	46,277
Dividend from other subsidiaries	13,500	240	2,770
Other income	400	583	441
	58,614	57,524	51,610

**Expense:**

Federal funds purchased and repurchase agreements			2
Notes payable and other borrowings	13,423	11,861	2,548
Interest on funding to subsidiaries	3,265		
(Recovery) provision for loan losses	(71)		
Other operating expenses	4,036	892	592
	20,653	12,753	3,142

(Loss) gain on sale of investments, net	(10,989)	6,297	4,275
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**Income before income tax provision and equity in undistributed earnings of subsidiaries**

	26,972	51,068	52,743
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Income tax benefit (provision)	320	(66)	(98)
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<b>Equity in undistributed earnings of subsidiaries</b>	35,056	88,924	82,986
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<b>Net income</b>	\$ 62,348	\$ 139,926	\$ 135,631
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**19. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

Following the close of the third quarter of 2006, a number of events have occurred including:

Effective January 1, 2007, the Corporation elected to early adopt SFAS 159 for the callable brokered CDs and a portion of the callable medium-term notes that were previously recognized under the long-haul method as hedged against certain interest rate swaps under SFAS 133. Refer to Note 2 for additional information on the adoption of SFAS 159.

In February 2007, the Corporation entered into various agreements with R&G relating to prior transactions originally treated as purchases of mortgages and pass-through trust certificates from R&G subsidiaries. First, through a mortgage payment agreement, R&G paid the Corporation approximately \$50 million to reduce the commercial loan that R&G Premier has outstanding with the Corporation. In addition, the remaining balance of approximately \$271 million was re-documented as a secured loan from the Corporation to R&G. Second, R&G and the Corporation amended various agreements involving approximately \$218 million of securities collateralized by loans that were originally sold through five grantor trusts. The modifications to the original agreements allow the Corporation to treat these transactions as true sales for accounting and legal purposes. The agreements enable First BanCorp to fulfill the remaining requirement of the Consent Order signed with banking regulators relating to the mortgage-related transactions with R&G that First BanCorp recharacterized for accounting and legal purposes as commercial loans secured by the mortgage loans and pass-through trust certificates.

During the first quarter of 2007, the Corporation announced that it had entered into a definitive agreement to issue approximately 9.250 million shares of its common stock to The Bank of Nova Scotia ( Scotiabank ), through a private placement offering, valuing the stock at \$10.25 per share for a total purchase price of approximately \$94.8 million. The valuation reflects a premium of approximately 5% over the volume weighted- average closing share price over the 30 trading-day period ending January 30, 2007. After the investment, Scotiabank will hold approximately 10% of First BanCorp s currently outstanding common shares. The original agreement provided that the agreement may be terminated at any time prior to the closing by either the Corporation or Scotiabank if the closing did not occur by July 31, 2007 (the Termination Date ). The agreement was subsequently amended to change the Termination Date to August 31, 2007. On August 9, 2007, First BanCorp announced the approval by the Federal Reserve Board of the private placement offering with Scotiabank.

On August 1, 2007, the United States District Court for the District of Puerto Rico issued a Preliminary Order approving the stipulation of settlement filed in connection with the proposed settlement of the class action lawsuit brought on behalf of First BanCorp s shareholders against the Corporation in the amount of \$74.25 million.

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On August 7, 2007, First BanCorp announced that the SEC approved a final settlement with the Corporation, which resolves the previously disclosed SEC investigation of the Corporation. Under the settlement, the Corporation agreed, without admitting or denying any wrongdoing, to be enjoined from future violations of certain provisions of the securities laws. The Corporation also agreed to pay an \$8.5 million civil penalty and the disgorgement of \$1 to the SEC. The SEC may request that the civil penalty be subject to distribution pursuant to the Fair Fund provisions of Section 308(a) of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. The monetary payment will have no impact on the Corporation's earnings or capital in 2007. As reflected in First BanCorp's previously filed audited Consolidated Financial Statements for 2005, the Corporation accrued \$8.5 million in 2005 for the potential settlement with the SEC. In connection with the settlement, the Corporation consented to the entry of a final judgment to implement the terms of the agreement. The United States District Court for the Southern District of New York must consent to the entry of the final judgment in order to consummate the settlement.

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**ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (MD&A)**

**Restatement of Previously Issued Financial Statements**

On September 26, 2006, First BanCorp filed with the SEC its amended 2004 Annual Report on Form 10-K/A, which included a restatement of the Corporation's audited financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2004, 2003 and 2002 and unaudited selected quarterly financial information for each of the four quarters of 2004, 2003 and 2002 (the 2004 restatement). This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q includes financial information for the quarter ended September 30, 2004, as restated. The restatement reflects adjustments necessary to correct accounting errors relating to the following:

Accounting for derivative instruments and broker placement fees;

Recharacterization of purchases of mortgage loans and pass-through trust certificates as commercial loans secured by mortgage loans;

Accounting for investment securities;

Accounting for deferral and recognition of origination fees and costs on loans; and

Other accounting adjustments and reclassifications, including adjustments to the gain on sale of credit card portfolios, accrual for rental expense on lease contracts, valuation of financial instruments and income from a loan origination subsidiary.

In addition, with the filing of its 2006 Annual Report on Form 10-K, First BanCorp restated its 2005 and 2004 Statements of Cash Flows due to some incorrect classifications. The classification errors related to three main items: 1) the treatment of discounts and the related accretion activity on certain investment securities, 2) the classification of cash flows from the disposition of repossessed assets, and 3) purchases of zero coupon bonds and agency discount notes amounts presented as part of investing activities.

The filing of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q was delayed because of the time required to complete the 2004 restatement. For more information on the Corporation's 2004 restatement, refer to Item 8, Financial Statements and Supplementary Data, Note 1 Restatement of Previously Issued Financial Statements in the Corporation's amended 2004 Annual Report on Form 10-K. For more information on the Corporation's 2006 restatement, refer to Item 8, Financial Statements and Supplementary Data, Note 1 Restatement of 2005 and 2004 Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows to First BanCorp audited Consolidated Financial Statements, included in the Corporation's 2006 Annual Report on Form 10-K. For more information on the impact of the 2004 and 2006 restatements on the Corporation's financial statements for the quarter and nine month period ended September 30, 2004, refer to Note 1 to the accompanying unaudited interim consolidated financial statements contained in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

**Table of Contents****SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA****(In thousands except for per share and financial ratios results)**

	Quarter ended September 30,			Nine Month Period Ended September 30,		
	2006	2005	2004 (As Restated)	2006	2005	2004 (As Restated)
<b>Condensed Income Statements:</b>						
Total interest income	\$317,711	\$292,263	\$186,664	\$989,859	\$753,797	\$498,083
Total interest expense	195,009	225,520	16,058	668,100	428,707	193,707
Net interest income	122,702	66,743	170,606	321,759	325,090	304,376
Provision for loan and lease losses	20,560	12,861	13,200	49,290	34,890	39,600
Non-interest income	8,045	17,693	11,692	20,416	51,363	44,802
Non-interest expenses	72,940	60,555	45,877	215,718	169,635	134,192
Income before income taxes	37,247	11,020	123,221	77,167	171,928	175,386
Income tax (expense) benefit	(10,565)	6,285	(34,828)	(14,819)	(32,002)	(39,755)
Net income	26,682	17,305	88,393	62,348	139,926	135,631
Net income attributable to commonstockholders	16,613	7,236	78,324	32,141	109,719	105,424
<b>Per Common Share Results (1):</b>						
Net income per share basic	\$ 0.20	\$ 0.09	\$ 0.97	\$ 0.39	\$ 1.36	\$ 1.31
Net income per share diluted	\$ 0.20	\$ 0.09	\$ 0.94	\$ 0.39	\$ 1.32	\$ 1.27
Cash dividends declared	\$ 0.07	\$ 0.07	\$ 0.06	\$ 0.21	\$ 0.21	\$ 0.18
Average shares outstanding	83,254	80,875	80,484	82,694	80,837	80,348
Average shares outstanding diluted	83,337	82,926	83,008	83,054	83,055	82,828
Book value per share	\$ 8.10	\$ 8.71	\$ 7.73	\$ 8.10	\$ 8.71	\$ 7.73
<b>Selected Financial Ratios (In Percent):</b>						
<b>Profitability:</b>						
Return on Average Assets	0.55	0.36	2.46	0.42	1.07	1.36
Interest Rate Spread	2.14	2.67	3.45	2.35	2.87	3.15
Net Interest Margin	2.65	3.04	3.73	2.83	3.23	3.44
Return on Average Total Equity	8.90	5.38	31.23	7.01	15.13	16.31
Return on Average Common Equity	10.31	3.95	54.24	6.72	21.38	25.17
Average Total Equity to Average Total Assets	6.20	6.72	7.86	5.99	7.09	8.35



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Dividend payout ratio	35.08	78.24	6.17	54.33	15.47	13.73
Efficiency ratio (2)	55.79	71.72	25.17	63.04	45.06	38.43
<b>Asset Quality:</b>						
Allowance for loan and lease losses to loans receivable	1.39	1.20	1.59	1.39	1.20	1.59
Net charge-offs (annualized) to average loans	0.60	0.39	0.47	0.51	0.36	0.50
Provision for loan and lease losses to net charge-offs	1.27	1.09	1.37	1.06	1.16	1.38
<b>Other Information:</b>						
Common Stock Price: End of period (1)	\$ 11.06	\$ 16.92	\$ 24.15	\$ 11.06	\$ 16.92	\$ 24.15

	<b>As of September 30, 2006</b>	<b>As of December 31, 2005</b>	<b>As of September 30, 2005</b>	<b>As of September 30, 2004 (As Restated)</b>
<b>Balance Sheet Data:</b>				
Loans and loans held for sale	\$ 10,891,953	\$ 12,685,929	\$ 12,372,425	\$ 8,641,098
Allowance for loan and lease losses	150,925	147,999	147,267	137,253
Money market and investment securities	5,934,794	6,653,925	6,413,691	6,232,409
Total assets	17,387,942	19,917,651	19,271,993	15,181,944
Deposits	11,881,525	12,463,752	12,252,804	7,357,546
Borrowings	3,775,705	5,750,197	5,411,398	6,443,622
Total common equity	674,415	647,741	704,659	622,547
Total equity	1,224,515	1,197,841	1,254,759	1,172,647

1- Adjusted to reflect two-for-one stock split effective June 30, 2005.

2- Non-interest expense to the sum of net interest income and non-interest income. The denominator includes non-recurring items and changes in the fair value of

derivative  
instruments.

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**Table of Contents****OVERVIEW OF RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

This discussion and analysis relates to the accompanying consolidated interim unaudited financial statements of First BanCorp ( the Corporation or First BanCorp ) and should be read in conjunction with the interim unaudited financial statements and the notes thereto.

First BanCorp's results of operations depend primarily upon its net interest income, which is the difference between the interest income earned on its interest-earning assets, including investment securities and loans, and the interest expense on its interest-bearing liabilities, including deposits and borrowings. Net interest income is affected by various factors including the interest rate scenario, the volumes, mix and composition of interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities; and the re-pricing characteristics of these assets and liabilities. The Corporation's results of operations also depend on the provision for loan and lease losses, non-interest expenses (such as personnel, occupancy and other costs), non-interest income (mainly insurance income and service charges and fees on loans and deposits), the result of its hedging activities, gains (losses) on investments, gains (losses) on sale of loans, and income taxes.

As previously reported, on March 31, 2005, the Corporation completed the acquisition of 100% of the outstanding common shares of Ponce General Corporation, the holding company of FirstBank Florida (formerly known as Unibank), a thrift subsidiary, and Ponce Realty. This acquisition will allow First BanCorp to build a larger platform in Florida from which to initiate further expansion into the United States. As of March 31, 2005, excluding the effects of purchase accounting entries, Ponce General had approximately \$546.2 million in assets and \$439.1 million in deposits. Ponce General assets were mainly comprised of \$476.0 million in loans (\$425.8 million commercial and residential mortgage loans; \$28.2 million commercial and construction loans; and \$22.1 million consumer loans). In connection with the purchase, the Corporation paid a cash premium of approximately \$36 million that was mainly allocated to core deposit intangibles and goodwill.

For the quarter ended September 30, 2006, the Corporation recorded a net income of \$26.7 million, compared to net income of \$17.3 million and \$88.4 million for the quarters ended September 30, 2005 and 2004, respectively. For the quarter ended September 30, 2006, diluted earnings per common share amounted to \$0.20, compared to \$0.09 and \$0.94, for the comparable periods in 2005 and 2004, respectively. Return on average assets and return on average common equity were 0.55% and 10.31% respectively, for the third quarter of 2006 as compared to 0.36% and 3.95% and 2.46% and 54.24%, respectively, for the same quarter of 2005 and 2004, respectively. The Corporation's financial performance for the third quarter of 2006, as compared to the third quarter of 2005, was principally impacted by: (1) positive variances in the valuation of derivative instruments mainly due to market conditions and the adoption of fair value hedge accounting using the long-haul method, (2) other-than-temporary impairment charges of \$9.1 million on certain equity securities held in the Corporation's available-for-sale investment portfolio, (3) a higher provision for loan and lease losses, and (4) higher non-interest expenses, mainly due to higher employees' compensation and benefits coupled with higher professional service fees associated with the Audit Committee's review and the restatement process.

The highlights and key drivers of the Corporation's financial results for the quarter ended September 30, 2006 included the following:

For the quarter ended September 30, 2006, the Corporation's operations resulted in a net income of \$26.7 million, compared to \$17.3 million and \$88.4 million for the quarters ended September 30, 2005 and 2004, respectively. After payment of preferred stock dividends, the Corporation's net income available to common stockholders amounted to \$16.6 million, \$7.2 million, and \$78.3 million for the quarters ended September 30, 2006, 2005, and 2004, respectively.

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Diluted earnings per common share for the quarter ended September 30, 2006 was \$0.20, compared to \$0.09 and \$0.94 for the quarters ended September 30, 2005 and 2004, respectively.

Net interest income for the quarters ended September 30, 2006, 2005, and 2004 was \$122.7 million, \$66.7 million, and \$170.6 million, respectively. Net interest income fluctuated significantly due to changes in the valuation of derivatives instruments. For the quarter ended September 30, 2006, the Corporation recorded net unrealized gains of \$2.8 million in the valuation of derivative instruments, compared to net unrealized losses of \$61.2 million and unrealized gains of \$62.7 million for the same period in 2005 and 2004, respectively. Refer to the *Net Interest Income* discussion for further details.

On a tax equivalent basis, excluding the changes in the fair values of derivative instruments, the ineffective portion resulting from fair value hedge accounting as well as the basis adjustment amortization or accretion (for definition and reconciliation of this non-GAAP measure, refer to the *Net Interest Income* discussion below), net interest income for the quarters ended September 30, 2006, 2005, and 2004 was \$124.5 million, \$141.9 million, and \$130.8 million, respectively. The decrease in tax equivalent net interest income, when excluding the changes in the fair values of derivative instruments, the ineffective portion resulting from fair value hedge accounting as well as the basis adjustment amortization or accretion, was principally due to margin compressions due to the flattening of the yield curve and fluctuations in net interest incurred on interest rate swaps. The interest margin on a tax equivalent basis was 2.65% for the quarter ended September 30, 2006, compared to 3.04% and 3.73% for the same period in 2005 and 2004, respectively. The decrease in the Corporation's net interest margin on a tax equivalent basis has been particularly significant with respect to the Corporation's portfolio of investment securities. The interest rate spread on the Corporation's portfolio of investment securities (allocating a funding cost equal to the weighted-average cost of the Corporation's other borrowed funds) was approximately 0.22% for the quarter ended September 30, 2006 compared to 1.60% for the quarter ended September 30, 2005. Increases in short-term rates resulted in a change in net interest settlements on interest rate swaps included as part of interest expense. For the quarter ended September 30, 2006, the net interest settlement on such interest rate swaps resulted in additional charges of \$6.0 million to interest expense, compared to benefits of \$16.4 million recognized as a reduction to interest expense for the same period in 2005, as the rates paid by the Corporation under the variable portion of the swaps exceeded the rates received by the Corporation under the fixed portion of the swap.

The increase in tax equivalent net interest income for 2005, compared to 2004, was mainly driven by higher average balance of loans receivable, particularly the residential and commercial loan portfolios. The increase was partially offset by interest rate margin compression due to the flattening of the yield curve and fluctuations in net interest realized on interest rate swaps.

For the quarter ended September 30, 2006, the Corporation provided \$20.6 million for loan and lease losses, compared to \$12.9 million and \$13.2 million for the same period in 2005 and 2004, respectively. The increase in the provision for the third quarter of 2006 was mainly due to increasing trends in non-accruing loans and charge-offs experienced during 2006 compared to 2005. The increase in non-accruing loans was mainly due to increases in delinquencies in the residential real estate and commercial loans portfolios. Delinquency trends were affected by the fiscal and economic situation in Puerto Rico. According to the Puerto Rico Planning Board, Puerto Rico is in a midst of a recession. The decrease in the provision in the third quarter of 2005, compared to the same period in 2004, was mainly due to the seasoning of the Corporation's corporate commercial loans portfolio.

Non-interest income for the third quarter of 2006 was \$8.0 million, compared to \$17.7 million and \$11.7 million for the same periods in 2005 and 2004, respectively. The decrease in non-interest income for the third quarter of 2006, compared to 2005, was mainly due to higher other-than-temporary impairment



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charges to the Corporation's available-for-sale investment portfolio as well as lower gains on sales of investments partially offset by higher income in the Corporation's mortgage banking and insurance activities. The increase during the third quarter of 2005 as compared to the same period in 2004 was principally due to increases in net gains on investments, insurance income, and service charges on deposit accounts and loans partially offset by lower income from mortgage banking activities.

Non-interest expenses for the third quarter of 2006 amounted to \$72.9 million, compared to \$60.6 million and \$45.9 million, for the same periods in 2005 and 2004, respectively. The increase in non-interest expenses for 2006 was mainly driven by increases in employees' compensation and benefits, professional fees associated with the internal review conducted by the Corporation's Audit Committee, the restatement process and other related legal and regulatory matters, rate and coverage of directors' and officers' liability insurance, and higher occupancy and equipment costs associated with the expansion of the Corporation's branch network. The increase in non-interest expenses for the third quarter of 2005 compared to 2004 mainly reflects increases in compensation and benefits, occupancy and equipment, professional service fees, as well as servicing and processing fees.

For the quarter ended September 30, 2006, the Corporation reported an income tax expense of \$10.6 million, compared to an income tax benefit of \$6.3 million and an income tax expense of \$34.8 million for the corresponding period in 2005 and 2004, respectively. The variance in the income tax provision for the third quarter of 2006 as compared to the third quarter of 2005 was mainly due to a reduction in deferred tax benefits associated with changes in the valuation of derivative instruments coupled with an increase in the current income tax provision. The Corporation recognized a deferred tax benefit of \$9.1 million for the third quarter of 2006 compared to \$24.7 million for the same quarter in 2005. The income tax benefit for the third quarter of 2005, compared to the income tax expense recognized during the third quarter of 2004, was also driven by changes in deferred taxes, mainly attributable to changes in the fair value of derivative instruments. The Corporation recognized net unrealized losses on derivative instruments of approximately \$61.2 million during the third quarter of 2005 compared to net unrealized gains of approximately \$62.7 million recognized during the third quarter of 2004.

