

SYNOVUS FINANCIAL CORP  
Form SC 13G  
May 12, 2014

**UNITED  
STATES  
SECURITIES  
AND  
EXCHANGE  
COMMISSION  
Washington,  
D.C. 20549**

SCHEDULE  
13G  
**(Rule 13d-102)**

**Information  
Statement  
Pursuant to  
Rules 13d-1 and  
13d-2  
Under the  
Securities  
Exchange Act of  
1934  
(Amendment  
No. \_\_)\***

Synovus  
Financial  
Corp.  
(Name of  
Issuer)

Common stock,  
par value \$1.00  
per share  
(Title of Class of  
Securities)

87161C105  
(CUSIP Number)

May 6, 2014  
Date of Event  
Which Requires  
Filing of the  
Statement

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

- Rule 13d-1(b)
- Rule 13d-1(c)
- Rule 13d-1(d)

\*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION  
NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

1.

**Citadel Advisors LLC**

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX  
IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

2.

(a) ..

(b) ..

SEC USE ONLY

3.

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF  
ORGANIZATION

4.

**Delaware**

SOLE VOTING POWER

5.

NUMBER OF **0**

SHARES

SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY

OWNED BY 6.

**50,202,544 shares**

EACH

REPORTING

PERSON

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

7.

WITH **0**

8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

**See Row 6 above**

9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT  
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY  
EACH REPORTING PERSON

**See Row 6 above**

10. CHECK BOX IF THE  
AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW  
(9) EXCLUDES

CERTAIN SHARES ..

11. PERCENT OF CLASS  
REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN  
ROW (9)

**5.2%<sup>1</sup>**

12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

**IA; OO; HC**

The percentages reported in this Schedule 13G are based upon 972,871,844 shares of common stock outstanding as of April 30, 2014 (according to the Form 10-Q filed by the issuer with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 8, 2014).

NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION  
NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

1.

**Citadel Advisors Holdings II LP**

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX  
IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

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(a) ..

(b) ..

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3.

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF  
ORGANIZATION

4.

**Delaware**

SOLE VOTING POWER

5.

NUMBER OF **0**

SHARES

SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY

OWNED BY 6.

**50,604,645 shares**

EACH

REPORTING

PERSON

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

7.

WITH **0**

8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

**See Row 6 above**

9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT  
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY  
EACH REPORTING PERSON

**See Row 6 above**

10. CHECK BOX IF THE  
AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW  
(9) EXCLUDES

CERTAIN SHARES ..

11. PERCENT OF CLASS  
REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN  
ROW (9)

**5.2%**

12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

**PN; HC**

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NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION  
NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

1.

**Citadel GP LLC**

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX  
IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

2.

(a) ..

(b) ..

SEC USE ONLY

3.

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF  
ORGANIZATION

4.

**Delaware**

SOLE VOTING POWER

5.

NUMBER OF **0**

SHARES

SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY

OWNED BY 6.

**50,829,045 shares**

EACH

REPORTING

PERSON

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

7.

WITH **0**

8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

**See Row 6 above.**

9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT  
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY  
EACH REPORTING PERSON

**See Row 6 above.**

10. CHECK BOX IF THE  
AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW  
(9) EXCLUDES

CERTAIN SHARES ..

11. PERCENT OF CLASS  
REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN  
ROW (9)

**5.2%**

12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

**OO; HC**



NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION  
NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

1.

**Kenneth Griffin**

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX  
IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

2.

(a) ..

(b) ..

SEC USE ONLY

3.

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF  
ORGANIZATION

4.

**U.S. Citizen**

SOLE VOTING POWER

5.

NUMBER OF **0**

SHARES

SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY

OWNED BY 6.

**50,829,045 shares**

EACH

REPORTING

PERSON

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

7.

WITH **0**

8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

**See Row 6 above**

9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT  
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY  
EACH REPORTING PERSON

**See Row 6 above**

10. CHECK BOX IF THE  
AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW  
(9) EXCLUDES

CERTAIN SHARES

11. PERCENT OF CLASS  
REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN  
ROW (9)

**5.2%**

12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

**IN; HC**

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**Item 1(a) Name of Issuer**

Synovus Financial Corp.

**Item 1(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices**

1111 Bay Avenue, Suite 500, Columbus, Georgia 31901

**Item 2(a) Name of Person Filing**

This Schedule 13G is being jointly filed by Citadel Advisors LLC ("Citadel Advisors"), Citadel Advisors Holdings II LP ("CAH2"), Citadel GP LLC ("CGP") and Mr. Kenneth Griffin (collectively with Citadel Advisors, CAH2 and CGP, the "Reporting Persons") with respect to shares of common stock (and options to purchase common stock) of the above-named issuer owned by Citadel Global Equities Master Fund Ltd., a Cayman Islands limited company ("CG"), Citadel Equity Fund Ltd., a Cayman Islands limited company ("CEF"), Surveyor Capital Ltd., a Cayman Islands limited company ("SC"), Citadel Quantitative Strategies Master Fund Ltd., a Cayman Islands limited company ("CQ"), and Citadel Securities LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Citadel Securities").

