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First anniversary: Good position for future growth

Atlanta, January 23, 2008 – As the Private Bank of Buckhead approaches the anniversary of its Grand Opening celebration, it is in a good position for future growth, according to Charles B. (Charlie) Crawford, Jr., the bank’s president and CEO.

“We’re pleased with the numbers in terms of loans, deposits and assets,” he says, “and we will continue to grow while keeping growth balanced with quality and profitability.”

Crawford adds that the bank has been particularly pleased with the reaction of clients. “We’re not surprised, but we’re pleased to see that clients have responded positively to a high level of service and a personal relationship with their banker. They also have expressed appreciation for technological advances – like remote deposit – that make their banking simpler and more convenient.”

Though the bank officially opened December 11, 2006, it celebrated with a February 8, 2007, grand opening. Private Bank of Buckhead’s growth, by the numbers (\$,000’s):

	December 31, 2006	December 31, 2007
Loans	\$502	\$27,326
Deposits	\$1,686	\$24,849
Assets	\$17,095	\$41,199

All told, Crawford says the bank is in a position of strength. “Being a relatively new private bank has allowed us to avoid some of the credit quality issues other banks are facing, and that puts us in particularly good stead moving forward.”

Private Bank of Buckhead serves both businesses and individuals, bringing a private banking approach to all clients across all functions of the bank. It is located in Piedmont Center (Building Three).

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