Total assets at September 30, 2006 amounted to \$17.4 billion, a decrease of \$2.5 billion and \$1.9 billion compared to total assets at December 31, 2005 and September 30, 2005, respectively, and an increase of \$2.2 billion compared to total assets at September 30, 2004. The decrease at September 30, 2006 compared to balances at December 31, 2005 and September 30, 2005 primarily reflects decreases in total loans and total investments including money market instruments. The decrease in the Corporation's loans portfolio was mainly due to the payment received, during the second quarter of 2006, to reduce a secured commercial loan extended to a local financial institution. During the second half of 2006, the Corporation used the proceeds from the repayment to pay down maturing brokered CDs, thus de-leveraging the balance sheet. The Corporation's decision to deleverage its balance sheet was influenced, among other things, by the flat- to-inverted yield curve. As a result, the Corporation decided to repay higher rate maturing liabilities, in particular brokered CDs, rather than investing the proceeds at an effective rate lower than the Corporation's cost of funds. The increase in total assets at September 30, 2006, compared to balances at September 30, 2004, was mainly due to an increase in the Corporation's loan portfolio driven by internal loan originations.

Total liabilities at September 30, 2006 were \$16.2 billion, a decrease of \$2.6 billion and \$1.9 billion as compared to balances at December 31, 2005 and September 30, 2005, respectively, and an increase of \$2.2 billion compared to balances as of September 30, 2004. The decrease in total liabilities during 2006, compared to 2005, was mainly attributable to decreases in FHLB advances, federal funds purchased and securities sold under repurchase agreements and brokered CDs. The payment of \$2.4 billion received from a local financial institution was used to pay down the aforementioned liabilities. The increase in total liabilities for

2006, compared to 2004, was mainly due to increases in interest-bearing deposits primarily brokered CDs partially offset by decreases in FHLB advances and federal funds purchased and securities sold under repurchase agreements.

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Total loan production for the quarter ended September 30, 2006 was \$965.6 million, compared to \$1.4 billion and \$1.3 billion, for the third quarters of 2005 and 2004, respectively. The decrease in loan production was mainly due to decreases in residential real estate, commercial, construction, and consumer loan originations, mainly due to higher prevailing interest rates, deteriorating economic conditions in Puerto Rico and stricter underwriting standards.

**Critical Accounting Policies and Practices**

The accounting principles of the Corporation and the methods of applying these principles conform with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States and to general practices within the banking industry. The Corporation's critical accounting policies relate to the 1) allowance for loan and lease losses; 2) other-than-temporary impairments; 3) income taxes; 4) classification and related values of investment securities; 5) valuation of financial instruments; and 6) derivative financial instruments. These critical accounting policies involve judgments, estimates and assumptions made by management that affect the recorded assets and liabilities and contingent assets and liabilities disclosed at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting periods. Actual results could differ from estimates, if different assumptions or conditions prevail. Certain determinations inherently have greater reliance on the use of estimates, assumptions, and judgments and, as such, have a greater possibility of producing results that could be materially different than originally reported.

The Corporation's critical accounting policies are described in the Management Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations section of First BanCorp's 2005 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

**Recently Adopted Accounting Pronouncement**

Effective April 3, 2006, the Corporation adopted the long-haul method of effectiveness testing under SFAS 133, for substantially all of the interest rate swaps that hedge its brokered CDs and medium-term notes. The long-haul method requires periodic assessment of hedge effectiveness and measurement of ineffectiveness. The ineffectiveness results to the extent that changes in the fair values of derivative do not offset changes in the fair values of the debt due to changes in the hedged risk.

For interest rate swaps accounted for as fair value hedges using the long-haul method, ineffectiveness is the difference between the changes in the fair value of the interest rate swap and changes in the fair value of the debt attributable to the risk being hedged. Prospectively, changes in the value of the Corporation's brokered CDs and medium-term notes should substantially offset the changes in the value of the interest rate swaps.

First BanCorp's implementation of the long-haul method resulted from its previously reported determination that it should not have used the short-cut method to account for interest rate swaps related to brokered CDs and medium-term notes because of technical issues involving the interpretation of the use of the method (refer to First BanCorp audited Consolidated Financial Statements, included in the Corporation's amended 2004 Annual Report on Form 10-K for additional information). Accordingly, prior to the implementation of the long-haul method, First BanCorp has reflected changes in the fair value of those swaps as well as swaps related to certain loans as non-hedging instruments through operations.

With the implementation of the long-haul method with respect to the brokered CDs and medium-term notes on April 3, 2006, the basis differential between the market value of the interest rate swap and the book value of the hedged liabilities at the inception of fair value hedge accounting, of approximately \$200.0 million, amortizes or accretes as a yield adjustment over the remaining term of the hedged liabilities.



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Effective January 1, 2007, the Corporation elected to early adopt SFAS 157, Fair Value Measurements and SFAS 159, The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities. Following the initial fair value measurement date, ongoing realized gains and losses on items for which fair value reporting has been elected are reported in earnings at each subsequent financial reporting date.

The Corporation decided to early adopt SFAS 159 for the callable brokered CDs and a portion of the callable fixed medium-term notes that were hedged with interest rate swaps. First BanCorp had been following the long-haul method of accounting, which was adopted on April 3, 2006, under SFAS 133 for the portfolio of callable interest rate swaps, callable brokered CDs and callable notes. One of the main considerations in determining to early adopt SFAS 159 for these instruments was to eliminate the operational procedures required by the long-haul method of accounting in terms of documentation, effectiveness assessment, and manual procedures followed by the Corporation to fulfill the requirements specified by SFAS 133.

With the Corporation's elimination of the use of the long-haul method in connection with the adoption of SFAS 159 as of January 1, 2007, the Corporation will no longer amortize or accrete the basis adjustment. The basis adjustment amortization or accretion is the reversal of the change in value of the brokered CDs and medium term notes recognized since the implementation of the long-haul method. Since the time the Corporation implemented the long-haul method, it has recognized the basis adjustment and the changes in the value of the brokered CDs and medium term notes based on the expected call date of the instruments. The adoption of SFAS 159 also requires the recognition, as part of the adoption adjustment, of all of the unamortized placement fees that were paid to broker counterparties upon the issuance of the brokered CDs and medium term notes. The Corporation previously amortized those fees through earnings based on the expected call date of the instruments.

For additional information and further details on the adoption of SFAS 157 and SFAS 159 as well as other recently adopted accounting pronouncements, refer to Note 2 of the accompanying unaudited interim consolidated financial statements.

**Net Interest Income**

Net interest income is the excess of interest earned by First BanCorp on its interest-earning assets over the interest incurred on its interest-bearing liabilities. First BanCorp's net interest income is subject to interest rate risk due to the re-pricing and maturity mismatch of the Corporation's assets and liabilities. Net interest income for the quarter and nine-month period ended September 30, 2006 was \$122.7 million and \$321.8 million, respectively, compared to \$66.7 million and \$325.1 million, respectively, for the comparable periods in 2005 and \$170.6 million and \$304.4 million, respectively, for the comparable periods in 2004. On a tax equivalent basis, excluding the changes in the fair values of derivative instruments, the ineffective portion resulting from fair value hedge accounting as well as the basis adjustment amortization or accretion, net interest income for the quarter ended September 30, 2006, 2005, and 2004 was \$124.5 million, \$141.9 million, and \$130.8 million, respectively. On a tax equivalent basis, excluding the changes in the fair values of derivative instruments, the ineffective portion resulting from fair value hedge accounting as well as the basis adjustment amortization or accretion, net interest income for the nine-month periods ended September 30, 2006, 2005, and 2004 was \$409.0 million, \$411.1 million, and \$331.4 million, respectively.

Part I of the following table presents average volumes and rates on a tax equivalent basis and Part II describes the respective extent to which changes in interest rates and changes in volume of interest-related assets and liabilities have affected the Corporation's interest income and interest expense during the periods indicated. For each category of interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities, information is provided on changes attributable to (i) changes in volume (changes in volume multiplied by prior period rates), (ii) changes in rate (changes in rate multiplied by prior period volumes). Rate-volume variances (changes in rate multiplied by the

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changes in volume) have been allocated to the changes in volume and changes in rate based upon their respective percentage of the combined totals.

For periods after the adoption of fair value hedge accounting, the net interest income is computed on a tax equivalent basis by excluding: (1) the change in the value of derivatives for undesignated hedges, (2) the ineffective portion of designated hedges and (3) the basis adjustment amortization or accretion. For periods prior to the adoption of hedge accounting, the net interest income is computed on a tax equivalent basis by excluding the impact of the change in the fair value of derivatives (refer to explanation below regarding changes in the fair value of derivative instruments).

**Table of Contents****Part I****Quarter ended September 30,**

	Average volume			Interest Income (1) / expense			Average rate (1)		
	2006	2005	2004 (As Restated)	2006	2005	2004 (As Restated)	2006	2005	2004 (As Restated)
	(Dollars in thousands)								
Earning assets:									
Money market investments	\$ 2,300,294	\$ 765,629	\$ 356,367	\$ 31,435	\$ 6,607	\$ 1,152	5.42%	3.42%	1.29%
Government obligations (2)	2,803,987	2,603,501	2,589,137	40,863	42,710	43,694	5.78%	6.51%	6.71%
Mortgage-backed securities	2,598,632	2,927,264	2,676,664	31,407	38,999	48,278	4.79%	5.29%	7.18%
Corporate bonds	26,478	49,960	47,930	420	733	(66)	6.29%	5.82%	-0.55%
FHLB stock	22,998	74,345	61,261	383	911	303	6.61%	4.86%	1.97%
Equity securities	28,973	60,461	43,595		321	140	0.00%	2.11%	1.28%
Total investments (3)	7,781,362	6,481,160	5,774,954	104,508	90,281	93,501	5.33%	5.53%	6.44%
Residential real estate loans	2,676,886	1,928,395	1,160,542	44,176	32,245	19,955	6.55%	6.63%	6.84%
Construction loans	1,552,151	793,920	394,627	34,526	14,709	5,202	8.83%	7.35%	5.24%
Commercial loans	4,513,941	7,449,784	5,145,150	87,429	104,842	48,449	7.68%	5.58%	3.75%
Finance leases	333,170	249,505	192,388	7,397	5,750	4,657	8.81%	9.14%	9.63%
Consumer loans	1,790,141	1,636,720	1,266,659	54,532	49,546	39,286	12.09%	12.01%	12.34%
Total loans (4)(5)	10,866,289	12,058,324	8,159,366	228,060	207,092	117,549	8.33%	6.81%	5.73%
Total earning assets	\$ 18,647,651	\$ 18,539,484	\$ 13,934,320	\$ 332,568	\$ 297,373	\$ 211,050	7.08%	6.36%	6.03%
Interest-bearing liabilities:									
Interest-bearing deposits	\$ 12,040,646	\$ 10,879,094	\$ 6,431,652	\$ 148,394	\$ 93,484	\$ 33,426	4.89%	3.41%	2.07%
Other borrowed funds	4,448,880	5,351,570	4,724,166	56,849	56,790	39,277	5.07%	4.21%	3.31%
FHLB advances	214,920	481,547	1,210,462	2,876	5,208	7,574	5.31%	4.29%	2.49%
Total interest-bearing	\$ 16,704,446	\$ 16,712,211	\$ 12,366,280	\$ 208,119	\$ 155,482	\$ 80,277	4.94%	3.69%	2.58%

liabilities

 Net interest  
income

\$ 124,449 \$ 141,891 \$ 130,773

 Interest rate  
spread

2.14% 2.67% 3.45%

 Net interest  
margin

2.65% 3.04% 3.73%

**Nine month period ended September 30,**

	Average volume			Interest Income (1) / expense			Average rate (1)		
	2006	2005	2004 (As Restated)	2006	2005	2004 (As Restated)	2006	2005	2004 (As Restated)
(Dollars in thousands)									
Earning assets:									
Money market investments	\$ 1,785,282	\$ 466,380	\$ 273,115	\$ 66,314	\$ 10,624	\$ 2,415	4.97%	3.05%	1.18%
Government obligations (2)	2,833,935	2,449,024	2,036,252	127,879	123,418	96,795	6.03%	6.74%	6.35%
Mortgage-backed securities	2,601,921	2,728,206	2,782,698	99,644	114,070	117,861	5.12%	5.59%	5.67%
Corporate bonds	26,345	52,535	62,906	1,278	1,905	(148)	6.48%	4.85%	-0.31%
FHLB stock	27,322	74,049	54,433	1,644	2,278	633	8.04%	4.11%	1.55%
Equity securities	29,935	48,582	44,499	213	798	380	0.95%	2.20%	1.14%
<b>Total investments (3)</b>	<b>7,304,740</b>	<b>5,818,776</b>	<b>5,253,903</b>	<b>296,972</b>	<b>253,093</b>	<b>217,936</b>	<b>5.44%</b>	<b>5.82%</b>	<b>5.54%</b>
Residential real estate loans									
Construction loans	1,449,775	592,330	371,988	93,429	30,886	13,823	8.62%	6.97%	4.96%
Commercial loans	5,938,545	7,160,362	4,779,969	313,102	276,574	128,653	7.05%	5.16%	3.60%
Finance leases	314,381	235,508	179,118	21,119	16,102	13,029	8.98%	9.14%	9.72%
Consumer loans	1,779,951	1,522,840	1,217,404	160,734	138,814	115,970	12.07%	12.19%	12.72%
<b>Total loans (4)(5)</b>	<b>12,046,625</b>	<b>11,190,645</b>	<b>7,628,109</b>	<b>714,697</b>	<b>547,582</b>	<b>328,817</b>	<b>7.93%</b>	<b>6.54%</b>	<b>5.76%</b>
<b>Total earning assets</b>	<b>\$ 19,351,365</b>	<b>\$ 17,009,421</b>	<b>\$ 12,882,012</b>	<b>\$ 1,011,669</b>	<b>\$ 800,675</b>	<b>\$ 546,753</b>	<b>6.99%</b>	<b>6.29%</b>	<b>5.67%</b>
Interest-bearing liabilities:									
Interest-bearing deposits	\$ 12,293,710	\$ 9,288,974	\$ 6,254,889	\$ 418,152	\$ 214,268	\$ 92,619	4.55%	3.08%	1.98%

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Other borrowed funds	4,812,494	4,886,899	4,163,204	174,582	147,816	104,027	4.85%	4.04%	3.34%
FHLB advances	272,023	1,050,455	995,104	9,921	27,498	18,691	4.88%	3.50%	2.51%
Total interest-bearing liabilities	\$ 17,378,227	\$ 15,226,328	\$ 11,413,197	\$ 602,655	\$ 389,582	\$ 215,337	4.64%	3.42%	2.52%
Net interest income				\$ 409,014	\$ 411,093	\$ 331,416			
Interest rate spread							2.35%	2.87%	3.15%
Net interest margin							2.83%	3.23%	3.44%

(1) On a tax equivalent basis. The tax equivalent yield was estimated by dividing the interest rate spread on exempt assets by (1- PR statutory tax rate (43.5% for the Corporation's PR banking subsidiary in 2006, 41.5% for all other subsidiaries in 2006, 41.5% for all subsidiaries in 2005 and 39% for all subsidiaries in 2004)) and adding to it the cost of interest-bearing liabilities. When adjusted to a tax equivalent basis, yields on taxable and exempt assets are comparable. Changes in the fair value of derivative instruments (including the

ineffective portion of the instruments after the adoption of hedge accounting in the second quarter of 2006) and basis adjustment amortization or accretion are excluded from interest income and interest expense for average rate calculation purposes because the changes in valuation do not affect interest paid or received.

- (2) Government obligations include debt issued by government sponsored agencies.
- (3) Unrealized gains and losses in available-for-sale securities is excluded from the average volumes.
- (4) Average loan balances include the average of non-accruing loans, of which interest income is recognized when collected.
- (5) Interest income on loans includes \$4.3 million, \$3.0 million, and

\$2.4 million for the third quarter of 2006, 2005, and 2004, respectively, and \$11.3 million, \$8.0 million, and \$8.3 million for the nine month period ended September 30, 2006, 2005 and 2004, respectively, of income from prepayment penalties and late fees related to the Corporation's loans portfolio.