Citadel Advisors is the portfolio manager for CG, CEF and SC. Citadel Advisors II LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("CA2"), is the portfolio manager of CQ. CAH2 is the managing member of Citadel Advisors and CA2. CALC III LP, a Delaware limited partnership ("CALC3"), is the non-member manager of Citadel Securities. CGP is the general partner of CALC3 and CAH2. Mr. Griffin is the President and Chief Executive Officer of, and owns a controlling interest in, CGP.

The filing of this statement shall not be construed as an admission that any of the Reporting Persons is the beneficial owner of any securities covered by the statement other than the securities actually owned by such person (if any).

**Item 2(b) Address of Principal Business Office**

The address of the principal business office of each of the Reporting Persons is c/o Citadel LLC, 131 S. Dearborn Street, 32nd Floor, Chicago, Illinois 60603.

**Item 2(c) Citizenship**

Each of Citadel Advisors and CGP is organized as a limited liability company under the laws of the State of Delaware. CAH2 is organized as a limited partnership under the laws of the State of Delaware. Mr. Griffin is a U.S. citizen.

**Item 2(d) Title of Class of Securities**

Common stock, \$1.00 par value

**Item 2(e) CUSIP Number**

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**Item 3** If this statement is filed pursuant to Rules 13d-1(b), or 13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a:

- (a) " Broker or dealer registered under Section 15 of the Exchange Act;
- (b) " Bank as defined in Section 3(a)(6) of the Exchange Act;
- (c) " Insurance company as defined in Section 3(a)(19) of the Exchange Act;
- (d) " Investment company registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act;
- (e) " An investment adviser in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E);
- (f) " An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F);
- (g) " A parent holding company or control person in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G);
- (h) " A savings association as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act;
- (i) " A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under Section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act;
- (j) " Group, in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J).

If filing as a non-U.S. institution in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J), please specify the type of institution:

\_\_\_\_\_.

#### **Item 4 Ownership**

A. Citadel Advisors LLC

- (a) Citadel Advisors may be deemed to beneficially own 50,202,544 shares of Common Stock.
- (b) The number of shares Citadel Advisors may be deemed to beneficially own constitutes approximately 5.2% of the Common Stock outstanding.
- (c) Number of shares as to which such person has:

- (i) sole power to vote or to direct the vote: 0
- (ii) shared power to vote or to direct the vote: 50,202,544
- (iii) sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 0
- (iv) shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 50,202,544

B. Citadel Advisors Holding II LP

(a) CAH2 may be deemed to beneficially own 50,604,645 shares of Common Stock.

(b) The number of shares CAH2 may be deemed to beneficially own constitutes approximately 5.2% of the Common Stock outstanding.

(c) Number of shares as to which such person has:

(i) sole power to vote or to direct the vote: 0

(ii) shared power to vote or to direct the vote: 50,604,645

(iii) sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 0

(iv) shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 50,604,645

C. Citadel GP LLC and Kenneth Griffin

(a) CGP and Griffin may be deemed to beneficially own 50,829,045 shares of Common Stock.

(b) The number of shares CGP and Griffin may be deemed to beneficially own constitutes approximately 5.2% of the Common Stock outstanding.

(c) Number of shares as to which such person has:

(i) sole power to vote or to direct the vote: 0

(ii) shared power to vote or to direct the vote: 50,829,045

(iii) sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 0

(iv) shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 50,829,045

**Item 5 Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class**

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than 5 percent of the class of securities, check the following ":

**Item 6 Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person**

Not Applicable

**Item 7 Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company**

See Item 2 above

**Item 8 Identification and Classification of Members of the Group**

Not Applicable



**Item 9 Notice of Dissolution of Group**

Not Applicable

**Item 10 Certification**

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

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After reasonable inquiry and to the best of its knowledge and belief, the undersigned certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2014.

**CITADEL ADVISORS LLC**

By: /s/ Mark Polemeni  
Mark Polemeni, Authorized Signatory

**CITADEL ADVISORS HOLDINGS II  
LP**

By: /s/ Mark Polemeni  
Mark Polemeni, Authorized Signatory

**CITADEL GP LLC**

By: /s/ Mark Polemeni  
Mark Polemeni, Authorized Signatory

**KENNETH GRIFFIN**

By: /s/ Mark Polemeni  
Mark Polemeni, attorney-in-fact\*

Mark Polemeni is signing on behalf of Kenneth Griffin as attorney-in-fact pursuant to a power of attorney previously filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on January 18, 2013, and hereby incorporated by reference herein. The power of attorney was filed as an attachment to a filing by Citadel Advisors LLC on Schedule 13G for TiVo Inc.