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#### **FORM 10-K**

(Mar	rk One)
[X]	ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT
	OF 1934
	For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007
	or
[]	TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE
	ACT OF 1934
	For the transition period from to
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#### **Aflac Incorporated**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Georgia 58-1167100

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

31999

1932 Wynnton Road, Columbus, Georgia

(Address of principal executive offices) (ZIP Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: 706.323.3431

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class Common Stock, \$.10 Par Value Name of each exchange on which registered New York Stock Exchange Tokyo Stock Exchange

## Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. b Yes o No

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act. o Yes \$ No

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. b Yes o No

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K (Section 229.405 of this chapter) is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant s knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K. o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer b Non-accelerated filer o (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Accelerated filer o Smaller reporting company o

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

The aggregate market value of the voting stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant as of June 30, 2007, was \$24,641,178,453.

The number of shares of the registrant s Common Stock outstanding at February 22, 2008, with \$.10 par value, was 474,754,948.

## **Documents Incorporated By Reference**

Certain information contained in the Notice and Proxy Statement for the Company s Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held on May 5, 2008, is incorporated by reference into Part III hereof.

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#### **PART I**

#### ITEM 1. BUSINESS.

We prepare our financial statements in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). This report includes certain forward-looking information that is based on current expectations and is subject to a number of risks and uncertainties. For details on forward-looking information, see Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations (MD&A), Part II, Item 7, of this report.

Aflac Incorporated qualifies as a large accelerated filer within the meaning of Exchange Act Rule 12b-2. Our Internet address is aflac.com. The information on the Company s Web site is not incorporated by reference in this annual report on Form 10-K. We make available, free of charge on our Web site, our annual report on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K and amendments thereto as soon as reasonably practicable after those forms have been electronically filed with or furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).

## **General Description**

Aflac Incorporated (the Parent Company) was incorporated in 1973 under the laws of the state of Georgia. Aflac Incorporated is a general business holding company and acts as a management company, overseeing the operations of its subsidiaries by providing management services and making capital available. Its principal business is supplemental health and life insurance, which is marketed and administered through its subsidiary, American Family Life Assurance Company of Columbus (Aflac), which operates in the United States (Aflac U.S.) and as a branch in Japan (Aflac Japan). Most of Aflac s policies are individually underwritten and marketed through independent agents. Our insurance operations in the United States and our branch in Japan service the two markets for our insurance business.

We believe Aflac is the world s leading underwriter of individually issued policies marketed at worksites. We continue to diversify our product offerings in both Japan and the United States. Aflac Japan sells supplemental insurance products, including cancer life plans, general medical indemnity plans, medical/sickness riders, care plans, living benefit life plans, ordinary life insurance plans and annuities. Aflac U.S. sells supplemental insurance products, including accident/disability plans, cancer expense plans, short-term disability plans, sickness and hospital indemnity plans, hospital intensive care plans, fixed-benefit dental plans, vision care plans, long-term care plans, and life insurance products.

We are authorized to conduct insurance business in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, several U.S. territories and Japan. Aflac Japan accounted for 71% of the Company s total revenues in 2007, 72% in 2006 and 74% in 2005. The percentage of total assets attributable to Aflac Japan was 82% at both December 31, 2007 and 2006. For additional information, see Note 2 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements in this report.

## **Results of Operations**

For information on our results of operations and financial information by segment, see MD&A and Note 2 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements in this report.

## **Foreign Currency Translation**

For information regarding the effect of currency fluctuations on our business, see the Foreign Currency Translation and Currency Risk sections of MD&A and Note 2 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements in this report.

#### **Insurance Premiums**

The growth of earned premiums is directly affected by the change in premiums in force and by the change in weighted-average yen/dollar exchange rates. Consolidated earned premiums were \$13.0 billion in 2007, \$12.3 billion in 2006, and \$12.0 billion in 2005. For additional information on the composition of earned premiums by segment, see Note 2 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements in this report. The following table presents the changes in annualized premiums in force for Aflac s insurance business for the years ended December 31.