**Table of Contents****PART II****Quarter Ended on September 30,**

	<b>2006 compared to 2005 (As Restated)</b>			<b>2005 compared to 2004 (As Restated)</b>		
	<b>Increase (decrease)</b>			<b>Increase (decrease)</b>		
	<b>Volume</b>	<b>Due to: Rate</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Volume</b>	<b>Due to: Rate</b>	<b>Total</b>
Interest income on earning assets:						
Money market investments	\$ 19,230	\$ 5,598	\$ 24,828	\$ 2,229	\$ 3,226	\$ 5,455
Government obligations	3,073	(4,920)	(1,847)	293	(1,277)	(984)
Mortgage-backed securities	(4,156)	(3,436)	(7,592)	3,931	(13,210)	(9,279)
Corporate bonds	(357)	44	(313)	16	783	799
FHLB stock	(739)	211	(528)	77	531	608
Equity Securities	(110)	(211)	(321)	68	113	181
<b>Total investments</b>	<b>16,941</b>	<b>(2,714)</b>	<b>14,227</b>	<b>6,614</b>	<b>(9,834)</b>	<b>(3,220)</b>
Residential real estate loans	12,382	(451)	11,931	13,010	(720)	12,290
Construction loans	16,377	3,440	19,817	6,806	2,701	9,507
Commercial loans	(48,763)	31,350	(17,413)	26,918	29,475	56,393
Finance leases	1,884	(237)	1,647	1,351	(258)	1,093
Consumer loans	4,672	314	4,986	11,358	(1,098)	10,260
<b>Total loans</b>	<b>(13,448)</b>	<b>34,416</b>	<b>20,968</b>	<b>59,443</b>	<b>30,100</b>	<b>89,543</b>
<b>Total interest income</b>	<b>3,493</b>	<b>31,702</b>	<b>35,195</b>	<b>66,057</b>	<b>20,266</b>	<b>86,323</b>
Interest expense on interest-bearing liabilities:						
Deposits	10,837	44,073	54,910	30,984	29,074	60,058
Other borrowed funds	(10,471)	10,530	59	5,733	11,780	17,513
FHLB advances	(3,210)	878	(2,332)	(6,177)	3,811	(2,366)
<b>Total interest expense</b>	<b>(2,844)</b>	<b>55,481</b>	<b>52,637</b>	<b>30,540</b>	<b>44,665</b>	<b>75,205</b>
<b>Change in net interest income</b>	<b>\$ 6,337</b>	<b>\$ (23,779)</b>	<b>\$ (17,442)</b>	<b>\$ 35,517</b>	<b>\$ (24,399)</b>	<b>\$ 11,118</b>

**Nine month Period Ended on September 30,**

	<b>2006 compared to 2005</b>			<b>2005 compared to 2004 (As Restated)</b>		
	<b>Increase (decrease)</b>			<b>Increase (decrease)</b>		
	<b>Volume</b>	<b>Due to: Rate</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Volume</b>	<b>Due to: Rate</b>	<b>Total</b>



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Interest income on earning assets:

Money market investments	\$ 45,536	\$ 10,154	\$ 55,690	\$ 2,542	\$ 5,667	\$ 8,209
Government obligations	18,409	(13,948)	4,461	20,455	6,168	26,623
Mortgage-backed securities	(5,123)	(9,303)	(14,426)	(2,356)	(1,435)	(3,791)
Corporate bonds	(1,112)	485	(627)	20	2,033	2,053
FHLB stock	(2,130)	1,496	(634)	296	1,349	1,645
Equity Securities	(236)	(349)	(585)	38	380	418
<b>Total investments</b>	<b>55,344</b>	<b>(11,465)</b>	<b>43,879</b>	<b>20,995</b>	<b>14,162</b>	<b>35,157</b>
Residential real estate loans	44,283	(3,176)	41,107	31,157	(3,293)	27,864
Construction loans	53,779	8,764	62,543	10,139	6,924	17,063
Commercial loans	(56,014)	92,542	36,528	78,834	69,087	147,921
Finance leases	5,353	(336)	5,017	3,977	(904)	3,073
Consumer loans	23,361	(1,441)	21,920	28,448	(5,604)	22,844
<b>Total loans</b>	<b>70,762</b>	<b>96,353</b>	<b>167,115</b>	<b>152,555</b>	<b>66,210</b>	<b>218,765</b>
<b>Total interest income</b>	<b>126,106</b>	<b>84,888</b>	<b>210,994</b>	<b>173,550</b>	<b>80,372</b>	<b>253,922</b>
Interest expense on interest-bearing liabilities:						
Deposits	82,643	121,241	203,884	56,506	65,143	121,649
Other borrowed funds	(2,519)	29,285	26,766	19,747	24,042	43,789
FHLB advances	(24,428)	6,851	(17,577)	1,088	7,719	8,807
<b>Total interest expense</b>	<b>55,696</b>	<b>157,377</b>	<b>213,073</b>	<b>77,341</b>	<b>96,904</b>	<b>174,245</b>
<b>Change in net interest income</b>	<b>\$ 70,410</b>	<b>\$ (72,489)</b>	<b>\$ (2,079)</b>	<b>\$ 96,209</b>	<b>\$ (16,532)</b>	<b>\$ 79,677</b>

A portion of the Corporation's interest-earning assets, mostly investments in obligations of some U.S. Government agencies and sponsored entities, generate interest which is exempt from income tax, principally in Puerto Rico. Also, interest and gains on sale of investments held by the Corporation's international banking entities are tax-exempt under Puerto Rico tax law. To facilitate the comparison of all interest data related to these assets, the interest income has been converted to a taxable equivalent basis. The tax equivalent yield was estimated by dividing the interest rate spread on exempt assets by (1 less the Puerto Rico statutory tax rate (43.5% for the Corporation's Puerto Rico banking subsidiary in 2006, 41.5% for all other subsidiaries in 2006,

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41.5% for all subsidiaries in 2005 and 39% for all subsidiaries in 2004)) and adding to it the average cost of interest-bearing liabilities. The computation considers the interest expense disallowance required by Puerto Rico tax law.

The exclusion of changes in the fair value on derivative instruments, the ineffective portion for designated hedges after adoption of hedge accounting, and the basis adjustment amortization or accretion from the detailed analysis of net interest income provides additional information about the Corporation's net interest income and facilitates comparability and analysis. The changes in the fair value of the financial instruments and the basis adjustment have no effect on interest due or interest earned on interest-bearing liabilities or interest-earning assets, respectively, or on interest payments exchanged with swap counterparties.

The following table reconciles interest income on a tax equivalent basis set forth in Part I above to interest income set forth in the Consolidated Statements of Income:

<i>(In thousands)</i>	Quarter ended September 30, 2004			Nine month period ended September 30, 2004		
	2006	2005	(As Restated)	2006	2005	(As Restated)
Interest income on interest earning assets on a tax equivalent basis	\$ 332,568	\$ 297,373	\$ 211,050	\$ 1,011,669	\$ 800,675	\$ 546,753
Less: tax equivalent adjustments	(5,377)	(13,962)	(22,911)	(22,771)	(46,025)	(49,484)
Plus: net unrealized (losses) gains on derivatives	(9,480)	8,852	(1,475)	961	(853)	814
Total interest income	\$ 317,711	\$ 292,263	\$ 186,664	\$ 989,859	\$ 753,797	\$ 498,083

The following table summarizes the components of the changes in fair values of interest rate swaps and interest rate caps agreements, which are included in interest income.

<i>(In thousands)</i>	Quarter ended September 30, 2004			Nine month period ended September 30, 2004		
	2006	2005	(As Restated)	2006	2005	(As Restated)
Unrealized (losses) gains on derivatives:						
Interest rate caps	\$ (7,197)	\$ 6,829	\$	\$ 422	\$ (1,783)	\$
Interest rate swaps on corporate bonds	(4)	154	316	27	747	2,183
Interest rate swaps on loans	(2,279)	1,869	(1,791)	512	183	(1,369)
Net unrealized (losses) gains on derivatives	\$ (9,480)	\$ 8,852	\$ (1,475)	\$ 961	\$ (853)	\$ 814

The following table summarizes the components of interest expense for the quarter and nine-month period ended September 30, 2006, 2005 and 2004. As previously stated, the net interest margin analysis excludes the changes in the

fair value of interest rate swaps, the ineffective portion of instruments designated as hedges, and the basis adjustment.

<i>(In thousands)</i>	Quarter ended September 30,			Nine month period ended September 30,		
	2006	2005	2004 (As Restated)	2006	2005	2004 (As Restated)
Interest expense on interest-bearing liabilities	\$ 195,630	\$ 166,907	\$ 109,240	\$ 583,154	\$ 439,692	\$ 299,839
Net interest incurred (realized) on interest rate swaps	5,980	(16,350)	(32,701)	4,273	(61,494)	(94,730)
Amortization of placement fees on brokered CDs	6,491	4,917	3,084	15,196	11,364	9,574
Amortization of placement fees on medium term notes	18	8	654	32	20	654
Interest expense excluding unrealized (gains) losses on derivatives (designated and economic undesignated hedges) and amortization of basis adjustments	208,119	155,482	80,277	602,655	389,582	215,337
Net unrealized (gains) losses on derivatives (designated and economic undesignated hedges)	(12,264)	70,038	(64,219)	64,987	39,125	(21,630)
(Accretion) amortization of basis adjustment on fair value hedges	(846)			458		
Total interest expense	\$ 195,009	\$ 225,520	\$ 16,058	\$ 668,100	\$ 428,707	\$ 193,707

The following table summarizes the components of the unrealized loss (gain) on derivatives (designated and economic undesignated hedges), which is included in interest expense.

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<i>(In thousands)</i>	Quarter ended September 30,			Nine month period ended September 30,		
	2006	2005	2004 (As Restated)	2006	2005	2004 (As Restated)
Unrealized gains on derivatives (designated hedges ineffective portion):						
Interest rate swaps on brokered CDs	\$ (1,013)	\$	\$	\$ (3,200)	\$	\$
Interest rate swaps on medium-term notes	(378)			(165)		
Net unrealized gains on derivatives (designated hedges ineffective portion):	(1,391)			(3,365)		
Unrealized (gains) losses on derivatives (economic undesignated hedges):						
Interest rate swaps on brokered CDs	(10,873)	67,668	(64,080)	64,269	38,572	(20,706)
Interest rate swaps on medium-term notes		2,370	(139)	4,083	553	(924)
Net unrealized (gains) losses on derivatives	(10,873)	70,038	(64,219)	68,352	39,125	(21,630)
Net unrealized (gains) losses on derivatives (designated and economic undesignated hedges)	\$ (12,264)	\$ 70,038	\$ (64,219)	\$ 64,987	\$ 39,125	\$ (21,630)

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The following table summarizes the components of the accretion or amortization of basis adjustment, which is included in interest expense:

<i>(In thousands)</i>	Quarter ended September 30,			Nine month period ended September 30,		
	2006	2005	2004 (As Restated)	2006	2005	2004 (As Restated)
(Accretion) amortization of basis adjustment:						
Interest rate swaps on brokered CDs	\$ (861)	\$	\$	\$ 418	\$	\$
Interest rate swaps on medium-term notes	15			40		
(Accretion) amortization of basis adjustment	\$ (846)	\$	\$	\$ 458	\$	\$

Interest income on interest-earning assets primarily represents interest earned on loan receivables and investment securities.

Interest expense on interest-bearing liabilities primarily represents interest paid on brokered CDs, branch-based deposits, repurchase agreements and notes payable.

Net interest incurred or realized on interest rate swaps primarily represents net interest exchanged on swaps that hedge brokered CDs and medium-term notes.

The amortization of broker placement fees represents the amortization of fees paid to brokers upon issuance of related financial instruments (i.e., brokered CDs).

Unrealized gains or losses on derivatives represent: (1) for economic or undesignated hedges - changes in the fair value of interest rate swaps that economically hedge liabilities (i.e., brokered CDs and medium-term notes) or assets (i.e., loans and corporate bonds), and (2) for designated hedges - the ineffectiveness represented by the difference between the changes in the fair value of the derivative instrument (i.e., interest rate swap) and changes in fair value of the hedged item (i.e., brokered CDs and medium-term notes).

The basis adjustment on fair value hedges represents the amortization or accretion of the basis differential between the market value and the book value of the hedged liabilities recognized at the inception of fair value hedge accounting that amortizes or accretes to interest expense based on the expected maturity of the hedged liabilities as changes in value since the inception of the long-haul method are recorded to these hedged items.

As shown on the tables above, the results of operations for the third quarter and first nine months of 2006, 2005 and 2004 were significantly impacted by changes in the valuation of interest rate swaps that hedge economically or under fair value designation the Corporation's brokered CDs and medium-term notes. The change in the valuation of interest rate swaps recorded and the ineffective portion on designated hedges recorded as part of interest expense resulted in an unrealized gain of \$12.3 million and an unrealized loss of \$65.0 million for the third quarter and first nine months of 2006, respectively (2005- unrealized losses of \$70.0 million and \$39.1 million for the third quarter and first nine months, respectively; 2004- unrealized gains of \$64.2 million and \$21.6 million for the third quarter and first nine months, respectively). Effective April 3, 2006, the Corporation implemented fair value hedge accounting for the majority of its interest rate swaps (98% of the interest rate swap portfolio outstanding) that economically hedge brokered CDs and certain medium-term notes payable which substantially eliminated the impact of the fluctuation in the valuation of the interest rate swaps after April 3, 2006. As part of the implementation, the Corporation formally documented the relationship between the interest rate swaps and hedged liabilities under the long-haul method of effectiveness testing.



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Derivative instruments, such as interest rate swaps, are subject to market risk. While the Corporation does have certain trading derivatives to facilitate customer transactions, the Corporation does not utilize derivative instruments for speculative purposes. The Corporation's derivatives are mainly composed of interest rate swaps that are used to convert the fixed interest payments on its brokered CDs and medium-term notes to variable payments (received fixed/pay floating). Refer to the Risk Management Derivatives section below for further detail concerning the notional amounts of derivative instruments and additional information. As is the case with investment securities, the market value of derivative instruments is largely a function of the financial market's expectations regarding the future direction of interest rates. Accordingly, current market values are not necessarily indicative of the future impact of the values of derivative instruments on net interest income. This will depend, for the most part, on the shape of the yield curve as well as the level of interest rates.

**2006 compared to 2005.** First BanCorp's net interest income increased by \$56.0 million for the third quarter of 2006 compared to the same period in 2005. The increase in net interest income for the third quarter of 2006 was mainly driven by fluctuations in the valuation of derivative instruments and the adoption of fair value hedge accounting, and to the re-pricing of variable rate loans. These positive factors were partially offset by a reduction in the net interest margin due to the flattening of the yield curve. For the third quarter of 2006, the change in the valuation of interest rate swaps including the ineffective portion on designated hedges recorded as part of interest expense resulted on unrealized gains of \$12.3 million compared to unrealized losses of \$70.0 million for the same period in 2005. The positive fluctuation in the valuation of derivative instruments reflects decreasing long term interest rates during the third quarter of 2006 coupled with a significant reduction in the volume of undesignated derivatives due to the fair value hedge accounting implementation in 2006.

For the nine-month period ended September 30, 2006, the Corporation's net interest income decreased by \$3.3 million or 1% compared to the same period in 2005. The slight decrease in net interest income was mainly due to an increase in unrealized losses in the valuation of derivative instruments coupled with a higher costs of interest-bearing liabilities due to the re-pricing and issuance of brokered CDs at higher rates, FHLB advances and other borrowed funds. These negative factors were partially offset by higher yields on loans mainly due to new loans originated at higher rates and to the re-pricing of variable rate loans. The majority of the Corporation's commercial and construction loan portfolios are variable rate loans tied to short-term-rates indexes, mainly LIBOR and Prime rates. For the first nine months of 2006, the changes in the valuation of interest rate swaps recorded as part of interest expense resulted in unrealized losses of \$65.0 million compared to unrealized losses of \$39.1 million for the same period in 2005. For the first nine months of 2006, the Corporation recognized as a reduction to interest expense, approximately \$3.4 million representing ineffectiveness of the hedges of its brokered CDs and medium term notes that qualify as fair value hedges under SFAS 133.

On a tax equivalent basis, net interest income, excluding the changes in the fair values of derivative instruments, the ineffective portion for designated hedges, and basis adjustment amortization or accretion, decreased by \$17.4 million, or 12%, and \$2.1 million, or 0.5%, for the third quarter and first nine months of 2006, respectively, as compared to the same periods in 2005. The decrease in tax equivalent net interest income was principally due to margin compressions due to the flattening of the yield curve and fluctuations in net interest incurred on interest rate swaps. First BanCorp's net interest spread and margin for the quarter and nine month period ended September 30, 2006 were 2.14% and 2.65% and 2.35% and 2.83%, respectively, compared to 2.67% and 3.04% and 2.87% and 3.23%, respectively, for the same periods in 2005. The decrease in the net interest rate spread and margin during 2006 was mainly attributable to the upward trend of short-term interest rates, the flattening of the yield curve, and the re-pricing mismatch of the Corporation's assets and liabilities. On average, the Corporation's liabilities re-price and/or mature earlier than its assets. Thus, increases in short-term interest rates reduce net interest income, which is a significant component of the Corporation's earnings. The decrease in the Corporation's net interest margin has been particularly significant with respect to the Corporation's portfolio of investment securities. The interest rate spread on the Corporation's portfolio of investment securities (allocating a funding cost equal to the weighted-average cost

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of the Corporation's other borrowed funds) was approximately 0.22% and 0.74% for the quarter and nine-month period ended September 30, 2006 compared to 1.60% and 2.02% for the same period in 2005. The tax equivalent yield on interest earning assets increased by 72 and 70 basis points during the third quarter and first nine months of 2006, compared to the same periods in 2005, mainly due to the repayment of approximately \$2.4 billion from a local financial institution reducing the balance of lower yielding loans during the second quarter of 2006 and to the re-pricing of variable rate commercial and construction loans as well as the origination of new commercial and construction loans in an increasing interest rate environment. The average rate paid by the Corporation on its interest-bearing liabilities increased by 125 basis points and 122 basis points during the third quarter and first nine months of 2006 when compared to the same periods in 2005, mainly due to the re-pricing of the Corporation's interest-bearing deposits, principally time deposits, FHLB advances, and other borrowed funds.

The increase in short term rates resulted in a change in net payments on interest rate swaps included as part of interest expenses. For the third quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2006, the net settlement payments on such interest rate swaps resulted in charges of \$6.0 million and \$4.3 million, respectively, to interest expenses, or a net increase of \$22.3 million and \$65.8 million, respectively, in interest expense compared to the same periods in 2005, as the rates under the variable leg of the swaps exceeded the rates received.

**2005 compared to 2004.** First BanCorp's net interest income decreased by \$103.9 million for the third quarter of 2005 compared to the same period in 2004. The decrease in net interest income was mainly due to negative fluctuations in the valuation of interest rate swaps that economically hedge brokered CDs and medium-term notes coupled with higher cost of interest-bearing liabilities due to the re-pricing of brokered CDs, FHLB advances and other borrowed funds. These negative factors were partially offset by a growth in the average volume of interest-earning assets of \$4.6 billion or 33%, for the third quarter of 2005 as compared to the same period of 2004, attributable primarily to the growth in the Corporation's loans and investment portfolios, in particular commercial and residential real estate loan portfolios as well as mortgage-backed securities and by higher yields on loans mainly due to new loans originated in an increasing interest rates environment and to the re-pricing of variable rate loans. The majority of the Corporation's commercial and construction loan portfolios are variable rate loans tied to short-term rates indexes, mainly LIBOR and Prime rates. For the third quarter of 2005, the changes in the valuation of interest rate swaps recorded as part of interest expense resulted in unrealized losses of \$70.0 million compare to unrealized gains of \$64.2 million for the same period in 2004. The negative changes in the valuation of interest rate swaps were mainly due to the increase in long-term interest rates experienced during 2005.

For the nine-month period ended September 30, 2005, the Corporation's net interest income increased by \$20.7 million or 7% compared to the same period in 2004. The increase in net interest income for the first nine months of 2005 was mainly driven by an increase in the average volume of interest-earning assets of \$4.1 billion or 32%, compared to 2004, attributable primarily to the growth in the Corporation's loan and investment portfolios, in particular residential real estate loan, commercial and construction loan portfolios as well as government agency securities. In addition to volume increases, higher yields on loans favorably impacted net interest income caused by higher short-term interest rates experienced during 2005 as compared to 2004. A substantial portion of commercial and construction loan portfolios are variable rate loans tied to short term-rates indexes, mainly LIBOR and Prime rate. These positive factors were partially offset by higher cost of funds and negative fluctuations in the valuation of derivative instruments, mainly interest rate swaps that economically hedge brokered certificates of deposits and medium term notes. For the first nine months of 2005, the changes in the valuation of interest rate swaps recorded as part of interest expense resulted in unrealized losses of \$39.1 million compare to unrealized gains of \$21.6 million for the same period in 2004. The negative changes in the valuation of interest rate swaps were mainly due to the increase in long-term interest rates experienced during 2005.



