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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549
FORM S-3
REGISTRATION STATEMENT
UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

Comerica Incorporated

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

38-1998421

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification Number)

**Comerica Capital Trust II
Comerica Capital Trust III**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

38-6786258

Applied For
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification Numbers)

Comerica Tower at Detroit Center

**500 Woodward Avenue
Detroit, Michigan 48226
(313) 222-6317**

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including
area code, of registrant's principal executive offices)

Jon W. Bilstrom

**Executive Vice President-Governance, Regulatory
Relations and Legal Affairs, and Secretary**

**Comerica Incorporated
Comerica Tower at Detroit Center
500 Woodward Avenue
Detroit, Michigan 48226
(313) 222-6317**

(Name, address, including zip code, and telephone number, including
area code, of agent for service)

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(312) 782-0600**

Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale of the securities to the public: At such time (from time to time) after the effective date of this registration statement as agreed upon by Comerica Incorporated (Comerica) and the Underwriters in light of market conditions.

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If the only securities being registered on this Form are being offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box.

If any of the securities being registered on this Form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered only in connection with dividend or interest reinvestment plans, check the following box.

If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, please check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this Form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(c) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this Form is a registration statement pursuant to General Instruction I.D. or a post-effective amendment thereto that shall become effective upon filing with the Commission pursuant to Rule 462(e) under the Securities Act, check the following box.

If this Form is a post-effective amendment to a registration statement filed pursuant to General Instruction I.D. filed to register additional securities or additional classes of securities pursuant to Rule 413(b) under the Securities Act, check the following box.

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CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of each class of securities to be registered*	Amount to be registered/ Proposed maximum offering price per unit/ Proposed maximum offering price(1)(2)/Amount of Registration Fee
Common Stock of Comerica (3)	
Preferred Stock of Comerica (4)	
Depository Shares of Comerica (5)	
Debt Securities of Comerica (6)	(1)(2)
Warrants to Purchase Common Stock, Preferred Stock or Debt Securities of Comerica	
Stock Purchase Contracts of Comerica	
Stock Purchase Units of Comerica (7)	
Capital Securities of:	
Comerica Capital Trust II	
Comerica Capital Trust III	
Comerica Guarantees of Capital Securities of Comerica Capital Trust II and Comerica Capital Trust III (8)	
* Additional securities (including securities to be issued by additional registrants) may be added by automatically effective post-effective amendments pursuant to Rule 413.	
(1) An unspecified aggregate initial offering price and number of the securities of each identified class is being registered as may from time to time be	

offered at unspecified prices. Separate consideration may or may not be received for securities that are issuable on exercise, conversion or exchange of other securities. In accordance with Rules 456(b) and 457(r), the Registrants are deferring payment of all of the registration fee. In connection with the securities offered hereby, the Registrants will pay pay-as-you-go registration fees in accordance with Rule 456(b) and 457(r).

- (2) Includes an unspecified number of securities that may be offered or sold by affiliates of the Registrants in market-making transactions.
- (3) Also includes the presently indeterminate number of shares of common stock

as may be
issued by
Comerica
Incorporated
(a) upon
conversion of or
exchange for
any debt
securities or
preferred shares
that provide for
conversion or
exchange into
common stock,
(b) upon
exercise of
warrants to
purchase
common stock
or (c) pursuant
to stock
purchase
contracts.

- (4) Also includes
the presently
indeterminate
number of
shares of
preferred stock
as may be
issued by
Comerica
Incorporated
(a) upon
conversion of or
exchange for
any debt
securities that
provide for
conversion or
exchange into
preferred stock,
(b) upon
exercise of
warrants to
purchase
preferred stock
or (c) pursuant
to stock
purchase

contracts.

- (5) To be represented by depositary receipts representing an interest in all or a specified portion of a shares of common or preferred stock.
- (6) Subject to note (1), an indeterminate principal amount of debt securities, which may be senior or subordinated.
- (7) Each stock purchase unit consists of (a) a stock purchase contract and (b) a beneficial interest in debt securities, capital securities or debt obligations of third parties.
- (8) No separate consideration will be received for the guarantees of the capital securities issued by Comerica Capital Trust II or Comerica Capital Trust III.