(In millions)	2007	2006	2005
Annualized premiums in force, beginning of year New sales, including conversions	\$ 13,195 2,532	\$ 12,415 2,433	\$ 12,604 2,426
Change in unprocessed new sales	(78)	(56)	(67)
Premiums lapsed and surrendered Other	(1,715) 30	(1,589) 79	(1,483) 58
Foreign currency translation adjustment	406	(87)	(1,123)
Annualized premiums in force, end of year	\$ 14,370	\$ 13,195	\$ 12,415

## **Insurance - Japan**

We translate Aflac Japan s annualized premiums in force into dollars at the respective end-of-period exchange rates. Changes in annualized premiums in force are translated at weighted-average exchange rates. The following table presents the changes in annualized premiums in force for Aflac Japan for the years ended December 31.

		In Dollars			In Yen	
(In millions of dollars and billions of yen)	2007	2006	2005	2007	2006	2005
Annualized premiums in force, beginning of year	\$ 9,094	\$ 8,705	\$ 9,230	1,083	1,028	962
New sales, including conversions	974	1,010	1,167	115	117	129
Change in unprocessed new sales	(78)	(56)	(67)	(9)	(6)	(8)

Premiums lapsed and surrendered	(472)	(463)	(470)	<b>(56)</b>	(54)	(52)
Other	(64)	(15)	(32)	<b>(7</b> )	(2)	(3)
Foreign currency translation adjustment	406	(87)	(1,123)	-	-	-
Annualized premiums in force,						
end of year	\$ 9,860	\$ 9,094	\$ 8,705	1,126	1,083	1,028

For further information regarding Aflac Japan s financial results, sales and the Japanese economy, see the Aflac Japan section of MD&A in this report.

#### Insurance - U.S.

The following table presents the changes in annualized premiums in force for Aflac U.S. for the years ended December 31.

(In millions)	2007	2006	2005
Annualized premiums in force, beginning of year New sales, including conversions Premiums lapsed Other	\$ 4,101 1,558 (1,243) 94	\$ 3,711 1,423 (1,127) 94	\$ 3,374 1,259 (1,012) 90
Annualized premiums in force, end of year	\$ 4,510	\$ 4,101	\$ 3,711

For further information regarding Aflac s U.S. financial results and sales, see the Aflac U.S. section of MD&A in this report.

## **Insurance Products - Japan**

Aflac Japan s insurance products are designed to help consumers pay for medical and nonmedical costs that are not reimbursed under Japan s national health insurance system. Changes in Japan s economy and an aging population have put increasing pressure on Japan s national health care system. As a result, more costs are being shifted to Japanese consumers, who in turn have become increasingly interested in insurance products that help them manage those costs. Aflac Japan has responded to this consumer need by enhancing existing products and developing new products.

Aflac Japan s stand-alone medical product, EVER, offers a basic level of hospitalization coverage with an affordable premium. Since its initial introduction in 2002, we have expanded our suite of EVER product offerings. We added to our medical product portfolio in February 2007 with EVER Paid Up, a product that allows policyholders to choose to pay higher premium payments on the front end so they will be payment-free at either age 60 or 65. In August 2007, we introduced Gentle EVER, which helps consumers who may have a health condition that would exclude them from purchasing the other EVER products. We believe that there is an attractive market for this type of medical product in Japan. We also believe Gentle EVER will be an effective means for us to extend our reach to new consumers and further segment the medical market. We continue to believe that the entire medical category will remain an important part of our product portfolio in Japan.