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On a tax equivalent basis, the Corporation's net interest income, excluding the changes in the fair values of derivative instruments, increased by \$11.1 million, or 9%, and \$79.7 million, or 24%, for the third quarter and first nine months of 2005, respectively, as compared to the same periods in 2004. The increase in tax equivalent net interest income for the third quarter and first nine months of 2005 was mainly due to an increase in the Corporation's average earning assets partially offset by a decrease in net interest margin and net interest realized on interest rate swaps. First BanCorp's net interest spread and margin for the quarter and nine month period ended September 30, 2005 were 2.67% and 3.04% and 2.87% and 3.23%, respectively, compared to 3.45% and 3.73% and 3.15% and 3.44%, respectively, for the same periods in 2004. The decrease in net interest rate spread and margin during 2005 was due primarily to the upward trend of short-term interest rates and the flattening of the yield curve, as well as the re-pricing and maturity mismatch of the Corporation's assets and liabilities. The tax equivalent yield on interest-earning assets increased by 33 and 62 basis points during the third quarter and first nine months of 2005, compared to the same periods in 2004, mainly due to the re-pricing of variable rate commercial and construction loans and the origination of new commercial and construction loans originated in a rising interest rate environment. The average rate paid by the Corporation on its interest-bearing liabilities increased by 111 basis points and 90 basis points during third quarter and first nine months of 2005 when compared to same periods in 2004, mainly due to re-pricing of the Corporation's interest bearing deposits, principally time deposits, FHLB advances, and other borrowed funds.

The increase in short term rates resulted in a decrease in the net payments received on interest rate swaps included as part of interest expenses. For the third quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2006, the net settlement payments received on such interest rate swaps resulted in a benefit of \$16.4 million and \$61.5 million, respectively, compared to \$32.7 million and \$94.7 million, respectively, for the same periods in 2004.

**Provision and Allowance for Loan and Lease Losses**

The provision for loan and lease losses is charged to earnings to maintain the allowance for loan and lease losses at a level that the Corporation considers adequate to absorb probable losses inherent in the portfolio. The adequacy of the allowance for loan and lease losses is also based upon a number of additional factors including historical loan loss experience, current economic conditions, the fair value of the underlying collateral, and the financial condition of the borrowers, and, as such, includes amounts based on judgments and estimates made by the Corporation. Although the Corporation believes that the allowance for loan and lease losses is adequate, factors beyond the Corporation's control, including factors affecting the Puerto Rico, Florida (USA), US Virgin Islands and British Virgin Islands economies may contribute to delinquencies and defaults, thus necessitating additional reserves.

For the quarter and nine month period ended September 30, 2006, the Corporation provided \$20.6 million and \$49.3 million, respectively, for loan and lease losses, as compared to \$12.9 million and \$34.9 million, respectively, for the same periods in 2005, and \$13.2 million and \$39.6 million, respectively, for the same periods in 2004.

Refer to the discussion under "Credit Risk Management" below for analysis of the allowance for loan and lease losses and non-performing assets and related ratios.

**2006 compared to 2005.** First BanCorp's provision for loan and lease losses for the third quarter and first nine months of 2006 increased by \$7.7 million or 60% and \$14.4 million or 41%, respectively, compared to the same periods in 2005. The increase in the provision was mainly due to increasing trends in non-accruing loans and net charge-offs experienced during 2006. At September 30, 2006, the Corporation's non-accruing loans amounted to \$231.8 million, an increase of \$110.7 million compared to non-accruing loans outstanding at September 30, 2005. The increase was mainly due to increases in delinquency of the residential real estate and commercial loan portfolios. The Corporation's trends in non-accruing loans were affected by the fiscal and economic situation of Puerto Rico. According to the Puerto Rico Planning Board, Puerto Rico is currently in a midst of a recession. The

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latest GNP forecast by the Puerto Rico Planning Board expects a 1.4% reduction in fiscal year 2007 compared to fiscal year 2006. The slowdown in activity is the result of, among other things, higher utilities prices, higher taxes, government budgetary imbalances, the upward trend in short-term interest rates and the flattening of the yield curve, and higher levels of oil prices.

Net charge-offs for the third quarter and first nine months of 2006 were \$16.2 million and \$46.4 million, respectively (0.60% and 0.51%, respectively, of average loans on an annualized basis), as compared to \$11.7 million and \$30.0 million, respectively (0.39% and 0.36%, respectively, of average loans), for the comparable periods in 2005. The increase in net charge-offs for 2006, compared to 2005, was mainly associated with the auto loans portfolio, driven by increased delinquency levels experienced during 2006. Recoveries made from previously written-off accounts were \$5.1 million and \$8.1 million for the third quarter and first nine months of 2006, respectively, compared to \$1.4 million and \$4.8 million for the same periods in 2005, respectively. The Corporation's net charge-offs were also affected by the deteriorating economic condition in Puerto Rico.

**2005 compared to 2004.** For the third quarter and first nine months of 2005, the Corporation's provision for loan and lease losses decreased by \$0.3 million, or 3%, and \$4.7 million, or 12%, respectively, compared to the same periods in 2004. The Corporation determined that, based on an analysis of the credit quality and change in the mix of its loan portfolio as the proportion of loans collateralized by residential real estate (including secured commercial loans to local financial institutions) to total loans increased during 2005, a smaller provision was required during 2005, compared to 2004, to maintain its loan and lease loss reserves at level adequate to absorb probable losses in the portfolio. The decrease in the provision during 2005 periods was also associated with the seasoning of the corporate commercial loan portfolios. The Corporation has not incurred significant losses as a percentage of its commercial loans receivable since it started emphasizing the corporate commercial lending activities in the late 1990s, therefore, the provision for inherent losses in this portfolio decreased.

Net charge-offs for the third quarter and first nine months of 2005 were \$11.7 million and \$30.0 million, respectively (0.39% and 0.36%, respectively, of average loans on an annualized basis), as compared to \$9.6 million and \$28.7 million (0.47% and 0.50%, respectively, of average loans) for the comparable periods in 2004. The increase in net charge-offs in 2005 compared to 2004 was mainly due to the growth of the portfolio. Recoveries made from previously written-off accounts were \$1.4 million and \$4.8 million in the third quarter and first nine months of 2005, respectively, compared to \$1.5 million and \$4.4 million for the same periods in 2004, respectively.

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<i>(In thousands)</i>	Quarter ended September 30,			Nine Month Period Ended September 30,		
	2006	2005	2004 (As Restated)	2006	2005	2004 (As Restated)
Other service charges on loans	\$ 1,228	\$ 1,529	\$ 852	\$ 4,181	\$ 4,188	\$ 2,957
Service charges on deposit accounts	3,025	3,025	2,705	9,580	8,737	8,231
Mortgage banking activities	1,595	318	1,329	1,447	3,888	3,091
Rental income	847	875	814	2,458	2,584	2,133
Insurance income	2,650	2,282	1,712	8,519	6,476	4,688
Other commissions and fees	63	178	436	1,399	467	1,748
Other operating income	3,720	4,968	3,484	10,130	12,173	11,545
Non-interest income before net (loss) gain on investments, gain (loss) on partial extinguishment of secured commercial loan to local financial institution and gain on sale of credit card portfolio	13,128	13,175	11,332	37,714	38,513	34,393
Net gain on sale of investments	3,056	4,518	3,003	5,431	14,349	7,575
Impairment on investments	(9,139)		(2,643)	(12,089)	(1,499)	(2,699)
Net (loss) gain on investments	(6,083)	4,518	360	(6,658)	12,850	4,876
Gain (loss) on partial extinguishment of secured commercial loan to local financial institution	1,000			(10,640)		
Gain on sale of credit card portfolio						5,533
Total	\$ 8,045	\$ 17,693	\$ 11,692	\$ 20,416	\$ 51,363	\$ 44,802

Non-interest income primarily consists of other service charges on loans; service charges on deposit accounts; commissions derived from various banking, securities and insurance activities; gains on mortgage banking activities; net gains and losses on investments and impairments; and gains or losses on derivatives that are designated non-economic hedges ( non-economic derivatives ).

Other service charges on loans consist mainly of service charges on credit card-related activities.

Service charges on deposit accounts include monthly fees and other fees on deposit accounts.

Income from mortgage banking activities includes gains on the sales of loans and revenues earned for administering residential mortgage loans originated by the Corporation and subsequently sold with servicing retained. In addition, lower-of-cost-or-market valuation adjustments to the Corporation's residential mortgage loans held for sale portfolio are recorded as part of mortgage banking activities.

Rental income represents income generated by the Corporation's subsidiary, First Leasing and Rental Corporation, on the rental of various types of motor vehicles.

Other commissions and fees income is the result of an agreement with a major investment banking firm to participate in bond issues by the Government Development Bank for Puerto Rico, and an agreement with an international brokerage firm doing business in Puerto Rico to offer brokerage services in selected branches of the Corporation.

Insurance income consists of insurance commissions earned by the Corporation's subsidiary FirstBank Insurance Agency, Inc., and the Bank's subsidiary in the US Virgin Islands, FirstBank Insurance V.I., Inc. These subsidiaries offer a wide variety of insurance business.

The other operating income category is composed of miscellaneous fees such as debit and credit card interchange fees and check fees. Other operating income also includes unrealized gains and losses on certain non-economic derivatives.

The net gain (loss) on investment securities reflects gains or losses as a result of sales that are consistent with the Corporation's investment policies as well as other-than-temporary impairment charges on the Corporation's investment portfolio.

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**2006 compared to 2005.** First BanCorp's non-interest income for the third quarter and first nine months of 2006 decreased by \$9.6 million, or 55%, and \$30.9 million, or 60%, respectively, compared to the same periods in 2005. The decrease in non-interest income for the third quarter of 2006, compared to the third quarter of 2005, was mainly due to other-than-temporary impairment charges recognized in the Corporation's available-for-sale portfolio and lower gains on sales of investments partially offset by higher earnings in the Corporation's mortgage banking and insurance activities.

The decrease in non-interest income for the first nine months of 2006, compared to the first nine months of 2005, was primarily due to a net loss of \$10.6 million recognized on the partial extinguishment of a secured commercial loan to a local financial institution, higher other-than-temporary impairment charges recognized in the Corporation's available for sale portfolio, lower gains on sales of investments, and lower earnings in the Corporation's mortgage banking activities partially offset by increases in insurance income and other commissions and fees.

For the third quarter and first nine months of 2006, the Corporation recorded a net loss on investment securities of \$6.1 million and \$6.7 million, respectively, compared to a gain of \$4.5 million and \$12.9 million, respectively, for the comparable periods in 2005. The net loss on investment securities recorded in 2006, compared to 2005, was principally attributable to other-than-temporary impairment charges related to certain equity securities held in the Corporation's available-for-sale portfolio coupled with a lower volume of sales. For the third quarter and first nine months of 2006, other-than-temporary impairments amounted to \$9.1 million and \$12.1 million. For the first nine months of 2005 other-than-temporary impairments on available for sale securities amounted to \$1.5 million; no impairment charges were recognized during the third quarter of 2005.

Non-interest income results for the first nine months of 2006 were significantly impacted by a net loss of \$10.6 million recorded on the partial extinguishment of a secured commercial loan extended to a local financial institution. On May 25, 2006, the Corporation entered into a series of credit agreements with Doral Financial Corporation (Doral) to formally document as secured borrowings the loan transfers between the parties that previously had been accounted for as sales. The terms of the credit agreements specified: (1) a floating interest payment based on a spread over 90-day LIBOR subject to a cap; (2) an amortization schedule tied to the scheduled amortization of the underlying mortgage loans subject to a maximum maturity of 10 years; (3) mandatory prepayments as a result of actual prepayments from the underlying mortgages; and (4) an option to Doral to prepay the loan without penalty at any time.

On May 31, 2006, First BanCorp received a cash payment from Doral, substantially reducing the balance of approximately \$2.9 billion in its secured commercial loan to approximately \$450.0 million as of such date. In connection with the repayment, the Corporation and Doral entered into a sharing agreement on May 25, 2006 with respect to certain profits or losses that Doral incurs as part of the sales of the mortgages that collateralized the commercial loans. First BanCorp agreed to reimburse Doral for 40% of the net losses incurred by Doral as a result of sales or securitization of the mortgages, subject to certain conditions and subject to a maximum reimbursement of \$9.5 million, which will be reduced proportionately to the extent that Doral does not sell the mortgages. As a result of the sharing agreement and the reduction in the secured commercial loan by Doral, for the nine month period ended September 30, 2006, the Corporation recorded a net loss of \$10.6 million composed of gains and losses as part of the sharing agreement and the difference between the carrying value of the loans and the net payment received from Doral.

Mortgage banking activities for the third quarter of 2006 resulted in income of \$1.6 million compared to a \$0.3 million for the third quarter of 2005. The increase for the third quarter of 2006, compared to the same period in 2005, was primarily due to a higher volume of sales of mortgage loans in the secondary market. For the first nine months of 2006, income from mortgage banking activities decreased by \$2.4 million compared to the same period in 2005. The decrease for the first nine months of 2006, compared to the same period in 2005, was mainly due to a lower volume of mortgage loan sales coupled with a \$1.0 million lower-of-cost-or-market negative valuation adjustment to the Corporation's loans held for sale portfolio as a result of increases in long-term interest

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rates. During 2005, the Corporation entered into an arrangement with an unrelated financial institution (the Counterparty ) in which, in substance, the parties agreed to sell and purchase similar mortgage loan portfolios. Pursuant to this arrangement, the Corporation purchased mortgage loans with an aggregate unpaid principal balance of \$87.2 million for \$88.9 million in March 2005. In April and May of 2005, the Corporation sold to the Counterparty mortgage loans with aggregate unpaid principal balances of \$60.0 million and \$29.7 million, for \$61.1 million and \$30.3 million, respectively, resulting in gains on the sales of \$1.3 million and \$0.6 million, respectively. Since the Corporation retained the servicing on the mortgage loans sold to the Counterparty, it also recognized a servicing asset of \$1.2 million during the second quarter of 2005. The Corporation entered into these transactions because, among other reasons, they were consistent with its business objectives of developing a mortgage-banking business that would provide liquidity as well as developing new sources for the acquisition of mortgage loans. Notwithstanding that the transactions were in substance the purchase and sale of similar mortgage loan portfolios, generally accepted accounting principles require that the transactions be treated as a separate purchase and a separate sale.

Insurance income for the third quarter and first nine months of 2006 increased by \$0.4 million or 16% and \$2.0 million or 32%, respectively, compared to the corresponding periods in 2005. The increase for 2006 was due to an increase in volume of business through cross-selling strategies, marketing efforts and the strategic locations of the Corporation's insurance offices.

Other commissions and fees for the first nine months of 2006 increased by \$0.9 million compared to the same period in 2005. The increase in other commissions and fees was due to consulting services provided by the Corporation to the Government Development Bank for Puerto Rico for the issuance of certain financial instruments during the second quarter of 2006.

**2005 compared to 2004.** First BanCorp's non-interest income for the third quarter and first nine months of 2005 increased by \$6.0 million and \$6.6 million, respectively, compared to the same periods in 2004. The increase in non-interest income during 2005 was principally due to higher net gains on investments, insurance income, and service charges on deposit accounts and loans partially offset by a decrease in other commissions and fees income. Comparative results were also affected by the sale of a credit card portfolio during 2004. The Corporation recorded a gain of \$5.5 million on the sale of a credit card portfolio during the first nine months of 2004 pursuant to a strategic alliance agreement reached with a U.S. financial institution in 2003. During 2005, the Corporation did not enter into such transactions.

For the third quarter and first nine months of 2005, the Corporation's net gain on investment securities increased by \$4.2 million and \$8.0 million, respectively, compared to the same periods in 2004. The increase in net gains on investment securities in 2005, compared to 2004, was principally attributable to a higher volume of sales and lower other-than-temporary impairment charges recognized during 2005.

Insurance income for the third quarter and first nine months of 2005 increased by \$0.6 million or 33% and \$1.8 million or 38%, respectively, compared to the corresponding periods in 2004. The increase for 2005 was due to an increase in volume of business through cross-selling strategies, marketing efforts and the strategic locations of the Corporation's insurance offices.

Service charges on deposit accounts and loans for the third quarter and first nine months of 2005 increased by \$1.0 million or 28% and \$1.7 million or 16% compared to the same periods in 2004. The increase for 2005 primarily reflects a larger volume of accounts and transactions due to growth in the Corporation's different lines of business as compared to 2004.

Income from mortgage banking activities during the third quarter of 2005 decreased by \$1.0 million compared to the same period in 2004. The decrease in income from mortgage banking activities for 2005 primarily reflects a lower volume of sales of mortgage loans in the secondary market. For the first nine months of 2005,

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mortgage banking activities resulted in income of \$3.9 million, an increase of \$0.8 million or 26% compared to results for the first nine months of 2004. The increase for the first nine months of 2005 was primarily due to a higher volume of loan sales. As discussed above, during 2005, the Corporation entered into an arrangement with another unrelated financial institution in which, in substance, the parties agreed to sell and purchase similar mortgage loan portfolios. As a result of transactions derived from this agreement the Corporation recognized a gain on sales of mortgage loans of approximately \$1.9 million during the second quarter of 2005. Since the Corporation retained the servicing on the mortgage loans sold in these transactions, it also recognized a servicing asset of \$1.2 million.

Other commissions and fees for the third quarter and first nine months of 2005 decreased by \$0.3 million and \$1.3 million, respectively, compared to the same periods in 2004. The decrease during 2005 principally reflects lower fees as a result of a reduced volume of consulting services. During 2004, the Corporation provided consulting services to the Government Development Bank for Puerto Rico for the issuance of certain financial instruments.

**Table of Contents****Non-Interest Expenses**

The following table presents the detail of non-interest expenses for the periods indicated:

<i>(In thousands)</i>	Quarter ended September 30,			Nine Month Period Ended September 30,		
	2006	2005	2004 (As Restated)	2006	2005	2004 (As Restated)
Employees compensation and benefits	\$ 32,881	\$ 26,839	\$ 21,153	\$ 96,876	\$ 76,427	\$ 62,127
Occupancy and equipment	13,730	12,843	10,260	40,060	35,248	29,080
Deposit insurance premium	412	329	233	1,201	882	726
Other taxes, insurance and supervisory fees	5,028	3,420	3,045	12,963	9,612	8,537
Professional service fees	7,408	3,553	1,024	24,944	6,961	2,964
Servicing and processing fees	1,682	1,796	323	5,634	4,841	1,544
Business promotion	4,513	4,876	4,354	12,611	14,509	12,411
Communications	2,293	2,071	1,938	6,761	6,145	5,493
Other	4,993	4,828	3,547	14,668	15,010	11,310
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 72,940</b>	<b>\$ 60,555</b>	<b>\$ 45,877</b>	<b>\$ 215,718</b>	<b>\$ 169,635</b>	<b>\$ 134,192</b>

**2006 compared to 2005.** The Corporation's non-interest expenses for the third quarter and first nine months of 2006 increased by \$12.4 million, or 20%, and \$46.1 million, or 27%, respectively, compared to the same periods in 2005. The increase in non-interest expenses for 2006 was mainly due to increases in professional fees, employees compensation and benefits, other taxes, insurance and supervisory fees, and occupancy and equipment expenses partially offset by a decrease in business promotion expenses. The increase in non-interest expenses for 2006 also includes an increase of \$6.2 million associated with the operations of Ponce General Corporation acquired in March 2005. The results for Ponce General Corporation in 2006 reflect three quarters of activity compared to two quarters for 2005.

