# Pinnacle and Synovus to Combine: Building the Southeast Growth Champion

## Combined Company to Expand Presence In Most Attractive Growth Markets

#### ✓ Track Record of Profitable Growth

Top-quartile revenue & net income growth with strong risk discipline

#### Expert Leadership Team

Combined 120 years of experience in the financial services industry

#### **Winning Culture**

Employer of choice in our markets

#### Exceptional Client Service

Trusted partner to our clients Leading client satisfaction based on J.D. Power rankings and Coalition Greenwich awards

#### Efficient Operating Model

\$202mm avg. deposits per branch (#1 among peers) 47% efficiency ratio (#1 among peers)



Robust Financial Profile to Drive Significant Shareholder Value

SIGNIFICANT SCALE	<b>\$116bn</b> Total Assets	<b>\$81bn</b> Total Loans	<b>\$95bn</b> Total Deposits
COMPELLING FINANCIAL METRICS	<b>21%</b> 2027E EPS Accretion	<b>2.6</b> Years TBVPS Earnback	<b>9.8%</b> CET1 Ratio at Close
TOP-QUARTILE PROFITABILITY (2027E)	<b>1.38%</b> ROAA	<b>18%</b> ROATCE	<b>47%</b> Efficiency Ratio



# Terry Turner | President & Chief Executive Officer PINNACLE

"Over the last 25 years, we have attracted extraordinary talent to a bank that closely partners with its clients, developing 'raving fans' and delivering industry-leading growth. We are pleased to join forces with Synovus in a combination that prioritizes client experience and inspires associates. By combining Pinnacle's operating model, which is anchored in a disciplined entrepreneurial spirit, with Synovus' talented team and strong presence in attractive and fast-growing Southeastern markets, we will extend our legacy of building share in the most attractive markets nationally. I have tremendous admiration for Kevin and look forward to partnering with him and the rest of the Synovus team to bring our two banks together seamlessly."



#### Kevin Blair | Chairman, Chief Executive Officer & President SYNOVUS

"We are two high-performing institutions with one powerful future. Our belief in the success of this merger is grounded in a decade of strong results and proven execution from both companies, each delivering top-tier earnings and total shareholder returns. Building on a rich tradition of service and accelerating momentum, Synovus is well-positioned for growth. Together with Terry and the Pinnacle team, we are primed for continued outperformance, as we are not just combining forces – we are multiplying our impact."

# Maintaining Our Commitments to Associates, Clients, Local Communities and Shareholders



## Seamless transition focused on maintaining extraordinary client service

Will continue supporting clients with exceptional service and local, passionate and dedicated associates

Collectively, Pinnacle and Synovus have received a total of 45 Coalition Greenwich Best Bank Awards in 2025, positioning the combined company to be the Southeast growth champion with a relentless focus on client satisfaction



## Employer-of-choice with a winning culture and energized associates

Will align Pinnacle's and Synovus' winning, people-first cultures and incentivize talent through a "win together, lose together" compensation model



## Ongoing community support part of combined company's mission

Both Pinnacle and Synovus have a strong track record of making a significant positive impact on their communities, and that commitment will be maintained with this transaction

Will continue its significant employment and philanthropic commitments in Columbus, Nashville, Atlanta and across the Southeast, as well as its strong community development initiatives

See End Notes on slides 32 and 33 of the investor presentation titled "Pinnacle and Synovus to Combine: Building the Southeast Growth Champion" that can be found at <a href="https://investors.pnfp.com/">https://investors.pnfp.com/</a> and <a href="https://investors.pnfp

#### **Transaction Highlights**

#### Structure

0.5237x fixed exchange ratio; 100% stock transaction

Pinnacle Financial Partners' common stock will trade on the NYSE under the ticker symbol PNFP

#### **Pricing**

Represents a per share price of \$61.18 and a transaction value of \$8.6 billion

#### **Pro Forma Ownership**

~51.5% Pinnacle shareholders and ~48.5% Synovus shareholders

#### **Approvals and Timing**

Pinnacle and Synovus shareholders; customary regulatory approvals

Expected closing in Q1 2026

#### Leadership

**Terry Turner, Chairman** 

Kevin Blair, President & Chief Executive Officer

Rob McCabe, Vice Chairman & Chief Banking Officer

Jamie Gregory, Chief Financial Officer

#### **Board of Directors**

15 directors; 8 Pinnacle and 7 Synovus



#### Name and Brand

Combined company will operate under the Pinnacle Financial Partners name and brand