The cancer life insurance plans we offer in Japan provide a lump-sum benefit upon initial diagnosis of internal cancer and a fixed daily benefit for hospitalization and outpatient services related to cancer as well as surgical, convalescent and terminal care benefits. These plans differ from Aflac U.S. cancer plans in that the Japanese policies may also provide death benefits and cash surrender values. In September 2007, we introduced a new product called Cancer Forte. This is the first major revision we have made to our cancer product since we introduced 21st Century Cancer in

2001. Responding to requests for enhanced outpatient coverage for cancer treatment, Cancer Forte pays outpatient benefits for 60 days, compared with 30 days for our previous plans. It also incorporates two new features. First, if a policyholder is diagnosed with cancer for the first time, we pay that policyholder an annuity from the second year through the fifth year after diagnosis. This is in addition to the traditional upfront first-occurrence benefit. The second new benefit is called Premier Support, where Aflac arranges for a third party to provide policyholders with counseling and doctor referral services upon their cancer diagnosis. In 2006, we designed a new cancer product for distribution by

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Dai-ichi Life that is customized for their market. In addition, our Rider MAX product provides accident and medical/sickness benefits as a rider to our cancer life policy.

The life products that we offer in Japan provide death benefits and cash surrender values. These products are available as stand-alone policies and riders. Some plans have features that allow policyholders to convert a portion of their life insurance to medical, nursing care, or fixed annuity benefits at a predetermined age.

We also offer traditional fixed-income annuities and care policies. For additional information on Aflac Japan s products and composition of sales, see the Aflac Japan section of MD&A in this report.

#### **Insurance Products - U.S.**

We design our U.S. insurance products to provide supplemental coverage for people who already have major medical or primary insurance coverage. Our policies are portable and pay regardless of other insurance. Benefits are paid in cash directly to policyholders, therefore they have the opportunity to use this cash to cover expenses of their choosing. Our health insurance plans are guaranteed-renewable for the lifetime of the policyholder (to age 70 for short-term disability policies). We cannot cancel guaranteed-renewable coverage, but we can increase premium rates on existing policies on a uniform, nondiscriminatory basis by class of policy in response to adverse experience. Any premium rate increases are subject to state regulatory approval. We have had minimal rate increase activity in the last five years.

Aflac U.S. offers an accident and disability policy to protect against losses resulting from accidents. The accident portion of the policy includes lump-sum benefits for accidental death, dismemberment and specific injuries as well as fixed benefits for hospital confinement. Optional disability riders are also available. Short-term disability policies provide disability benefits with a variety of elimination and benefit period options. The longest such benefit period offered is two years.

Our U.S. cancer plans are designed to provide insurance benefits for medical and nonmedical costs that are not covered by major medical insurance. Benefits include a first-occurrence benefit that pays an initial amount when internal cancer is first diagnosed; a fixed amount for each day an insured is hospitalized for cancer treatment; fixed amounts for radiation, chemotherapy and surgery; and a wellness benefit applicable toward certain diagnostic tests. In August 2007, we introduced our newest cancer product, Maximum Difference<sup>SM</sup>. This new cancer indemnity plan incorporates coverage for medical advances in cancer prevention, diagnosis, treatment and the many new ways cancer patients may now receive their care. Maximum Difference allows customization of coverage to fit varying needs and budgets.

Our hospital indemnity products provide fixed daily benefits for hospitalization due to accident or sickness. In 2005, we introduced a new version of our hospital indemnity plan. Indemnity benefits for inpatient and outpatient surgeries, as well as various other diagnostic expenses, are also available. Our sickness indemnity plan provides a fixed daily benefit for hospitalization due to sickness and fixed amounts for physician services for accident or sickness.

Aflac U.S. offers a specified health event policy that gives consumers three benefit and premium levels from which they may select. One of the levels combines the specified health event policy with

our intensive care plan. By leveraging administrative efficiencies, consumers can purchase the combined coverage for less than purchasing the policies separately.

Aflac U.S. offers term and whole life policies sold through payroll deduction at the worksite and various term and whole life policies on a direct basis. In early 2006, we introduced a revised life insurance portfolio called the Life Protector Series. This product line offers term policies with varying duration options and a new whole life policy with additional benefits, including an increased face value option. These revisions greatly enhanced the product category and contributed to its success in the marketplace.

We also offer a series of fixed-benefit dental policies, providing various levels of benefits for dental procedures, including checkups and cleanings. Plan features include a renewal guarantee, no deductible and no network restrictions.