Employees' compensation and benefits expenses for the third quarter and first nine months of 2006 increased by \$6.0 million, or 23%, and \$20.4 million, or 27%, respectively, compared to the same periods in 2005. A significant portion of the increase was associated with the expensing of the fair value of stock options granted to certain employees following the provisions of SFAS 123R. The Corporation recorded \$0.5 million and \$5.4 million during the third quarter and first nine months of 2006, respectively, in stock-based compensation expenses. The increase in compensation and benefits expenses was also attributable to increases in the average compensation and related fringe benefits paid to employees and an increase in the employees' headcount as of September 30, 2006. The increase in the headcount was mostly attributable to increases associated with the Corporation's loan origination and deposit gathering efforts, in particular in FirstBank Puerto Rico, FirstBank Florida, FirstMortgage Inc. (First Mortgage), and the Corporation's small loan company, First Federal Finance, as well as increases in support areas, in particular audit and compliance, credit risk management, finance and accounting, information technology and banking operations. In addition, compensation and benefits expense for the first nine months of 2006 increased due to the acquisition of Ponce General Corporation in March 31, 2005. For the third quarter and first nine months of 2006, compensation and benefits expense associated with the operation in Florida increased by \$0.8 million and \$3.0 million, respectively, compared to the same periods in 2005.

Professional service fees increased during the third quarter and first nine months of 2006 by \$3.9 million and \$18.0 million, respectively, compared to the same periods in 2005. The increase for 2006 was primarily due to legal,



accounting and consulting fees associated with the internal review conducted by the Corporation's Audit Committee, the restatement process and other related legal and regulatory proceedings which increased professional fees by \$2.5 million and \$13.0 million for the third quarter and first nine months of 2006, respectively, compared to the same periods in 2005.

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Other taxes, insurance and supervisory fees for the third quarter and first nine months of 2006 increased by \$1.6 million and \$3.4 million, respectively, compared to the same periods in 2005. During 2006, the Corporation experienced increased insurance costs mainly related to increases in rates and coverage of directors and officers liability insurance and expensed a higher amount of municipal and property taxes during 2006 as compared to 2005.

Occupancy and equipment expenses for the third quarter and first nine months of 2006 increased by \$0.9 million, or 7%, and \$4.8 million, or 14%, respectively, compared to the same periods in 2005. The increase in occupancy and equipment expenses in 2006 as compared to 2005 is mainly attributable to increases in costs associated with the expansion of the Corporation's branch network and loan origination offices. The increase also reflects higher electricity costs, security costs and additional costs associated with the operations of Ponce General Corporation.

Business promotion expenses decreased during the third quarter and first nine months of 2006 by \$0.4 million, or 7%, and \$1.9 million, or 13%, respectively, compared to the same periods in 2005. The decrease was due to the Corporation's decision to reduce its marketing expenditures.

**2005 compared to 2004.** The Corporation's non-interest expenses for the third quarter and first nine months of 2005 increased by \$14.7 million or 32% and \$35.4 million or 26%, respectively, compared to the same periods in 2004. The increase in non-interest expenses for 2005 mainly reflects increases in employees' compensation and benefits, occupancy and equipment expenses, professional fees, and servicing and processing fees.

Employees' compensation and benefits expenses increased during the third quarter and first nine months of 2005 by \$5.7 million or 27% and \$14.3 million or 23%, respectively, compared to the same periods in 2004. The increase in compensation and benefits expenses was primarily attributable to increases in the average compensation and related fringe benefits paid to employees and increase in the employees' headcount for 2005. The increase in the headcount was mainly to support the growth in operations, and in particular to support new products and services, including First Mortgage and FirstBank Florida operations.

Occupancy and equipment expenses increased during the third quarter and first nine months of 2005 by \$2.6 million or 25% and \$6.2 million or 21%, compared to the same periods in 2004. The increase is mainly attributable to increases in costs associated with the expansion of the Corporation's branch network and loan origination offices.

Professional service fees increased during the third quarter and first nine months of 2005 by \$2.5 million and \$4.0 million, respectively, compared to the same periods in 2004. The increase was mainly due to higher expenses related with Sarbanes-Oxley Act compliance and to legal, accounting and consulting fees associated with the internal review conducted by the Corporation's Audit Committee, the restatement process and other related legal and regulatory proceedings.

Servicing and processing fees expenses increased during the third quarter and first nine months of 2005 by \$1.5 million and \$3.3 million, respectively, compared to the same periods in 2004. Reduced non-interest expenses during the first nine months of 2004 were due primarily to the strategic alliance agreement and sale of the Corporation's credit card portfolio to a U.S. financial institution in 2003. As part of the agreement, the Corporation entered into a service level agreement to temporarily service the credit card portfolio that the U.S. financial institution acquired. During the third quarter and first nine months of 2004, the Corporation was reimbursed \$1.1 million and \$3.1 million, respectively, in expenses for services provided under the service level agreement.

**Table of Contents****Provision for Income Tax**

Income tax expense include Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands income taxes as well as applicable federal and state taxes. The Corporation is subject to Puerto Rico income tax on its income from all sources. As a Puerto Rico corporation, First BanCorp is treated as a foreign corporation for U.S. income tax purposes and is generally subject to United States income tax only on its income from sources within the United States or income effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business within the United States. Any such tax paid is creditable, within certain conditions and limitations, against the Corporation's Puerto Rico tax liability. The Corporation is also subject to US Virgin Islands ( VI ) taxes on its income from sources within the VI jurisdiction. Any such tax paid, is creditable against the Corporation's Puerto Rico tax liability, subject to certain conditions and limitations.

Under the Puerto Rico Internal Revenue Code of 1994, as amended ( PR Code ), First BanCorp is subject to a maximum statutory tax rate of 39%, except that in years 2005 and 2006 an additional transitory tax rate of 2.5% was signed into law by the Governor of Puerto Rico. In August 2005, the Government of Puerto Rico approved a transitory tax rate of 2.5% that increased the maximum statutory tax rate from 39.0% to 41.5% for a two-year period. The additional tax related to the income earned from January 1 to the date of enactment of the law was recorded in the third quarter of 2005. On May 13, 2006, with an effective date of January 1, 2006, the Governor of Puerto Rico approved an additional transitory tax rate of 2.0% applicable only to companies covered by the Puerto Rico Banking Act, as amended, such as FirstBank, which raised the maximum statutory tax rate to 43.5% for taxable years commenced during calendar year 2006. The PR Code also includes an alternative minimum tax of 22% that applies if the Corporation's regular income tax liability is less than the alternative minimum tax requirements.

The Corporation has maintained an effective tax rate lower than the maximum statutory rate mainly by investing in government obligations and mortgage-backed securities exempt from U.S. and Puerto Rico income taxes and doing business through international banking units ( IBEs ) of the Corporation and the Bank and by the Bank's subsidiary FirstBank Overseas Corporation. The IBEs and FirstBank Overseas Corporation were created under the International Banking Entity Act of Puerto Rico, which provides for total Puerto Rico tax exemption on net income derived by IBEs operating in Puerto Rico. Since 2004, IBEs that operate as a unit of a bank pay income taxes at normal rates to the extent that the IBEs' net income exceeds predetermined percentages of the bank's total net taxable income; such limitations were 30% of total net taxable income for a taxable year commencing between July 1, 2004 and July 1, 2005, and 20% of total net taxable income for taxable years commencing thereafter.

**2006 compared to 2005.** For the third quarter of 2006, the Corporation's income tax expense amounted to \$10.6 million, compared to a net income tax benefit of \$6.3 million recognized for the same period in 2005. The fluctuation in the provision for income tax for the third quarter of 2006, compared to 2005, was mainly due to a reduction in deferred income tax benefits, coupled with an increase in the current tax provision. For the third quarter of 2006, the Corporation recognized a deferred income tax benefit of \$9.1 million compared to a deferred income tax benefit of \$24.7 million for the same period in 2005. The lower deferred income tax benefit for 2006 was mainly due to unrealized gains on derivative instruments caused by changes in long-term interest rates.

For the nine month period ended September 30, 2006, the Corporation recognized an income tax expense of \$14.8 million, compared to \$32.0 million for the same period in 2005. The decrease in income tax expense was mainly due to a decrease in deferred income tax benefits, as a result of fluctuations in the fair value of derivatives instruments. For the first nine months of 2006, the Corporation recognized a deferred income tax benefit of \$35.6 million, compared to \$17.9 million for the same period in 2005.

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At September 30, 2006, the Corporation evaluated its ability to realize the deferred tax asset and concluded, based on the evidence available, that it is more likely than not that some of the deferred tax asset will not be realized and, thus, established a valuation allowance of \$4.9 million. At September 30, 2006, the deferred tax asset, net of the valuation allowance of \$4.9 million, amounted to approximately \$170.9 million compared to \$93.3 million at September 30, 2005. At September 30, 2005, based on the Corporation's analysis and available evidence, the Corporation did not establish a valuation allowance.

**2005 compared to 2004.** For the third quarter of 2005, the Corporation recognized a net income tax benefit of \$6.3 million compared to an income tax expense of \$34.8 million for the same period in 2004. The fluctuation in the income tax provision for 2005, compared to 2004, was mainly attributable to changes in the Corporation's deferred income tax, partly offset by increases in the provision for current income tax. For the third quarter of 2005, the Corporation recognized a deferred income tax benefit of \$24.7 million compared to a deferred income tax expense of \$23.3 million for the same period in 2004. The fluctuation in deferred income tax was mainly due to valuation adjustments to the Corporation's derivative instruments due to changes in long-term interest rates. The current provision for income taxes for the third quarter of 2005 increased by \$6.9 million compared to the same quarter in 2004. The increase in the current income tax provision was mainly due to changes in the proportion of exempt and taxable income as a result of increases in the Corporation's taxable income generated from the Corporation's loan portfolios and decreases in tax exempt income mainly from the Corporation's investment portfolios.

For the first nine months of 2005, the Corporation's provision for income tax decreased by \$7.8 million compared to the same period in 2004. The decrease in income tax expense was mainly due to a decrease in deferred income tax, as a result of fluctuations on the valuation adjustments of derivatives instruments. For the first nine months of 2005, the Corporation recognized a deferred income tax benefit of \$17.9 million compared to a deferred income tax expense of \$0.2 million for the same period in 2004.

**FINANCIAL CONDITION AND OPERATING DATA ANALYSIS****Loan Production**

First BanCorp relies primarily on its retail network of branches to originate residential and consumer loans. The Corporation supplements its residential mortgage loan originations with wholesale servicing released mortgage loan purchases from small mortgage bankers. The Corporation manages its construction and commercial loan originations through a centralized unit and most of its originations come from existing customers as well as through referrals and direct solicitations. For commercial loan originations, the Corporation also has regional offices to provide services to designated territories. For purposes of the following table, the Corporation separately presented commercial loans to local financial institutions because it believes this approach provides a better representation of the Corporation's commercial loan production capacity.

Total loan production for the quarter and nine month period ended September 30, 2006 were \$965.6 million and \$3.6 billion, respectively, compared to \$1.4 billion and \$4.9 billion, respectively, for the comparable periods in 2005, and \$1.3 billion and \$3.5 billion, respectively, for the comparable periods in 2004. The decrease in loan production during 2006, compared to 2005, was due mainly due to decreases in originations of residential real estate, commercial loan, and consumer loan originations mainly due to higher interest rates, worsening economic conditions in Puerto Rico, and stricter underwriting guidelines.

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The following table sets the First BanCorp's loan production for the periods indicated:

	Quarter ended September 30, 2004 (As Restated)			Nine month period ended September 30, 2004 (As Restated)		
	2006	2005	2004	2006	2005	2004
<i>(In thousands)</i>						
Residential real estate	\$ 203,301	\$ 399,186	\$ 209,945	\$ 720,706	\$ 987,784	\$ 562,987
Commercial and Construction	537,459	681,086	287,738	2,187,491	2,372,286	892,889
Finance Leases	43,526	35,645	30,176	133,386	103,829	85,503
Consumer	181,341	262,018	185,363	584,022	752,654	530,942
	965,627	1,377,935	713,222	3,625,605	4,216,553	2,072,321
Commercial loans to local financial institutions			540,820		681,407	1,403,500
Total loan production	\$ 965,627	\$ 1,377,935	\$ 1,254,042	\$ 3,625,605	\$ 4,897,960	\$ 3,475,821

*Residential Real Estate Loans*

Residential mortgage loan production for the third quarter and first nine months of 2006 amounted to \$203.3 million and \$720.7 million, respectively, compared to \$399.2 million and \$987.8 million, respectively, for the same periods in 2005, and \$209.9 million and \$563.0 million, respectively, for the same periods in 2004. The decrease in mortgage loan production for 2006, compared to 2005, was mainly attributable to higher prevailing interest rates, deteriorating economic conditions in Puerto Rico and stricter underwriting standards. The Corporation decided to make certain adjustments to its underwriting standards designed to enhance the credit quality of its mortgage loan portfolio, in light of the worsening economic conditions in Puerto Rico. The implementation of these standards contributed to the reduction in the Corporation's mortgage loan originations.

Residential real estate loans represent 20% of total loans originated and purchased for the first nine months of 2006. The Corporation's strategy is to penetrate markets by providing customers with a variety of high quality mortgage products. The Corporation's originations of residential mortgage loans continued to be driven by FirstMortgage, its mortgage loan origination subsidiary. The Corporation continues to commit substantial resources to this operation with the goal of becoming a leading institution in the highly competitive residential mortgage loans market. The Corporation established FirstMortgage as a stand-alone subsidiary in 2003. FirstMortgage supplements its internal direct originations through its retail network with an indirect business strategy. The Corporation's Partners in Business, a division of FirstMortgage, partners with mortgage brokers and small mortgage bankers in Puerto Rico to purchase ongoing mortgage loan production. FirstMortgage Realty Group, launched in 2005, focuses on building relationships with realtors by providing resources, office amenities and personnel to them, and to assist real estate brokers in building their individual businesses and closing transactions. FirstMortgage multi-channel strategy has proven to be effective in capturing business.

*Commercial and Construction Loans*

Commercial and construction loan production for the third quarter and first nine months of 2006 amounted to \$537.5 million and \$2.2 billion, respectively, compared to \$681.1 million and \$2.4 billion, respectively, for the same period in 2005, and \$287.7 million and \$892.9 million, respectively, for the same periods in 2004. The decrease in 2006 compared to 2005 was mainly due to adverse economic conditions in Puerto Rico. According to the Puerto Rico Planning Board, Puerto Rico is in a midst of a recession, causing a slowdown in commercial business activity. The increase in commercial and construction loan production for 2005 compared to 2004 was driven by the Corporation's subsidiary bank loan agency in Coral Gables, Florida. The Corporation's Coral Gable operation started in

October 2004. Loans originated by the agency for the third quarter and first nine months of 2005 amounted to \$214.4 million and \$493.3 million, respectively.

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Commercial loan originations come from existing customers as well as through referrals and direct solicitations. The Corporation follows a strategy aimed to cater to customer needs in the commercial loans middle market segment by building strong relationships and offering financial solutions that meet customers' unique needs. Starting in 2005, the Corporation expanded its distribution network and participation in the commercial loans middle market segment by focusing on customers with financing needs up to \$5 million. The Corporation established 4 regional offices that provide coverage throughout Puerto Rico. The offices are staffed with sales, marketing and credit officers able to provide a high level of personalized service and prompt decision-making.

*Consumer Loans*

Consumer loan originations are principally driven through the Corporation's retail network. Consumer loan production for the third quarter and first nine months of 2006 amounted to \$181.3 million and \$584.0 million, respectively, compared to \$262.0 million and \$752.7 million, respectively, for the same periods in 2005, and \$185.4 million and \$530.9 million, respectively, for the same periods in 2004. The decrease in consumer loan originations for 2006 compared to 2005 was mainly due to adverse economic conditions in Puerto Rico. The increase when compared to 2004 was primarily due to increases in auto loan originations. Auto loan originations come primarily through referrals from the Corporation's network of auto dealers.

*Finance Leases*

During the third quarter and first nine months of 2006, finance lease originations, which are mostly composed of loans to individuals to finance the acquisition of a motor vehicle, increased by \$7.9 million and \$29.6 million, respectively, compared to the same periods in 2005, and increased by \$13.4 million and \$47.9 million, respectively, when compared to the same periods in 2004.

**Assets**

Total assets at September 30, 2006 amounted to \$17.4 billion, a decrease of \$2.5 billion and \$1.9 billion compared to total assets at December 31, 2005 and September 30, 2005, respectively, and an increase of \$2.2 billion compared to total assets at September 30, 2004. The decrease in total assets at September 30, 2006 compared to total assets at December 31, 2005 was mainly the result of a decrease in total loans of \$1.8 billion and a decrease of \$719.1 million in total investments including money market instruments. The decrease in the Corporation's loans portfolio was due to the payment of \$2.4 billion received from a local financial institution to reduce its secured commercial loan with the Corporation. During the second half of 2006, the Corporation used a substantial amount of the proceeds to repay outstanding brokered CDs that matured during the third and fourth quarter of 2006.

The decrease in the investment portfolio resulted mainly from prepayments and maturities received from the Corporation's investment portfolio, mainly mortgage-backed securities and the Corporation's decision to deleverage its investment portfolio. The deleverage of the investment portfolio was influenced, among other things, by the flat to inverted yield curve. As a result, the Corporation decided to repay higher rate maturing liabilities, in particular brokered CDs, rather than investing the proceeds at an effective interest rate lower than the Corporation's cost of funds.

**Table of Contents****Loan Portfolio**

The composition of the Corporation's loans portfolio for the periods indicated is as follows:

	September 30,	December 31,	September 30,	September 30, 2004 (As Restated)
<i>(In thousands)</i>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2005</b>	
Residential real estate loans	\$ 2,694,190	\$ 2,346,945	\$ 2,099,948	\$ 1,219,399
Commercial real estate loans	1,180,631	1,090,193	1,037,658	632,330
Construction loans	1,533,409	1,137,118	969,540	398,570
Commercial loans	2,388,014	2,421,219	2,311,053	1,765,082
Loans to local financial institutions collateralized by real estate mortgages and pass-through trust certificates	960,970	3,676,314	4,011,063	3,135,491
Total commercial loans	6,063,024	8,324,844	8,329,314	5,931,473
Finance leases	344,416	280,571	258,705	198,322
Consumer and other loans	1,790,323	1,733,569	1,684,458	1,291,904
Total	\$ 10,891,953	\$ 12,685,929	\$ 12,372,425	\$ 8,641,098

At September 30, 2006, the Corporation's total loans decreased by \$1.8 billion and \$1.5 billion, when compared with balances as of December 31, 2005 and September 30, 2005, respectively, and increased by \$2.3 billion when compared to the balance as of September 30, 2004. The decrease in the Corporation's total loans receivable primarily relates to the partial extinguishment of a secured commercial loan partially offset by a growth in the Corporation's other portfolios through new originations, net of repayments. Refer to the *Loan Production* section of this discussion above for further details on the Corporation's originations by product.