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Debt Securities
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Stock Purchase Contracts
Stock Purchase Units
Comerica Capital Trust II
Comerica Capital Trust III
Capital Securities Guaranteed to the Extent Provided in this Prospectus by
Comerica Incorporated

Comerica or the applicable Comerica Capital Trust will provide the specific terms of these securities in supplements to this prospectus. You should read this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement carefully before you invest in any of these securities.

Comerica's common stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol CMA.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

These securities are not deposits or savings accounts but are unsecured obligations of Comerica. These securities are not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other governmental agency or instrumentality.

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You should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus or any supplement. Neither Comerica nor the Comerica Capital Trusts has authorized anyone else to provide you with different information. Comerica and the Comerica Capital Trusts are offering these securities only in states where the offer is permitted. You should not assume that the information in this prospectus or any supplement is accurate as of any date other than the date on the front of those documents. Comerica's business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since that date.

In this prospectus, references to "Comerica," "we," "us" or "our" are to Comerica Incorporated and its consolidated subsidiaries.

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PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

This summary provides a brief overview of the key aspects of Comerica, the Comerica Capital Trusts and all material terms of the offered securities that are known as of the date of this prospectus. For a more complete understanding of the terms of the offered securities, before making your investment decision, you should carefully read:

this prospectus, which explains the general terms of the securities that Comerica and the Comerica Capital Trusts may offer; and

the documents referred to in "Where You Can Find More Information" on page for information on Comerica, including its financial statements.

Comerica Incorporated

Comerica Incorporated is a financial services company incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware and headquartered in Detroit, Michigan. As of December 31, 2005, it was among the 21 largest commercial banking companies in the United States. Comerica was formed in 1973 to acquire the outstanding common stock of Comerica Bank (formerly Comerica Bank-Detroit), one of Michigan's oldest banks (Comerica Bank). As of December 31, 2005, Comerica owned directly or indirectly all the outstanding common stock of 3 active banking and 48 non-banking subsidiaries. At December 31, 2005, Comerica had total assets of approximately \$53.0 billion, total deposits of approximately \$42.4 billion, total loans (net of unearned income) of approximately \$43.2 billion and common shareholders' equity of approximately \$5.1 billion.

Comerica's principal executive office is at Comerica Tower at Detroit Center, 500 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48226, and its telephone number is (313) 222-6317.

Comerica Capital Trusts

Each of the trusts is a statutory trust recently organized under Delaware law by us solely for the purposes of issuing to us, in exchange for our junior subordinated debentures, preferred and common securities that represent undivided beneficial ownership interests in the assets of each trust and engaging in other activities that are directly related to the activities described above, such as registering the transfer of the capital securities.

The executive office of each trust is c/o Comerica Incorporated, Comerica Tower at Detroit Center, 500 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48226, and its telephone number is (313) 222-6317.

Use of Proceeds

Unless otherwise disclosed in the applicable prospectus supplement, Comerica will use the net proceeds it receives from any offering of these securities for general corporate purposes, which may include funding the business of its operating units; funding investments in, or extensions of credit or capital contributions to, its subsidiaries; financing possible acquisitions or business expansion; and refinancing outstanding indebtedness or refunding maturing indebtedness. Each Comerica Capital Trust will invest all proceeds received from the sale of its capital securities and common securities in a particular series of subordinated debt securities of Comerica. Comerica will use these funds as specified above.

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FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus include forward-looking statements as defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. All statements regarding Comerica's expected financial position, strategies and growth prospects and general economic conditions Comerica expects to exist in the future are forward-looking statements. The words, anticipates, believes, feels, expects, estimates, strives, plans, intends, outlook, forecast, position, target, mission, assume, achievable, potential aspiration, outcome, continue, remain, maintain, trend, objective and variations of such words and similar or future or conditional verbs such as will, would, should, could, might, can, may or similar expressions, as to Comerica or its management, are intended to identify forward-looking statements.

Comerica cautions that forward-looking statements are subject to numerous assumptions, risks and uncertainties, which change over time. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date the statement is made, and Comerica does not undertake to update forward-looking statements to reflect facts, circumstances, assumptions or events that occur after the date the forward-looking statements are made. Actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in forward-looking statements, and future results could differ materially from historical performance. Information regarding important factors that could cause actual results to differ, perhaps materially, from those in our forward-looking statements is contained under Item 1A Risk Factors in Comerica's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005 which is incorporated herein by reference in this prospectus. Comerica does not have any intention or obligation to update forward-looking statements after it distributes this prospectus.

