

PARTNERS TRUST FINANCIAL GROUP INC

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On November 15, 2007, representatives of M&T Bank Corporation ( M&T ) will deliver a presentation to analysts and investors at the Merrill Lynch Financial Services Investor Conference in New York City. M&T s presentation is scheduled to begin at 8:00 a.m. Eastern Time. The presentation will be accompanied by a series of electronic slides that include information pertaining to the financial results and business strategies of M&T. A copy of these slides is filed herewith.

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Additional Information about the M&T/Partners Trust Financial Group, Inc. ( Partners Trust ) Transaction:

In connection with the proposed merger of M&T and Partners Trust, M&T has filed with the SEC a Registration Statement on Form S-4 that includes a Proxy Statement of Partners Trust and a Prospectus of M&T, as well as other relevant documents concerning the proposed transaction. The S-4 has been declared effective and Partners Trust mailed copies of the final Proxy Statement to its stockholders beginning on or about October 22, 2007. Stockholders are urged to read the Registration Statement and the final Proxy Statement/Prospectus regarding the merger and any other relevant documents filed with the SEC or incorporated by reference in the final Proxy Statement/Prospectus because they contain important information. You may obtain a free copy of the final Proxy Statement/Prospectus, as well as other filings containing information about M&T and Partners Trust at the SEC's Internet site (<http://www.sec.gov>). You may also obtain these documents, free of charge, at <http://www.mandtbank.com> under the tab *About Us* and then under the heading *Investor Relations* and then under *SEC Filings*. Copies of the final Proxy Statement/Prospectus and the SEC filings that will be incorporated by reference in the final Proxy Statement/Prospectus can also be obtained, free of charge, by directing a request to Investor Relations, One M&T Plaza, Buffalo, New York 14203, (716) 842-5138.

M&T and Partners Trust and their respective directors and executive officers may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the stockholders of Partners Trust in connection with the proposed merger. Information about the directors and executive officers of M&T is set forth in the proxy statement for M&T's 2007 annual meeting of stockholders, as filed with the SEC on Schedule 14A on March 5, 2007. Information about the directors and executive officers of Partners Trust is set forth in the proxy statement for Partners Trust's 2007 annual meeting of stockholders, as filed with the SEC on Schedule 14A on March 23, 2007. Additional information regarding the interests of those participants and other persons who may be deemed participants in the transaction may be obtained by reading the final Proxy Statement/Prospectus regarding the proposed merger. You may obtain free copies of this document as described in the preceding paragraph.