**Residential Real Estate Loans**

As of September 30, 2006, the Corporation's residential real estate loan portfolio increased by \$347.2 million, \$594.2 million and \$1.5 billion as compared to balances as of December 31, 2005, September 30, 2005, and September 30, 2004, respectively. The Corporation has diversified its loan receivable portfolio by increasing the concentration of residential real estate loans. The residential real estate loans as a percentage of total loans has increased over time from 14% at September 30, 2004 to 25% at September 30, 2006.

**Commercial and Construction Loans**

As of September 30, 2006, the Corporation's commercial loan portfolio decreased by \$2.3 billion compared to balances as of December 31, 2005 and September 30, 2005 and increased by \$131.6 million compared to the balance at September 30, 2004. The decrease was mainly due to a payment received of \$2.4 billion that substantially reduced the Corporation's secured commercial loan extended to a local financial institution. The Corporation strategy focuses on growing its commercial loans portfolio principally through commercial real estate and construction loans. A substantial portion of this portfolio is collateralized by real estate. The Corporation's commercial loans are primarily variable- and adjustable-rate loans.

The Corporation had a lending concentration of \$433.2 million in one mortgage originator in Puerto Rico, Doral, at September 30, 2006. The Corporation had outstanding \$527.8 million with another mortgage originator in Puerto Rico, R&G, for total loans to mortgage originators amounting to \$961.0 million at





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September 30, 2006. These commercial loans are secured by individual mortgage loans on residential and commercial real estate. The mortgage originators have always paid the loans in accordance with their terms and conditions. In December 2005, the Corporation obtained a waiver from the Office of the Commissioner of Financial Institutions of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico ( Office of the Commissioner ) with respect to the statutory limit for individual borrowers (loans-to-one borrower limit). In May 2006, the Corporation received a cash payment from Doral of approximately \$2.4 billion, substantially reducing the balance of the secured commercial loan to that institution. As part of the Cease and Desist Order imposed on the Corporation by its regulators, the Corporation has continued working on the reduction of its exposure to Doral.

During the fourth quarter of 2005, First BanCorp received a partial payment from R&G of \$137 million for its secured commercial loans. In addition, in February 2007, the Corporation entered into various agreements with R&G relating to prior transactions originally treated as purchases of mortgages and pass-through trust certificates from R&G subsidiaries. First, through a mortgage payment agreement, R&G paid the Corporation approximately \$50 million to reduce the commercial loan that R&G Premier Bank, R&G's banking subsidiary, had outstanding with the Corporation. In addition, the remaining balance of approximately \$271 million was re-documented as a secured loan from the Corporation to R&G. Second, R&G and the Corporation amended various agreements involving approximately \$218 million of securities collateralized by loans that were originally sold through five grantor trusts. The modifications to the original agreements allow the Corporation to treat these transactions as true sales for accounting and legal purposes. For further detail, refer to the Corporation's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on February 16, 2007. The execution of the agreements enabled First BanCorp to fulfill the remaining requirement of the Consent Order signed with banking regulators relating to the mortgage-related transactions with R&G that First BanCorp recharacterized for accounting and legal purposes as commercial loans secured by the mortgage loans and pass-through trust certificates.

*Consumer Loans*

As of September 30, 2006, the Corporation's consumer loans portfolio increased by \$56.8 million, \$105.9 million, and \$498.4 million as compared to the portfolio balances at December 31, 2005, September 30, 2005, and September 30, 2004, respectively. The increase is mainly driven by increases in the Corporation's auto loan portfolio. The growth of this portfolio has been achieved through a strategy of providing outstanding service to selected auto dealers who provide the channel for the bulk of the Corporation's auto loan originations.

The above-mentioned strategy is directly linked to the Corporation's commercial lending activities as the Corporation maintains strong and stable auto floor plan relationships, which are the foundation of a successful auto loan generation operation.

*Finance Leases*

As of September 30, 2006, finance leases, which are mostly composed of loans to individuals to finance the acquisition of a motor vehicle, increased by \$63.8 million, \$85.7 million and \$146.1 million as compared to portfolio balances as of December 31, 2005, September 30, 2005, and September 30, 2004, respectively. These leases typically have five-year terms and are collateralized by a security interest in the underlying assets. The Corporation's credit risk exposure for this portfolio is similar to the credit exposure of an auto loan (extended to individuals) portfolio.

**Investment Activities**

As part of its strategy to diversify its revenue sources and maximize its net interest income, First BanCorp maintains an investment portfolio that is classified as available-for-sale or held-to-maturity. The Corporation's investment portfolio at September 30, 2006 amounted to \$5.1 billion, a decrease of \$293.6 million,

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an increase of \$4.4 million, and a decrease of \$61.6 million when compared with the investment portfolio at December 31, 2005, September 30, 2005, and September 30, 2004, respectively. The decrease in investment securities at September 30, 2006, compared to balances at December 31, 2005, was due to the Corporation's decision to deleverage its balance sheet by not reinvesting maturities and prepayments received from the Corporation's investment portfolio, mainly mortgage-backed securities. The Corporation's decision to deleverage its investment portfolio was influenced, among other things, by the flat-to-inverted yield curve. As a result, the Corporation decided to repay during the second half of 2006 higher rate maturing liabilities, in particular brokered CDs, rather than investing the proceeds at an interest yield lower than the Corporation's cost of funds.

The following table presents the carrying value of investments at the indicated dates:

	<b>September 30,</b>	<b>December 31,</b>	<b>September 30,</b>	<b>September 30, 2004 (As Restated)</b>
<i>(In thousands)</i>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2005</b>	
Money market investments	\$ 799,221	\$ 1,224,791	\$ 1,282,497	\$ 1,035,200
Investment securities held-to-maturity:				
US Government and agencies obligations	2,223,331	2,190,714	1,648,340	2,011,140
PR Government obligations	31,575	14,163	14,030	13,517
Mortgage-backed securities	1,101,124	1,233,711	1,304,379	1,626,014
Corporate bonds	2,000			
	3,358,030	3,438,588	2,966,749	3,650,671
Investment securities available-for-sale:				
US Government and agencies obligations	405,566	389,650	390,290	296,485
PR Government obligations	25,325	25,006	25,488	25,540
Mortgage-backed securities	1,300,643	1,478,720	1,562,910	1,063,189
Corporate bonds	4,800	25,381	51,881	44,286
Equity securities	20,220	29,421	56,645	48,013
	1,756,554	1,948,178	2,087,214	1,477,513
Other equity securities	20,989	42,368	77,231	69,025
Total Investments	\$ 5,934,794	\$ 6,653,925	\$ 6,413,691	\$ 6,232,409

Mortgage-backed securities at the indicated dates consist of:

	<b>September 30,</b>	<b>December 31,</b>	<b>September 30,</b>	<b>September 30, 2004</b>
<i>(In thousands)</i>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2005</b>	

				<b>(As Restated)</b>
Held to maturity				
FHLMC certificates	\$ 16,511	\$ 20,211	\$ 21,736	\$ 28,508
FNMA certificates	1,084,613	1,213,500	1,282,643	1,597,506
	1,101,124	1,233,711	1,304,379	1,626,014
Available for sale				
FHLMC certificates	7,986	9,962	10,831	8,750
GNMA certificates	388,493	438,881	457,831	114,599
FNMA certificates	903,786	1,029,474	1,093,836	939,281
Mortgage pass-through certificates	378	403	412	559
	1,300,643	1,478,720	1,562,910	1,063,189
Total mortgage-backed securities	\$ 2,401,767	\$ 2,712,431	\$ 2,867,289	\$ 2,689,203

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The carrying values of investment securities (excluding other equity securities) at September 30, 2006, by contractual maturity (excluding mortgage-backed securities, equity securities and money market investments) are shown below:

<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	<b>Carrying amount</b>	<b>Weighted average yield %</b>
US Government and agencies obligations		
Due within one year	\$ 156,913	4.96
Due after five years through ten years	392,621	4.31
Due after ten years	2,079,363	5.83
	2,628,897	5.55
PR Government obligations		
Due after one year through five years	4,773	6.17
Due after five years through ten years	31,838	5.37
Due after ten years	20,289	5.60
	56,900	5.52
Corporate bonds		
Due after five years through ten years	1,124	7.46
Due after ten years	5,676	7.04
	6,800	7.11
	2,692,597	5.55
Mortgage-backed securities	2,401,767	4.81
Equity securities	20,220	0.80
Total investment securities available-for-sale and held-to-maturity	\$ 5,114,584	5.18

Net interest income of future periods may be affected by the acceleration in prepayments of mortgage-backed securities. Acceleration in the prepayments of mortgage-backed securities would lower yields on securities purchased at a premium, as the amortization of premiums paid upon acquisition of these securities would accelerate. Conversely, acceleration in the prepayments of mortgage-backed securities would increase yields on securities purchased at a discount, as the amortization of the discount would accelerate. Also, net interest income in future periods might be affected by the Corporation's substantial investments in callable securities. Lower reinvestment rates and a time lag between calls, prepayments and/or the maturity of investments and actual reinvestment of proceeds into new investments, might also affect net interest income. These risks are directly linked to future period market interest rate fluctuations. Refer to the Risk Management discussion below for further analysis of the effects of changing interest rates on the Corporation's net interest income and for the interest rate risk management strategies followed by the Corporation.

**Sources of Funds**

The Corporation's principal funding sources are branch-based deposits, retail brokered deposits, institutional deposits, federal funds purchased, securities sold under agreements to repurchase, notes payable and FHLB advances.

As of September 30, 2006, total liabilities amounted to \$16.2 billion, a decrease of \$2.6 billion and \$1.9 billion as compared to balances as of December 31, 2005 and September 30, 2005, respectively, and an increase of \$2.2 billion compared to balances as of September 30, 2004. The decrease in total liabilities during 2006, compared to 2005, was mainly attributable to brokered CDs coupled with decreases in FHLB advances, federal funds purchased and securities sold under repurchase agreements. The payment of \$2.4 billion received from a local financial institution was used to pay down the aforementioned liabilities. The Corporation's decision to pay down maturing liabilities, in particular brokered CDs, was influenced, among other things, by the flat to inverted yield curve. As result, the Corporation decided to repay higher rate maturing liabilities, in particular brokered CDs, rather than investing the proceeds at an interest yield lower than the Corporation's cost of funds.

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Total liabilities increased in 2005, compared to 2004, mainly due to increases in interest bearing deposits, mainly brokered CDs, partially offset by decreases in FHLB advances and federal funds purchased and securities sold under repurchase agreements. The use of brokered CDs has been particularly important to the growth of the Corporation. The Corporation encounters intense competition in attracting and retaining deposits, as financial institutions are at a competitive disadvantage since the income generated on other investment products available to investors in Puerto Rico has been taxed at lower rates than tax rates for income generated on deposit products. The brokered CDs market is very competitive and liquid and the Corporation has been able to obtain substantial amounts of funding in short periods of time. This strategy enhances the Corporation's liquidity position, since the brokered CDs are unsecured and can be obtained at substantially longer maturities than other regular retail deposits. Also the Corporation has the ability to convert the fixed-rate brokered CDs to short-term adjustable rate liabilities by entering into interest rate swap agreements.

CDs with denominations of \$100,000 or higher, including brokered CDs, amounted to \$9.0 billion at September 30, 2006. At September 30, 2006, brokered CDs amounted to \$8.1 billion. Brokered CDs are sold by third-party intermediaries in denominations of \$100,000 or less. The following table presents a maturity schedule of brokered CDs at September 30, 2006:

	<b>Total</b> (In thousands)
Three months or less	\$ 1,123,247
Over three months to six months	1,419,428
Over six months to one year	855,496
Over one year to five years	1,003,579
Over five years	3,746,816
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 8,148,566</b>

The Corporation maintains unsecured lines of credit with other banks. At September 30, 2006, the Corporation's total unused lines of credit with these banks amounted to \$335.0 million. At September 30, 2006, the Corporation had an available line of credit with the FHLB, guaranteed with excess collateral in the amount of \$546.8 million.

The Corporation's deposit products include regular savings accounts, demand deposit accounts, money market accounts, CDs, and brokered CDs. Refer to Note 11 Deposits in the accompanying notes to unaudited interim consolidated financial statements for further details. Total deposits amounted to \$11.9 billion at September 30, 2006, compared to \$12.5 billion, \$12.3 billion and \$7.4 billion at December 31, 2005, September 30, 2005 and 2004, respectively. The decrease in total deposits for 2006, compared to 2005, was mainly due to decreases in brokered CDs.

Refer to the Net Interest Income discussion above for information about average balances of interest-bearing deposits, and the average interest rate paid on deposits for the quarters and nine month periods ended September 30, 2006, 2005 and 2004.

**Capital**

The Corporation's stockholders' equity amounted to \$1.22 billion at September 30, 2006, \$1.20 billion at December 31, 2005, \$1.25 billion at September 30, 2005, and \$1.17 billion at September 30, 2004. Total capital increased by \$26.7 million compared to total capital at December 31, 2005 and decreased by \$30.2 million compared to total capital at September 30, 2005. The change in capital for 2006 is mainly composed of earnings of \$62.3 million, the issuance of 2,379,000 shares of common stock through the exercise of stock options with proceeds of \$19.8 million offset in part by cash dividends of \$47.7 million and by unrealized losses in the Corporation's securities available-for-sale portfolio of \$13.1 million.

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On August 1, 2007 the United States District Court for the District of Puerto Rico issued a Preliminary Order approving the stipulation of settlement filed in connection with the proposed settlement of the class action lawsuit brought on behalf of First BanCorp's shareholders against the Corporation in the amount of \$74.25 million.

The effectiveness of a final order to be issued by the Court is subject to:

- The payment of \$61 million to be deposited by First BanCorp in a settlement fund within fifteen calendar days of the date of issuance of the Preliminary Order; and
- The mailing of a notice to shareholders that describes the general terms of the settlement.

The court hearing for the final order of approval of the settlement has been set for October 15, 2007. First BanCorp intends to comply with the \$61 million payment requirement within the timeframe set forth in the terms of the settlement. The remaining amount of \$13,250,000 will be paid before December 31, 2007. The monetary payment will have no impact on the Corporation's earnings or capital in 2007. As reflected in First BanCorp's audited Consolidated Financial Statements, included in the Corporation's 2005 Annual Report on Form 10-K, the Corporation accrued \$74.25 million in 2005 for a possible settlement of the class action.

On August 7, 2007, First BanCorp announced that the SEC approved a final settlement with the Corporation, which resolves the previously disclosed SEC investigation of the Corporation. Under the settlement, the Corporation agreed, without admitting or denying any wrongdoing, to be enjoined from future violations of certain provisions of the securities laws. The Corporation also agreed to pay an \$8.5 million civil penalty and the disgorgement of \$1 to the SEC. The SEC may request that the civil penalty be subject to distribution pursuant to the Fair Fund provisions of Section 308(a) of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. The monetary payment will have no impact on the Corporation's earnings or capital in 2007. As reflected in First BanCorp's previously filed audited Consolidated Financial Statements for 2005, the Corporation accrued \$8.5 million in 2005 for the potential settlement with the SEC. In connection with the settlement, the Corporation consented to the entry of a final judgment to implement the terms of the agreement. The United States District Court for the Southern District of New York must consent to the entry of the final judgment in order to consummate the settlement.

During the first quarter of 2007, the Corporation agreed to issue, subject to regulatory approval, approximately 9.250 million shares of its common stock to The Bank of Nova Scotia ( Scotiabank ), through a private placement offering, valuing the stock at \$10.25 per share for a total purchase price of approximately \$94.8 million. The valuation reflects a premium of approximately 5% over the volume weighted- average closing share price over the 30 trading-day period that ended January 30, 2007. After the investment, Scotiabank will hold approximately 10% of First BanCorp's currently outstanding common shares. The original agreement provided that the agreement may be terminated at any time prior to the closing by either the Corporation or Scotiabank if the closing did not occur by July 31, 2007 (the Termination Date ). The agreement was subsequently amended to change the Termination Date to August 31, 2007. On August 9, 2007, First BanCorp announced the approval by the Federal Reserve Board of the private placement offering with Scotiabank.

On March 17, 2006, First BanCorp and its banking subsidiary FirstBank entered into consent orders with the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, the FDIC and the Office of the Commissioner relating to mortgage-related transactions with Doral and R&G. For additional description of these orders, please refer to Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on March 20, 2006.



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Effective January 1, 2007, the Corporation early adopted the provision of SFAS 157 and SFAS 159. Refer to Note 2 of the accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statement for additional information. Regulatory capital increased by the positive adjustment to retained earnings recognized as part of the adoption of SFAS 159, exceeding by higher margins the capital levels required to be classified as well-capitalized and strengthening the Corporation's current regulatory capital ratios.

As of September 30, 2006, First BanCorp, FirstBank Puerto Rico and FirstBank Florida were in compliance with the regulatory capital requirements that were applicable to them as a financial holding company, a state non-member bank and a thrift, respectively (i.e., total capital and Tier 1 capital to risk-weighted assets of at least 8% and 4%, respectively, and Tier 1 capital to average assets of at least 4%). Set forth below are First BanCorp, FirstBank Puerto Rico and FirstBank Florida's regulatory capital ratios as of September 30, 2006, based on existing Federal Reserve, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and the Office of Thrift Supervision guidelines.

	First Bancorp	Banking subsidiaries		To be well capitalized
		FirstBank	Florida	
<b>REGULATORY CAPITAL RATIOS</b>				
Total Capital (Total capital to risk-weighted assets)	12.69%	12.87%	11.17%	10.00%
Tier 1 Capital Ratio (Tier I capital to risk-weighted assets)	11.53%	11.67%	10.81%	6.00%
Leverage Ratio (1)	7.11%	7.12%	8.04%	5.00%

(1) Tier 1 capital to average assets in the case of First BanCorp and First Bank and Tier 1 capital to adjusted total assets in the case of First Bank Florida.

**Dividends**

During the first nine months of 2006 and 2005, the Corporation declared cash dividends of \$0.21, per common share representing a 16.7% increase over the aggregate cash dividend of \$0.18 per common share declared for the same period in 2004. Total cash dividends paid on common shares amounted to \$17.5 million for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2006 (or a 54% dividend payout ratio), \$17.0 million for the same period in 2005 (or a 15% dividend payout ratio) and \$14.5 million for the corresponding 2004 period (or a 14% dividend payout ratio). Dividends declared on preferred stock amounted to approximately \$30.2 million for each of the nine month periods ended on September 30, 2006, 2005, and 2004.