COMERICA INCORPORATED

Comerica Incorporated is a financial services company incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware and headquartered in Detroit, Michigan. As of December 31, 2005, it was among the 21 largest commercial banking companies in the United States. Comerica was formed in 1973 to acquire the outstanding common stock of Comerica Bank (formerly Comerica Bank-Detroit), one of Michigan's oldest banks (Comerica Bank). As of September 30, 2006, Comerica owned directly or indirectly all the outstanding common stock of 2 active banking and 64 non-banking subsidiaries. At September 30, 2006, Comerica had total assets of approximately \$58.5 billion, total deposits of approximately \$44.9 billion, total loans (net of unearned income) of approximately \$46.5 billion and common shareholders' equity of approximately \$5.2 billion.

Comerica's principal executive office is at 500 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48226, and its telephone number is (313) 222-6317.

COMERICA CAPITAL TRUSTS

Purpose and Ownership of the Trusts

Each of the trusts is a statutory trust organized under Delaware law by us and the trustees of the trusts. The trusts are being established solely for the following purposes:

to issue to us, in exchange for our junior subordinated debentures, the capital securities, which represent undivided beneficial ownership interests in the assets of each trust;

to issue the common securities to us in exchange for our junior subordinated debentures in a total liquidation amount equal to at least 3% of the total capital of each trust; and

to engage in other activities that are directly related to the activities described above, such as registering the transfer of the capital securities.

Because each trust is being established only for the purposes listed above, the applicable series of junior subordinated debentures will be the sole assets of the applicable trust, and payments under the junior subordinated debentures will be the sole source of income to that trust.

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As issuer of the junior subordinated debentures, we will pay:

all fees, expenses and taxes related to each trust and the offering of each trust's capital securities and common securities; and

all ongoing costs, expenses and liabilities of the trusts, except obligations to make distributions and other payments on the common securities and the capital securities.

For so long as the capital securities remain outstanding, we will promise to:

cause each trust to remain a business trust and not to voluntarily dissolve, wind-up, liquidate or be terminated, except as permitted by the relevant declaration of trust;

own directly or indirectly all of the common securities;

use our commercially reasonable efforts to ensure that each trust will not be an investment company for purposes of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the Investment Company Act); and

take no action that would be reasonably likely to cause either trust to be classified as an association or a publicly traded partnership taxable as a corporation for United States federal income tax purposes.

The Trustees

Each of the trust's business and affairs will be conducted by its five trustees. In each case, the three administrative trustees of each trust will be individuals who are our employees. The property trustee of each trust will hold title to the junior subordinated debentures for the benefit of the holders of the capital securities of each trust and will have the power to execute all rights and powers of a registered holder of junior subordinated debentures under the indenture for the junior subordinated debentures. The Delaware trustee will maintain its principal place of business in Delaware and meet the requirements of Delaware law for Delaware business trusts.

We have the sole right to appoint, remove and replace any of the trustees of each trust unless an event of default occurs under the indenture. In that event, the holders of a majority in liquidation amount of the applicable capital securities will have the sole right to remove and appoint the property trustee and the Delaware trustee.

Additional Information

For additional information concerning the particular trust issuing a series of capital securities, see "The Trust" in the applicable prospectus supplement. We anticipate that the trusts will not be required to file any reports with the SEC after the issuance of the capital securities. As discussed below under the caption "Accounting Treatment", we will provide certain information concerning each of the trusts and the capital securities in the footnotes to our financial statements included in our own periodic reports to the SEC.

Offices of the Trusts

The executive office of each trust is c/o Comerica Incorporated, Comerica Tower at Detroit Center, 500 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48226, and its telephone number is (313) 222-6317.

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General. Comerica will use the proceeds it receives from the sale of the offered securities for general corporate purposes, which may include:

funding the business of its operating units;

funding investments in, or extensions of credit or capital contributions to, its subsidiaries;

financing possible acquisitions or business expansion; and

refinancing outstanding indebtedness or refunding maturing indebtedness.

Each Comerica Capital Trust will invest all proceeds received from the sale of its capital securities and common securities in a particular series of subordinated debt securities of Comerica. Comerica will use these funds as specified above.