#### Headquarters

Corporate:

Atlanta, GA

Bank: Nashville, TN





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#### Important Information About the Merger and Where to Find It

Steel Newco Inc. ("Newco") intends to file a registration statement on Form S-4 with the SEC to register the shares of Newco common stock that will be issued to Pinnacle shareholders and Synovus shareholders in connection with the proposed transaction. The registration statement will include a joint proxy statement of Synovus and Pinnacle that also constitutes a prospectus of Newco. The definitive joint proxy statement/ prospectus will be sent to the shareholders of each of Synovus and Pinnacle in connection with the proposed transaction. INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS ARE URGED TO READ THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT AND JOINT PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE (AND ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS FILED WITH THE SEC IN CONNECTION WITH THE TRANSACTION OR INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE INTO THE JOINT PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS) BECAUSE SUCH DOCUMENTS WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION AND RELATED MATTERS. Investors and security holders may obtain free copies of these documents and other documents filed with the SEC by Synovus, Pinnacle or Newco through the website maintained by the SEC at http://www.sec.gov or by contacting the investor relations department of Synovus or Pinnacle at:

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Synovus and Pinnacle and their respective directors and executive officers and other members of management and employees may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from Synovus' shareholders and Pinnacle's shareholders in respect of the proposed transaction under the rules of the SEC. Information regarding Synovus' directors and executive officers is available in Synovus' proxy statement for its 2025 annual meeting of shareholders, filed with the SEC on March 12, 2025 (and available at https://www.sec.gov/ix?doc=/Archives/edgar/dat a/0000018349/000001834925000057/syn-20250312.htm) (the "Synovus 2025 Proxy"), under the headings "Corporate Governance and Board Matters," "Director Compensation," "Proposal 1 Election of Directors," "Executive Officers," "Stock Ownership of Directors and Named Executive Officers," "Executive Compensation," "Compensation and Human Capital Committee Report," "Summary Compensation Table," and "Certain Relationships and Related Transactions," and in Synovus' Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2024, filed with the SEC on February 21, 2025 (and available at https://www.sec.gov/ix?doc=/Archives/edgar/data/0000018349/000001834925000049/syn-20241231.htm), and in other documents subsequently filed by Synovus with the SEC, which can be obtained free of charge through the website maintained by the SEC at http://www.sec.gov. Any changes in the holdings of Synovus' securities by Synovus' directors or executive officers from the amounts described in the Synovus 2025 Proxy have been or will be reflected on Initial Statements of Beneficial Ownership of Securities on Form 3 or on Statements of Change in Ownership on Form 4 filed with the SEC subsequent to the filing date of the Synovus 2025 Proxy and are available at the SEC's website at www.sec.gov. Information regarding Pinnacle's directors and executive officers is available in Pinnacle's proxy statement for its 2025 annual meeting of shareholders, filed with the SEC on March 3, 2025 (and available at https://www.sec.gov/ix?doc=/Archives/edgar/ data/1115055/000111505525000063/pnfp-20250303.htm) (the "Pinnacle 2025 Proxy"), under the headings "Environmental, Social and Corporate Governance," "Proposal 1 Election of Directors," "Information About Our Executive Officers," "Executive Compensation," "Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management," and "Certain Relationships and Related Transactions," and in Pinnacle's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2024, filed with the SEC on February 25, 2025 (and available at https://www.sec.gov/ix?doc=/Archives/ edgar/data/1115055/000111505525000042/pnfp-20241231.htm), and in other documents subsequently filed by Pinnacle with the SEC, which can be obtained free of charge through the website maintained by the SEC at http://www.sec.gov. Any changes in the holdings of Pinnacle's securities by Pinnacle's directors or executive officers from the amounts described in the Pinnacle 2025 Proxy have been or will be reflected on Initial Statements of Beneficial Ownership of Securities on Form 3 or on Statements of Change in Ownership on Form 4 filed with the SEC subsequent to the filing date of the Pinnacle 2025 Proxy and are available at the SEC's website at www.sec.gov. Additional information regarding the interests of such participants will be included in the joint proxy statement/prospectus and other relevant materials to be filed with the SEC.

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