Aflac U.S. offers Vision Now<sup>SM</sup>, which provides benefits for serious eye health conditions and loss of sight. Vision Now includes coverage for corrective eye materials and exam benefits.

We also offer other health insurance products including tax qualified and non-qualified long-term care plans. For additional information on Aflac s U.S. products and composition of sales, see the Aflac U.S. section of MD&A in this report.

## **Distribution - Japan**

We sell our products primarily through two distribution channels: independent corporate/individual agencies and affiliated corporate agencies.

The independent corporate agencies and individual agencies that sell our products give us better access to workers at the vast number of small businesses in Japan. Agents activities are primarily focused on insurance sales, with customer service support provided by the Aflac Contact Center. Independent corporate agencies and individual agencies contributed 56% of total new annualized premium sales in 2007, 58% in 2006 and 57% in 2005. Affiliated corporate agencies are formed when companies establish subsidiary businesses to sell our insurance products to their employees, suppliers and customers. These agencies help us reach employees at large worksites, including 89% of the companies listed on the Tokyo Stock Exchange. Affiliated corporate agencies contributed 36% of total new annualized premium sales in 2007, compared with 33% in 2006 and 35% in 2005. During 2007, we recruited approximately 3,200 new sales agencies. As of December 31, 2007, Aflac Japan was represented by more than 18,400 sales agencies with more than 100,800 licensed sales associates. We believe that new agencies will continue to be attracted to Aflac Japan s high commissions, superior products, customer service and strong brand image.

To improve the overall effectiveness of our sales force, we continued to employ New Associates Basic Training, which we launched in November 2006. This six-month training curriculum combines classroom and field training to improve agents—face-to-face consultation skills, with particular emphasis on the direct market and small- to medium-sized companies. Our training is also continuing to steer affiliated agencies to replace passive, or—pull—sales tactics, like direct mailings and newspaper ads, with active, or—push—techniques that involve more follow-up calls and face-to-face sales consultations. By the end of 2007, we had trained approximately 3,300 newly recruited sales associates through this new training program.

Aflac Service Shops encourage face-to-face sales techniques through convenient locations and knowledgeable sales associates. By the end of 2007, we had 604 Aflac Service Shops throughout Japan. To continue to enhance the level of service we offer, we began an e-learning system that is combined with a series of internal seminars aimed at providing a one-year training program to service shops. In addition to individual agencies and independent corporate agencies, affiliated corporate agencies have also seen the benefits and opened service shops.

We continued to reach consumers through our strategic marketing alliance with Dai-ichi Mutual Life Insurance Company (Dai-ichi Life). We believe our alliance has been one of the most successful partnerships in the insurance industry. In 2007, Dai-ichi Life sold approximately 244,000 of our market-leading cancer life policies, compared with 269,700 policies in 2006 and 277,700 policies in 2005, enabling Dai-ichi Life to retain its distinction as the number two seller of cancer insurance behind only Aflac.

We also spent 2007 preparing for new distribution opportunities, including sales through banks. Although we have sold our products to employees of banks since our entry into Japan in 1974, December 2007 marked the first time it was permissible for banks to sell third sector insurance products to their customers. We have been preparing for this new sales channel since 2004 and we believe we are well-positioned in the banking sector. By the end of January 2008, we had agreements with 41 banks to market Aflac s products through more than 3,300 branches nationwide.

Another distribution opportunity for Aflac was announced in November 2007 when Japan Post Network Co. selected Aflac Japan as the provider of cancer insurance to be sold through Japan s vast post office network. Japan Post Network Co. operates the 24,000 post offices located throughout Japan, providing a significant opportunity for us to reach new consumers.

For additional information on Aflac Japan s distribution, see the Aflac Japan section of MD&A in this report.