**Off Balance Sheet Arrangements**

In the ordinary course of business, the Corporation engages in financial transactions that are not recorded on the balance sheet, or may be recorded on the balance sheet in amounts that are different than the full contract or notional amount of the transaction. These transactions are designed to (1) meet the financial needs of customers, (2) manage the Corporation's credit, market or liquidity risks, (3) diversify the Corporation's funding sources and (4) optimize capital.

As a provider of financial services, the Corporation routinely commits to financial instruments with off-balance sheet risk to meet the financial needs of its customers. These financial instruments may include loan commitments and standby letters of credit. These commitments are subject to the same credit policies and approval process used for

on-balance sheet instruments. These instruments involve, to varying degrees, elements of credit and interest rate risk in excess of the amount recognized in the statements of financial position. At September 30, 2006, commitments to extend credit and commercial and financial standby letters of credit amounted to approximately \$1.9 billion and \$100.8 million, respectively. Commitments to extend credit are agreements to lend to customers as long as the conditions established in the contract are met. Generally, the Corporation's mortgage banking activities do not enter into interest rate lock agreements with its prospective borrowers.

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The following table presents a detail of the maturities of the Corporation's contractual obligations and commitments, which consist of CDs, long-term contractual debt obligations, other contractual obligations, commitments to sell loans and commitments to extend credit:

	<b>Contractual Obligations and Commitments</b>				
	<b>September 30, 2006</b>				
	(In thousands)				
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Less than 1 year</b>	<b>1-3 years</b>	<b>3-5 years</b>	<b>After 5 years</b>
Contractual obligations:					
Certificates of deposit	\$ 9,852,049	\$ 4,791,044	\$ 1,112,184	\$ 199,913	\$ 3,748,908
Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase	3,228,435	1,690,935	250,000	487,500	800,000
Advances from FHLB	134,000	5,000	129,000		
Notes payable	181,575			7,675	173,900
Other borrowings	231,695				231,695
<b>Total contractual obligations</b>	<b>\$ 13,627,754</b>	<b>\$ 6,486,979</b>	<b>\$ 1,491,184</b>	<b>\$ 695,088</b>	<b>\$ 4,954,503</b>
Commitments to sell mortgage loans	\$ 146,050	\$ 146,050			
Standby letters of credit	\$ 100,819	\$ 100,819			
Commitments to extend credit:					
Lines of credit	\$ 1,277,320	\$ 1,277,320			
Letters of credit	78,150	78,150			
Commitments to originate loans	526,045	526,045			
<b>Total commercial commitments</b>	<b>\$ 1,881,515</b>	<b>\$ 1,881,515</b>			

The Corporation has obligations and commitments to make future payments under contracts, such as outstanding debt securities, and under other commitments to sell mortgage loans at fair value and commitments to extend credit. Commitments to extend credit are agreements to lend to a customer as long as there is no violation of any condition established in the contract. Since certain commitments are expected to expire without being drawn upon, the total commitment amount does not necessarily represent future cash requirements. In the case of credit cards and personal lines of credit, the Corporation can at any time and without cause cancel the unused credit facility. In the ordinary course of business, the Corporation enters into operating leases and other commercial commitments. There have been no significant changes in such contractual obligation since the end of 2005.

**RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Corporation has in place a risk management framework to monitor, evaluate and manage the principal risks assumed in conducting its activities. First BanCorp's business is subject to eight broad categories of risks: (1) interest rate, (2) market risk, (3) credit risk, (4) liquidity risk, (5) operational risk, (6) legal and compliance risk, (7) reputation risk, and (8) contingency risk. First BanCorp has adopted policies and procedures which have been designed to

identify and manage risks to which the Corporation is exposed, specifically those relating to interest rate risk, credit risk, liquidity risk, and operational risk.

***Interest Rate Risk Management***

First BanCorp manages its asset/liability position in order to limit the effects of changes in interest rates on net interest income. The Management's Investment and Asset Liability Committee of FirstBank

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( MIALCO ) oversees interest rate risk, liquidity management and other related matters. The MIALCO, which reports to the Investment Sub-committee of the Board of Directors Asset/Liability Risk Committee, is composed of senior management officers, including the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Financial Officer, the Chief Operating Officer, the Risk Manager of the Treasury and Investment Department, the Economist and the Treasurer.

Committee meetings focus on, among other things, current and expected conditions in world financial markets, competition and prevailing rates in the local deposit market, liquidity, unrealized gains and losses in securities, recent or proposed changes to the investment portfolio, alternative funding sources and their costs, hedging and the possible purchase of derivatives such as swaps and caps, and any tax or regulatory issues which may be pertinent to these areas. The MIALCO approves funding decisions in light of the Corporation's overall growth strategies and objectives. On a quarterly basis, the MIALCO performs a comprehensive asset/liability review, examining interest rate risk as described below together with other issues such as liquidity and capital.

The Corporation uses scenario analysis to measure the effects of changes in interest rates on net interest income. These simulations are carried out over a one-year and a two-year time horizon, assuming gradual upward and downward interest rate movements of 200 basis points. Simulations are carried out in two ways:

- (1) using a static balance sheet as the Corporation had on the simulation date, and
- (2) using a growing balance sheet based on recent growth patterns and strategies.

The balance sheet is divided into groups of assets and liabilities in order to simplify the projections. As interest rates rise or fall, these simulations incorporate expected future lending rates, current and expected future funding sources and cost, the possible exercise of options, changes in prepayment rates, and other factors which may be important in projecting the future growth of net interest income. These projections are carried out for First BanCorp on a fully consolidated basis.

The Corporation uses asset-liability management software to project future movements in the Corporation's balance sheet and income statement. The starting point of the projections generally corresponds to the actual values of the balance sheet on the date of the simulations. Interest rates used for the simulations also correspond to actual rates at the start of the projection period.

These simulations are highly complex, and use many simplifying assumptions that are intended to reflect the general behavior of the Corporation over the period in question. There can be no assurance that actual events will match these assumptions in all cases. For this reason, the results of these simulations are only approximations of the true sensitivity of net interest income to changes in market interest rates. There have been no significant changes in the Corporation's interest rate risk profile since the end of 2005.

*Derivatives.* First BanCorp uses derivative instruments and other strategies to manage its exposure to interest rate risk caused by changes in interest rates beyond management's control. The following summarizes major strategies, including derivatives activities, used by the Corporation in managing interest rate risk:

**Interest rate swaps** Interest rate swap agreements generally involve the exchange of fixed- and floating-rate interest payment obligations without the exchange of the underlying principal. Since a substantial portion of the Corporation's loans, mainly commercial loans, yield variable-rates, the interest rate swaps are utilized to convert fixed-rate brokered CDs (liabilities) to a variable-rate to better match the variable-rate nature of these loans.

**Interest rate cap agreements** Interest rate cap agreements provide the right to receive cash if a reference interest rate rises above a contractual rate. The value increases as the reference interest rate rises. The

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Corporation enters into interest rate cap agreements to protect against rising interest rates. Specifically, the interest rate of the Corporation's commercial loans to other financial institutions is generally a variable rate limited to the weighted-average coupon of the referenced residential mortgage collateral, less a contractual servicing fee. The Corporation utilizes interest rate cap agreements to protect against rising interest rates.

**Structured repurchase agreements** The Corporation uses structured repurchase agreements, with embedded call options, to reduce the Corporation's exposure to interest rate risk by lengthening the contractual maturities of its liabilities, while keeping funding costs low. Another type of structured repurchase agreement includes repurchased agreements with embedded cap corridors; these instruments also provide protection for a rising rate scenario.

The following table summarizes the notional amount of all derivative instruments as of September 30, 2006, December 31, 2005, September 30, 2005, and September 30, 2004:

	<b>Notional amounts</b>			<b>As of</b>
	<b>As of</b>	<b>As of</b>	<b>As of</b>	<b>September</b>
	<b>September</b>	<b>December</b>	<b>September</b>	<b>30,</b>
	<b>30,</b>	<b>31,</b>	<b>30,</b>	<b>2004</b>
	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>(As Restated)</b>
	<b>(Dollars in thousands)</b>			
Interest rate swap agreements:				
Pay fixed versus receive floating	\$ 80,720	\$ 109,320	\$ 109,320	\$ 113,165
Received fixed versus pay floating	4,858,490	5,751,128	5,748,120	3,867,766
Embedded written options	13,515	13,515	13,515	13,515
Purchased options	13,515	13,515	13,515	13,515
Written interest rate cap agreements	125,200	150,200	150,200	25,000
Purchased interest rate caps	338,617	386,750	556,052	25,000
	\$ 5,430,057	\$ 6,424,428	\$ 6,590,722	\$ 4,057,961

The following table summarizes the notional amount of all derivatives by the Corporation's designation as of September 30, 2006, December 31, 2005, September 30, 2005 and September 30, 2004:

	<b>Notional amounts</b>			<b>As of</b>
	<b>As of</b>	<b>As of</b>	<b>As of</b>	<b>September</b>
	<b>September</b>	<b>December</b>	<b>September</b>	<b>30,</b>
	<b>30,</b>	<b>31,</b>	<b>30,</b>	<b>2004</b>
	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>(As</b>
	<b>(Dollars in thousands)</b>			
	<b>Restated)</b>			
Designated hedges:				
Fair value hedge:				
Interest rate swaps used to hedge fixed rate				
certificates of deposit	\$ 4,321,746	\$	\$	\$
Interest rate swaps used to hedge fixed and				
step rate notes payable	165,442			
Total fair value hedges	\$ 4,487,188	\$	\$	\$

Economic undesignated hedges:

Interest rate swaps used to hedge fixed rate certificates of deposit and loans	\$ 452,022	\$ 5,860,448	\$ 5,857,440	\$ 3,980,931
Embedded options on stock index deposits	13,515	13,515	13,515	13,515
Purchased options used to manage exposure to the stock market on embedded stock index options	13,515	13,515	13,515	13,515
Written interest rate cap agreements	125,200	150,200	150,200	25,000
Purchased interest rate cap agreements	338,617	386,750	556,052	25,000
Total derivatives not designated as hedge	\$ 942,869	\$ 6,424,428	\$ 6,590,722	\$ 4,057,961
Total	\$ 5,430,057	\$ 6,424,428	\$ 6,590,722	\$ 4,057,961

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The following tables summarize the fair value changes of the Corporation's derivatives as well as the source of the fair values:

(In thousands)	<b>Nine month period ended September 30, 2006</b>
Fair value of contracts outstanding at the beginning of the period	\$ (142,347)
Contracts realized or otherwise settled during the period	4,608
Changes in fair value during the period	(9,236)
 Fair value of contracts outstanding at end of period	 \$ (146,975)

**Source of Fair Value**

(In thousands)	Payments Due by Period				
	Maturity Less Than One Year	Maturity 1-3 Years	Maturity 3-5 Years	Maturity In Excess of 5 Years	Total Fair Value
As of September 30, 2006					
Prices provided by external sources	\$(356)	\$(5,471)	\$(6,939)	\$(134,209)	\$(146,975)

Prior to April 2006, none of the derivative instruments held by the Corporation were qualified for hedge accounting. Effective April 3, 2006, the Corporation adopted the long-haul method of effectiveness testing under SFAS 133 for substantially all of the interest rate swaps that hedge its brokered CDs and medium-term notes. The long-haul method requires periodic assessment of hedge effectiveness and measurement of ineffectiveness. The ineffectiveness results to the extent the changes in the fair values of the derivatives do not offset the changes in fair values of the hedged liabilities due to changes in the hedged risks. Prior to the implementation of fair value hedge accounting, the Corporation recorded unrealized losses in the valuation of interest rate swaps of approximately \$68.0 million during the first quarter of 2006.

With the implementation of the long-haul method with respect to the brokered CDs and medium-term notes on April 3, 2006, the basis differential between the market value and book value of the hedged liabilities at the inception of fair value hedge accounting, of approximately \$200.0 million, amortizes or accretes as a yield adjustment over the remaining term of the hedged liabilities. For the quarter and nine month period ended September 30, 2006, the Corporation recorded an accretion of \$0.8 million and an amortization of \$0.4 million, respectively, as a basis adjustment.

Effective January 1, 2007, the Corporation decided to early adopt SFAS 159 for the callable brokered CDs and the callable fixed medium-term notes ( Notes ) that were hedged with interest rate swaps. One of the main considerations to early adopt SFAS 159 for these instruments is to eliminate the operational procedures required by the long-haul method of accounting in terms of documentation, effectiveness assessment, and manual procedures followed by the Corporation to fulfill the requirements specified by SFAS 133. Upon adoption of SFAS 159, First BanCorp selected the fair value measurement for approximately 63% of the brokered CDs portfolio and for certain medium-term notes. The CDs and Notes chosen for the fair value measurement option are the ones hedged at January 1, 2007 by callable interest rate swaps with the same terms and conditions. The adoption of SFAS 159 also resulted on a positive after-tax impact to retained earnings of approximately \$92.2 million. Under SFAS 159, this one-time credit will not be recognized in current earnings.

The use of derivatives involves market and credit risk. The market risk of derivatives stems principally from the potential for changes in the value of derivatives contracts based on changes in interest rates. The credit risk of derivatives arises from the potential of a counterparty's default on its contractual obligations. To manage this credit risk, the Corporation deals with counterparties of good credit standing, enters into master netting agreements



whenever possible and, when appropriate, obtains collateral. Master netting agreements incorporate rights of set-off that provide for the net settlement of contracts with the same counterparty in the event of default.

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First BanCorp is subject to credit risk mainly with respect to its portfolio of loans receivable and off-balance sheet instruments, mainly derivatives and loan commitments. Loans receivable represent loans that First BanCorp holds for investment and, therefore, First BanCorp is at risk for the term of the loan. Loan commitments represent commitments to extend credit, subject to specific condition, for specific amounts and maturities. These commitments may expose the Corporation to credit risk and are subject to the same review and approval process as loans. Refer to *Contractual Obligations and Commitments* above for further details. The credit risk of derivatives arises from the potential of a counterparty's default on its contractual obligations. To manage this credit risk, the Corporation deals with counterparties of good credit standing, enters into master netting agreements whenever possible and, when appropriate, obtains collateral. For further details and information on the Corporation's derivative credit risk exposure, refer to *Interest Rate Risk Management* section above. The Corporation manages its credit risk through credit policy, underwriting, and quality control. The Corporation also employs proactive collection and loss mitigation efforts.

The Corporation may also encounter risk of default in relation to its securities portfolio. The securities held by the Corporation are principally mortgage-backed securities, U.S. Treasury and agency securities. Thus, a substantial portion of these instruments are guaranteed by mortgages, a U.S. government-sponsored entity or the full faith and credit of the U.S. government and are deemed to be of the highest credit quality.

Management's Credit Committee, comprised of the Corporation's Chief Credit Risk Officer and other senior executives, has primary responsibility for setting strategies to achieve the Corporation's credit risk goals and objectives. Those goals and objectives are documented in the Corporation's Credit Policy.

***Non-performing Assets and Allowance for Loan and Lease Losses******Allowance for Loan and Lease Losses***

The provision for loan and lease losses is charged to earnings to maintain the allowance for loan and lease losses at a level that the Corporation considers adequate to absorb probable losses inherent in the portfolio. The Corporation establishes the allowance for loan and lease losses based on its asset classification report to cover the total amount of any assets classified as a loss, the probable loss exposure of other classified assets, and the estimated losses of assets not classified. The adequacy of the allowance for loan and lease losses is also based upon a number of additional factors including historical loan loss experience, current economic conditions, the fair value of the underlying collateral, and the financial condition of the borrowers, and, as such, includes amounts based on judgments and estimates made by the Corporation. Although management believes that the allowance for loan and lease losses is adequate, factors beyond the Corporation's control, including factors affecting the Puerto Rico, the state of Florida, US VI or British VI economies may contribute to delinquencies and defaults, thus necessitating additional reserves.

For small, homogeneous loans, including residential mortgage loans, auto loans, consumer loans, finance lease loans, and commercial and construction loans under \$1.0 million, the Corporation evaluates a specific allowance based on average historical loss experience for each corresponding type of loans. The methodology of accounting for all probable losses is made in accordance with the guidance provided by Statement of Accounting Standards No. 5, *Accounting for Contingencies*.

Commercial and construction loans in amounts of over \$1.0 million are individually evaluated on a quarterly basis for impairment following the provisions of SFAS No. 114, *Accounting by Creditors for Impairment of a*

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Loan. A loan is impaired when, based on current information and events, it is probable that the Corporation will be unable to collect all amounts due according to the contractual terms of the loan agreement. The impairment loss, if any, on each individual loan identified as impaired is generally measured based on the present value of expected cash flows discounted at the loan's effective interest rate. As a practical expedient, impairment may be measured based on the loan's observable market price, or the fair value of the collateral, if the loan is collateral dependent.

The following table sets forth an analysis of the activity in the allowance for loan and lease losses during the periods indicated:

<i>(In thousands)</i>	Quarter ended September 30,			Nine Month Period Ended September 30,		
	2006	2005	2004 (As Restated)	2006	2005	2004 (As Restated)
Allowance for loan and lease losses, beginning of period	\$ 146,527	\$ 146,154	\$ 133,678	\$ 147,999	\$ 141,036	\$ 126,378
Provision for loan and lease losses	20,560	12,861	13,200	49,290	34,890	39,600
Loans charged off:						
Residential real estate	(171)	(311)	(57)	(871)	(1,053)	(142)
Commercial and Construction	(1,550)	(2,610)	(1,609)	(4,561)	(5,906)	(4,930)
Finance leases	(1,530)	(787)	(1,185)	(3,246)	(1,626)	(2,498)
Consumer	(17,982)	(9,489)	(8,253)	(45,816)	(26,209)	(25,511)
Recoveries	5,071	1,449	1,479	8,130	4,772	4,356
Net charge-offs	(16,162)	(11,748)	(9,625)	(46,364)	(30,022)	(28,725)
Other adjustments					1,363	
Allowance for loan and lease losses, end of period	\$ 150,925	\$ 147,267	\$ 137,253	\$ 150,925	\$ 147,267	\$ 137,253
Allowance for loan and lease losses to period end total loans receivable	1.39%	1.20%	1.59%	1.39%	1.20%	1.59%
Net charge-offs annualized to average loans outstanding during the period	0.60%	0.39%	0.47%	0.51%	0.36%	0.50%
Provision for loan and lease losses to net charge-offs during the period	1.27x	1.09x	1.37x	1.06x	1.16x	1.38x

First BanCorp's allowance for loan and lease losses was \$150.9 million at September 30, 2006, compared to \$147.3 million and \$137.3 million at September 30, 2005 and 2004, respectively. The provision for loan and lease

losses for the third quarter and first nine months of 2006 amounted to \$20.6 million and \$49.3 million, respectively, compared to \$12.9 million and \$34.9 million, respectively, for the corresponding periods in 2005 and \$13.2 million and \$39.6 million, respectively, for the corresponding periods in 2004. The increase in this provision for 2006, compared to 2005, was principally due to the growth in the Corporation's commercial (other than secured commercial loans to local financial institutions) and consumer loan portfolios coupled with increasing trends in non-performing loans and charge-offs experienced during 2006 as compared to 2005 reflecting deteriorating economic conditions in Puerto Rico. The Corporation's net charge-offs were affected by the fiscal and economic situation of Puerto Rico. According to the Puerto Rico Planning Board, Puerto Rico is currently in a midst of a recession since March 2006. The latest Gross National Product forecast by the Puerto Rico Planning Board expects a 1.4% reduction in fiscal year 2007 compared to fiscal year 2006. The slowdown in activity is the result of, among other things, higher utilities prices, higher taxes, government budgetary imbalances, the upward trend in short-term interest rates and the flattening of the yield curve, and higher levels of oil prices. The decrease in the provision during 2005 as compared to 2004 was primarily attributable to the seasoning of the corporate commercial loans portfolio.