#### **Distribution - U.S.**

Our U.S. sales force comprises sales associates who are independent contractors licensed to sell accident and health insurance. Many are also licensed to sell life insurance. Sales associates are paid commissions based on first-year and renewal premiums from their sales of insurance products. In addition to receiving commissions on personal production, district, regional and state sales coordinators may also receive override commissions and incentive bonuses. Most associates efforts are principally focused on selling supplemental insurance at the worksite. Administrative personnel in Georgia, New York, and Nebraska handle policyholder service functions, including issuance of policies, premium collection, payment notices and claims.

We concentrate on marketing our products at the worksite. This method offers policies to individuals through employment, trade and other associations. This manner of marketing is distinct from the group insurance sales approach in that our policies are individually underwritten and premiums are generally paid by the employee. Additionally, Aflac policies are portable, meaning that individuals may retain their full insurance coverage upon separation from employment or such affiliation, generally at the same premium. We collect a major portion of premiums on such sales through payroll deduction or other forms of centralized billing. Worksite marketing enables a sales

associate to reach a greater number of prospective policyholders and lowers distribution costs, compared with individually marketed business.

During the past several years, we have enhanced and increased the size of our distribution system. We recruited more than 24,200 new sales associates in 2007, which resulted in a 4.2% increase in licensed agents at the end of the year, compared with 2006. However, increasing our sales force means more than just recruiting people. Over the last two years, we have shifted our focus to growing the number of average weekly producers, which measures high-quality, consistent, capable producers who make solid, consistent contributions to sales. On a weekly basis, the average number of U.S. associates actively producing business rose 6.0% to more than 10,900 in 2007.

For new sales associates, we continued to implement the New Associate Training Cycle, which combines classroom instruction and online learning through *Aflac University®* with field training. The New Associate Training Cycle also includes LEASE training (Larger Earnings by Acquiring Smaller Employers), which helps new sales associates jumpstart their sales careers with an easily transferable guide for approaching smaller businesses.

In addition to training sales associates, we extended our training of both new and veteran sales force management. Sales associates who exhibit leadership potential are invited to participate in our national Coordinator in Training (CIT) program. The CIT program concentrates on developing potential leaders—skills so they have a better chance to succeed as a district sales coordinator, the first level of Aflac—s sales force management. For district and regional sales coordinators, we refined and expanded the use of coordinator accreditation programs. We also began developing an accreditation curriculum that will be rolled out in 2008 for state sales coordinators, our highest level of sales management. Like the accreditation for regional sales coordinators, this new program will emphasize the management of managers. We believe our efforts to increase the size and capability of our field force will translate into a higher proportion of successful producing sales associates in the future.

For additional information on Aflac s U.S. distribution, see the Aflac U.S. section of MD&A in this report.

## **Competition - Japan**

In 1974, Aflac was granted an operating license to sell life insurance in Japan, making Aflac the second non-Japanese life insurance company to gain direct access to the Japanese insurance market. Through 1981, we faced limited competition for cancer life insurance policy sales. However, Japan has experienced two periods of deregulation since we entered the market. The first came in the early 1980s, when nine mid-sized insurers, including domestic and foreign, were allowed to sell cancer insurance products for the first time. In 2001, all life and non-life insurers were allowed to sell stand-alone cancer and medical insurance products as well as other stand-alone health insurance products. As a result, the number of insurance companies offering stand-alone cancer and medical insurance has more than doubled since the market was deregulated in 2001. However, based on our growth of annualized premiums in force and agencies, we do not believe that our market-leading position has been significantly impacted by increased competition. Furthermore, we believe the continued development and maintenance of operating efficiencies will allow us to offer affordable products that appeal to consumers.

Aflac has had substantial success selling cancer life policies in Japan, with 14 million cancer life policies in force as of December 31, 2007. We believe we will remain a leading provider of cancer life insurance coverage in Japan, principally due to our experience in the market, low-cost operations, unique marketing system (see Distribution - Japan above) and product expertise.

We have also experienced substantial success selling medical insurance in Japan. While other companies have recognized the opportunities that we have seen in the medical insurance market and offered new products, we believe our products stand out as a tremendous value to consumers. Aflac Japan continued to be the number one seller of stand-alone medical insurance in the life insurance industry in terms of policy sales throughout the year.