First BanCorp's ratio of the allowance for loan and lease losses to period end total loans receivable increased by 19 basis points at September 30, 2006 compared to September 30, 2005 and decreased by 39 basis points at September 30, 2005 compared to September 30, 2004. The increase during 2006, compared to 2005,

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mainly reflects the increase in non-performing loans experienced during 2006. The decrease in the allowance during 2005 as compared to 2004 was mainly due to a change in the composition of the Corporation's loan portfolio (to higher concentration of residential real estate loans) and recent loss experience, specifically for commercial and residential real estate portfolio.

The Corporation's ratio of the provision for loan and lease losses to net charge-offs for the third quarter and first nine months of 2006 totaled 127% and 106%, respectively, compared to 109% and 116%, respectively, for the corresponding periods in 2005, and 137% and 138%, respectively, for the corresponding periods in 2004. The increase during the third quarter of 2006 compared to the same period in 2005 was mainly due to the aforementioned economic situation of Puerto Rico.

*Non-accruing and Non-performing Assets*

Total non-performing assets are the sum of non-accruing loans, foreclosed real estate and other repossessed properties. Non-accruing loans are loans as to which interest is no longer being recognized. When loans fall into non-accruing status, all previously accrued and uncollected interest is charged against interest income.

*Non-accruing Loans Policy*

**Residential Real Estate Loans** - The Corporation classifies real estate loans in non-accruing status when interest and principal have not been received for a period of 90 days or more.

**Commercial Loans** - The Corporation places commercial loans (including commercial real estate and construction loans) in non-accruing status when interest and principal have not been received in a period of 90 days or more. The risk exposure of this portfolio is diversified as to individual borrowers and industries among other factors. In addition, a large portion is secured with real estate collateral.

**Finance Leases** - Finance leases are classified in non-accruing status when interest and principal have not been received for a period of 90 days or more.

**Consumer Loans** - Consumer loans are classified in non-accruing status when interest and principal have not been received for a period of 90 days or more.

*Other Real Estate Owned (OREO)*

OREO acquired in settlement of loans is carried at the lower of cost (carrying value of the loan) or fair value less estimated costs to sell the real estate at the date of acquisition (estimated realizable value).

*Other Repossessed Property*

The other repossessed property category includes repossessed boats and autos acquired in settlement of loans. Repossessed boats and autos are recorded at the lower of cost or estimated fair value.

*Past Due Loans*

Past due loans are accruing commercial loans, which are contractually delinquent for 90 days or more. Past due commercial loans are current as to interest but delinquent in the payment of principal.

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The following table presents non-performing assets at the dates indicated:

	September 30, 2006	December 31, 2005	September 30, 2005	September 30, 2004 (As Restated)
<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>				
Non-accruing loans:				
Residential real estate	\$ 101,772	\$ 54,777	\$ 44,702	\$ 29,786
Commercial, commercial real estate and construction	79,740	35,814	32,792	36,349
Finance leases	7,458	3,272	2,896	1,960
Consumer	42,865	40,459	40,750	20,639
	231,835	134,322	121,140	88,734
Other real estate owned	3,713	5,019	6,032	6,939
Other repossessed property	18,431	9,631	8,274	6,994
Total non-performing assets	\$ 253,979	\$ 148,972	\$ 135,446	\$ 102,667
Past due loans	\$ 35,676	\$ 27,501	\$ 34,414	\$ 21,980
Non-performing assets to total assets	1.46%	0.75%	0.70%	0.68%
Non-accruing loans to total loans receivable	2.13%	1.06%	0.99%	1.03%
Allowance for loan and lease losses	\$ 150,925	\$ 147,999	\$ 147,267	\$ 137,253
Allowance to total non-accruing loans	65%	110%	122%	155%
Allowance to total non-accruing loans, excluding residential real estate loans	116%	186%	193%	233%

Due to deteriorating economic conditions in Puerto Rico, increased delinquencies, and overall growth of the Corporation's loan portfolio, First BanCorp increased its allowance for loan and lease losses from \$137.3 million as of September 30, 2004 to \$150.9 million as of September 30, 2006.

As a result of the increase in delinquencies, the Corporation's non-accruing loans to total loans receivable ratio has increased over time from 1.03% at September 30, 2004 to 2.13% at September 30, 2006. The increase was mainly due to increases in non-accruing loans in the residential real estate portfolio and, to a lesser extent, increases in commercial and consumer portfolios. Historically, the Corporation has experienced the lowest rates of losses for its residential real estate portfolio. As a consequence, the provision and allowance for loan and lease losses did not increase proportionately with the increase in non-accruing loans. In addition, the Corporation's allowance for loan and lease losses allocated to the commercial portfolio has decreased due to the stability, recent loss experience and aging of the portfolio. As a consequence, at September 30, 2006, the Corporation's ratio of the allowance for loan and lease losses to non-performing loans decreased by 90 basis points from 155% as of September 30, 2004 to 65% as of September 30, 2006. Excluding residential real estate loans, the ratio of the allowance for loan and lease losses to non-accruing loans decreased by 117 basis points from 233% at September 30, 2004 to 116% at September 30, 2006.

The increase in consumer non-accrual loans mainly relates to increases in the Corporation auto and unsecured personal loan portfolios.

**Liquidity Risk Management**

Liquidity refers to the level of cash and eligible investments to meet loan and investment commitments, potential deposit outflows and debt repayments. MIALCO, using measures of liquidity developed by management, which involves the use of several assumptions, reviews the Corporation's liquidity position on a weekly basis.

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The Corporation utilizes different sources of funding to help ensure that adequate levels of liquidity are available when needed. Diversification of funding sources is of great importance as it protects the Corporation's liquidity from market disruptions. The principal sources of short-term funds are deposits, securities sold under agreements to repurchase, and lines of credit with the FHLB as well as other unsecured lines established with financial institutions. MIALCO reviews credit availability on a regular basis. In the past, the Corporation has securitized and sold auto and mortgage loans as supplementary sources of funding. Additional funding is provided by the sale of commercial paper as well as long-term funding through the issuance of notes and long-term brokered CDs. The cost of these different alternatives, among other things, is taken into consideration. The Corporation's principal uses of funds are the origination of loans and the repayment of maturing deposit accounts and borrowings.

A large portion of the Corporation's funding is retail brokered CDs issued by the banking subsidiaries. In the event that the Corporation's bank subsidiaries are not well-capitalized institutions, they might not be able to replace this source of funding. The banking subsidiaries currently comply with the minimum requirements ratios for well-capitalized institutions and the Corporation does not foresee any risks to their ability to issue brokered deposits. In addition, the average life of the retail brokered CDs was approximately 6.3 years at September 30, 2006. Approximately 56% of these certificates are callable, but only at the Corporation's option.

Refer to the *Sources of Funds* section above for further details on the Corporation's brokered CDs.

**Operational Risk**

The Corporation faces ongoing and emerging risk and regulatory pressures related to the activities that surround the delivery of banking and financial products. Coupled with external influences such as market conditions, security risks, and legal risk, its potential for operational and reputational loss has increased. In order to mitigate and control operational risk, the Corporation has developed, and continues to enhance, specific internal controls, policies and procedures that are designated to identify and manage operational risk at appropriate levels throughout the organization. The purpose of these mechanisms is to provide reasonable assurance that the Corporation's business operations are functioning within the policies and limits established by management.

The Corporation classifies operational risk into two major categories: business specific and corporate-wide affecting all business lines. For business specific risks, a risk assessment group works with the various business units to ensure consistency in policies, processes and assessments. With respect to corporate wide risks, such as information security, business recovery, legal and compliance, the Corporation has specialized groups, such as the Legal Department, Information Security, Corporate Compliance, Information Technology and Operations. These groups assist the lines of business in the development and implementation of risk management practices specific to the needs of the business groups.



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**ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK**

For information regarding market risk to which the Corporation is exposed, see the information contained under the caption Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Risk Management.

**ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES**

**Disclosure Control and Procedures**

First BanCorp's management, with the participation of its Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, has evaluated the effectiveness of the design and operation of First BanCorp's disclosure controls and procedures as of September 30, 2006. Disclosure controls and procedures are defined under SEC rules as controls and other procedures that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by a company in the reports that it files or submits under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within required time periods. Disclosure controls and procedures include controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by an issuer in the reports that it files or submits under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is accumulated and communicated to the issuer's management, including its principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. As a result of this evaluation, First BanCorp's Chief Executive Officer and its Chief Financial Officer have concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of September 30, 2006.

A material weakness is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the annual or interim financial statements will not be prevented or detected on a timely basis by management or employees in the normal course of their assigned functions.

As reported in the Corporation's 2005 Annual Report on Form 10-K dated February 9, 2007, management previously concluded that its internal control over financial reporting was not effective as of December 31, 2005. Such conclusion resulted from the identification of the following material weaknesses:

1. Ineffective Control Environment.
2. Ineffective controls over the documentation and communication of relevant terms of certain mortgage loans bulk purchase transactions.
3. Ineffective controls over communications to the Audit Committee.
4. Ineffective controls over communication to the Corporation's independent registered public accounting firm.
5. Ineffective anti-fraud controls and procedures.
6. Insufficient accounting resources and expertise.
7. Ineffective controls over the accounting for mortgage-related transactions.
8. Ineffective controls over the accounting for derivative financial instruments.
9. Ineffective controls over the valuation of premiums and discounts on mortgage-backed securities.

These material weaknesses are discussed in greater detail in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005.

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### **Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

During the first, second and third quarter of 2006, First BanCorp completed the implementation of remediation steps to fully remediate all material weaknesses referred to above.

During the first quarter of 2006, First BanCorp completed the implementation of the following remediation steps to fully remediate the material weakness number 9 Ineffective controls over the valuation of premiums and discounts on mortgage-backed securities as of March 31, 2006. The remediation steps taken by management were to adjust the balances to reflect the use of the effective interest method. In addition, the Corporation reviewed the accounting policy to require the use of the interest method for the amortization of premiums and discounts on mortgage-backed securities. As a result of such review, effective January 1, 2006, the Corporation implemented the interest method for the amortization of premiums and discounts on mortgage-backed securities.

During the second quarter of 2006, First BanCorp completed the implementation of the following remediation steps to fully remediate the material weaknesses number 7 and 8:

*Ineffective controls over the accounting for mortgage-related transactions.* The Corporation's management believes that, as of June 30, 2006, the Corporation has fully remediated the material weakness in its internal control over financial reporting with respect to purchases of mortgages in bulk and the purchases of mortgages where the seller of the mortgages retains the servicing responsibilities. The Corporation has implemented controls that specify that the terms of any recourse provisions or retained servicing arrangements must be reviewed by the General Counsel before they are included in purchase agreements. In addition, the Board has reviewed the Corporation's risk management program and enhanced the communication to the Audit Committee.

*Ineffective controls over the accounting for derivative financial instruments.* The Corporation's management believes that, as of June 30, 2006, the Corporation has fully remediated the material weakness in its internal control over financial reporting with respect to the identification of derivatives and the measurement of hedge effectiveness. With respect to the identification of derivatives, the Corporation has implemented the following changes:

The Corporation created the Investment and Derivative Risk Manager Position, which is responsible for the evaluation of complex transactions, such as derivatives, implementation of policies and procedures and monitoring of external consultants analyses/computations.

The legal and accounting departments must review any new forms of transactions or any variants of forms of transactions for which the Corporation has not determined the accounting in order to identify any derivatives resulting from the structure of such transactions.

Periodic testing of the hedge effectiveness process is required to make sure that it is operating effectively to ensure compliance with SFAS 133.

Education of personnel on derivative financial instruments and involvement of outside experts, as necessary.

With respect to the measurement of hedge effectiveness, the Corporation has revised its control accounting procedures to state that the receipt of an upfront payment from an interest rate swap counterparty precludes the use of the short-cut method of accounting under SFAS 133.

During the third quarter of 2006, First BanCorp completed the implementation of remediation steps to fully remediate the material weaknesses number 1 through 6, which significantly improved its control environment including the documentation and communication of relevant terms of certain mortgage loan bulk purchase transactions, communication to the Audit Committee and to the Corporation's independent registered public accounting firm, anti-fraud controls and procedures, and accounting resources and expertise by implementing enhanced procedures and controls including the following:

Changes in Management and Clarification of the Role, Responsibilities and Authority of Management. In addition to the previous appointments of a new CEO and COO, the Board appointed in February 15, 2006 a new General Counsel, who reports to the CEO, and a new CFO during the third quarter of 2006. The roles, responsibilities and authority of the persons in each of these positions have been clarified to better inhibit any override of the Corporation's internal control over financial reporting. In addition, in 2006 the Corporation implemented detection controls to improve the identification and response to any instances of undue control by an unauthorized person of the financial reporting process.

Risk Management Program and Enhancement of the Communication of Information to the Audit Committee. During the first quarter of 2006, the Board reviewed the Corporation's risk management program with the assistance of outside consultants and legal counsel. This effort has resulted in a realignment of risk management functions and the adoption of an enterprise-wide risk management process. During the second quarter of 2006, the Board appointed a senior management officer as Chief Risk Officer and appointed this officer to the Risk Management Council with reporting responsibilities to the CEO and the Audit Committee. In addition, the Board formed an Asset/Liability Risk Committee which is responsible for the oversight of risk management, including asset quality, portfolio performance, interest rate and market sensitivity, and portfolio diversification. In addition, the Asset/Liability Risk Committee has the authority to examine the Corporation's investment activities and liabilities, such as its brokered CDs, to facilitate appropriate oversight by the Board. Finally, management is required to bring to the attention of the Asset/Liability Risk Committee new forms of transactions or variants of forms of transactions that the Committee has not yet reviewed to enable the Committee to fully evaluate the consequences of such transactions to the Corporation. In addition, management is required to bring to the attention of the Audit Committee significant new forms of transactions or variants of forms of transactions for which the Corporation has not determined the appropriate accounting treatment to enable the Audit Committee to fully evaluate the accounting treatment of such transactions. The enhancements of the risk management program are expected to result in a control environment that ensures the discussion and analysis of the legal and accounting implications of new forms of transactions or variants of transactions that may have a significant impact on the Corporation's financial condition or on the accuracy and completeness of the financial reporting process.

Transaction Documentation. In August 2006, the Corporation adopted a specific policy that requires that all transactions be completely and fully documented, thereby prohibiting any oral or undisclosed side agreements, and that such documentation be contemporaneously prepared and executed and centrally maintained and organized.

Board Membership Changes. In addition to the previous appointments of the new CEO and new COO to the Board, in November 2005, the Board elected Fernando Rodriguez-Amaro as a new independent director to serve as an additional audit committee financial expert, and thereafter appointed him Chairman of the Audit Committee as of January 1, 2006. Also, in the first quarter of 2006, the Board appointed Jose Menendez Cortada as the Lead Independent Director of the Board.

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Corporate Governance Review. During the first quarter of 2006, with the assistance of outside consultants and outside counsel, the Corporate Governance Committee of the Board re-evaluated the Corporation's corporate governance policies and made recommendation to the full Board for changes. These changes were implemented and are expected to result in a continued and clearer understanding of the responsibilities and duties of the Board and its committees and in alignment of those responsibilities with the industry's best practices.

Ethical training of employees and directors. During the third quarter of 2006, the Corporation completed the offering of the corporate compliance seminars to every employee and director of the Corporation. Through the corporate compliance training program, the Corporation is emphasizing the importance of compliance with the Corporation's policies and procedures and control systems, including the new policy regarding full and complete documentation of agreements and prohibiting oral and side agreements, the Corporation's Code of Ethics and Code of Conduct, the Corporation's various legal compliance programs, and the availability of mechanism to report possible unethical behavior, such as the Audit Committee's whistleblower hotline.

Procedures Relating to Concerns about Senior Management's Conduct. During 2006, the Board and the Audit Committee revised their respective procedures to emphasize more clearly the requirement that the Board or the Audit Committee be notified whenever any concerns arise regarding the conduct of senior management, including allegations of possible fraud, self-dealing or any other inappropriate conduct. In addition, when the Corporation appointed a new General Counsel, it specified that the General Counsel will report to the CEO in contrast to the former General Counsel who reported to the former CFO.

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Overall Accounting Resources and Expertise. The Corporation has recruited additional staff to strengthen its accounting, internal control, financial reporting, and internal audit functions. Further, the Corporation has appointed a senior management executive as the Chief Accounting Officer with primary responsibility for the development and implementation of the Corporation's accounting policies and practices and to review and monitor critical accounts and transactions to ensure that they are managed in accordance with such policies and practices, generally accepted accounting principles in the United States and applicable regulatory requirements.

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**PART II OTHER INFORMATION**

**ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

The Corporation is subject to various legal proceedings arising as a result of the restatement of the Corporation's financial statements for the years 2004, 2003 and 2002. For information on these proceedings, please refer to Note 17 to the unaudited interim financial statements included in Item 1, Financial Statements, of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

**ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS**

For a detailed discussion of certain risk factors that could affect First BanCorp's operations, financial condition or results for future periods see Item 1A, Risk Factors, in First BanCorp's 2005 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

**ITEM 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS**

Not applicable.

**ITEM 3. DEFAULTS UPON SENIOR SECURITIES**

Not applicable.

**ITEM 4. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS**

None.

**ITEM 5. OTHER INFORMATION**

Not applicable.

**ITEM 6. EXHIBITS**

31.1 CEO Certification pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

31.2 CFO Certification pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

32.1 CEO Certification pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

32.2 CFO Certification pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

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**SIGNATURES**

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

**First BanCorp.**

Registrant

Date: August 20, 2007

By: /s/ Luis M. Beauchamp  
Luis M. Beauchamp  
Chairman, President and Chief Executive  
Officer

Date: August 20, 2007

By: /s/ Fernando Scherrer  
Fernando Scherrer  
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial  
Officer  
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