## **Competition - U.S.**

Approximately 1,000 life insurance companies are licensed in the United States. We compete against several insurers on a national basis plus other insurers regionally. We believe our policies and premium rates, as well as the commissions paid to our sales associates, are competitive with those offered by other companies providing similar types of insurance. However, we believe our U.S. business is distinct from our competitors because of our product focus, distribution system, and brand awareness. For many of the other companies that sell supplemental insurance, it represents a secondary business. For us, it is our primary business. We also believe that our growing distribution system of independent sales associates expands our business opportunities, while our advertising campaigns have increased our name awareness and consumer understanding of our brand message.

Private insurers and voluntary and cooperative plans, such as Blue Cross and Blue Shield, provide insurance for hospitalization and medical expenses. Much of this insurance is sold on a group basis. The federal and state governments also pay substantial costs of medical treatment through various programs. Such major medical insurance generally covers a substantial amount of the medical expenses incurred by an insured as a result of accident and disability, cancer or other major illnesses. Aflac s policies are designed to provide coverage that supplements major medical insurance and may also be used to defray nonmedical expenses. Thus, we do not compete directly with major medical insurers. However, the scope of major medical coverage offered by other insurers does represent a potential limitation on the market for our products. Accordingly, expansion of coverage by other insurers or governmental programs could adversely affect our business opportunities. Conversely, any reduction of coverage, or increased deductibles and copayments, by other insurers or governmental programs could favorably affect our business opportunities.

#### **Investments and Investment Results**

Net investment income was \$2.3 billion in 2007, \$2.2 billion in 2006 and \$2.1 billion in 2005. Growth of net investment income during the last three years has been impacted by the low level of investment yields for new money in both Japan and the United States. In particular, Japan s life insurance industry has contended with low investment yields for a number of years. Although the Bank of Japan ended its zero-interest-rate policy in 2006, market yields on long-duration fixed maturity securities which we primarily purchase in Japan did not increase measurably during the year.

## **Investments - Japan**

The following table presents the composition of total investments, at amortized cost, and cash for Aflac Japan (\$47.8 billion in 2007 and \$42.5 billion in 2006) as of December 31.

## **Composition of Securities by Sector**

	2007	2006
Debt securities, at amortized cost:		
Banks/financial institutions	44.7%	44.6%
Government and guaranteed	18.3	19.8
Municipalities	.1	.1
Public utilities	8.4	8.0
Collateralized debt obligations	.9	.3
Sovereign and supranational	8.3	8.8
Mortgage- and asset-backed securities	1.1	.8
Other corporate	17.4	16.7
Total debt securities	99.2	99.1
Equity securities and other	.1	.1
Cash and cash equivalents	.7	.8
Total investments and cash	100.0%	100.0%

Yen-denominated debt securities accounted for 93% of Aflac Japan s total debt securities at both December 31, 2007 and 2006.

Funds available for investment include cash flows from operations, which include investment income, and funds generated from bond swaps, maturities and redemptions. Aflac Japan purchased debt security investments totaling approximately 699.1 billion yen in 2007 (approximately \$6.0 billion), 687.9 billion yen in 2006 (approximately \$5.9 billion), and 873.4 billion yen in 2005 (approximately \$7.8 billion). Equity security purchases were immaterial during the three-year period ended December 31, 2007. The following table presents the composition of debt security purchases for the years ended December 31.

## **Composition of Purchases by Sector**

2007	2006	2005

# Debt security purchases, at cost:

Banks/financial institutions	35.3%	36.3%	46.8%
Government and guaranteed	24.4	23.6	43.9
Municipalities	-	.1	-
Public utilities	8.6	9.2	2.3
Collateralized debt obligations	4.6	2.5	-
Sovereign and supranational	3.0	8.9	.2
Mortgage- and asset-backed securities	2.2	3.5	.4
Other corporate	21.9	15.9	6.4