CONSOLIDATED RATIOS OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES

	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2006	2005	Year Ended December 31,			
		2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
Consolidated ratio of earnings to fixed charges:						
Excluding interest on Deposits	3.51	6.05	9.30	7.94	5.78	3.87
Including interest on Deposits	1.81	2.54	3.45	2.87	2.42	1.92
Consolidated ratio of earnings to combined fixed charges and preferred share dividends:						
Excluding interest on Deposits	3.51	6.05	9.30	7.94	5.78	3.87
Including interest on Deposits	1.81	2.54	3.45	2.87	2.42	1.92

For purposes of computing these ratios, earnings represent income before income taxes and fixed charges. Fixed charges, excluding interest on deposits, include interest (other than on deposits), whether expensed or capitalized, and that portion of rental expense (generally one-third) deemed representative of the interest factor. Fixed charges, including interest on deposits, consist of the foregoing items plus interest on deposits.

DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STOCK**General**

As of the date of this prospectus, Comerica's authorized capital stock consists of 325,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$5.00 per share, and 10,000,000 shares of preferred stock, without value. The following briefly summarizes the material terms of Comerica's common stock and outstanding preferred stock. You should read the more detailed provisions of Comerica's certificate of incorporation and the certificate of designation relating to a series of preferred stock for provisions that may be important to you.

Common Stock

As of October 13, 2006, Comerica had outstanding 158,855,234 shares of its common stock. Holders of Comerica common stock are entitled to receive dividends when, as and if declared by the Comerica board of directors out of any funds legally available for dividends. Holders of Comerica common stock are also entitled, upon the liquidation of Comerica, and after claims of creditors and preferences of Comerica preferred stock, and any other class

or series of Comerica preferred stock outstanding at the time of liquidation, to receive pro rata the net assets of

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Comerica. Comerica pays dividends on Comerica common stock only if it has paid or provided for all dividends on the outstanding series of Comerica preferred stock, and any other class or series of preferred stock at the time outstanding, for the then-current period and, in the case of any cumulative Comerica preferred stock, all prior periods.

Comerica preferred stock has, or upon issuance will have, preference over Comerica common stock with respect to the payment of dividends and the distribution of assets in the event of the liquidation or dissolution of Comerica. Comerica preferred stock also has such other preferences as may be fixed by the Comerica board of directors.

Holder of Comerica common stock are entitled to one vote for each share that they hold and are vested with all of the voting power except as the Comerica board of directors has provided, or may provide in the future, with respect to Comerica preferred stock or any other class or series of Comerica preferred stock that it may authorize in the future. See Preferred Stock. Shares of Comerica common stock are not redeemable and have no subscription, conversion or preemptive rights.

The affirmative vote of not less than 75% of Comerica's outstanding shares of capital stock entitled to vote may be required for certain business combinations between Comerica or its subsidiaries and persons owning 10% or more of the outstanding shares of any class or series of Comerica's capital stock. See Selected Provisions in the Articles of Comerica Business Combinations With Related Persons.

Comerica common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol CMA. The outstanding shares of Comerica common stock are, and any shares to be issued pursuant to a prospectus supplement will be, validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable. The holders of Comerica common stock are not, and will not be, generally subject to any liability as stockholders; however, if the Comerica board of directors approves, and Comerica makes, a distribution when Comerica is insolvent, or that renders Comerica insolvent, and any of Comerica's directors is found liable for the distribution, then Comerica stockholders may be required to pay back the amount of the distribution made to them or the portion of the distribution that caused Comerica to become insolvent.

The Transfer Agent and Registrar for Comerica common stock is Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., P.O. Box 64854, St. Paul, Minnesota 55164-0854.

The Change in Bank Control Act prohibits a person or group of persons from acquiring control of a bank holding company unless the Federal Reserve Board has been notified and has not objected to the transaction. Under a rebuttable presumption established by the Federal Reserve Board, the acquisition of 10% or more of a class of voting stock of a bank holding company with a class of securities registered under Section 12 of the Exchange Act, such as Comerica, would, under the circumstances set forth in the presumption, constitute acquisition of control of the bank holding company.

In addition, a company is required to obtain the approval of the Federal Reserve Board under the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 before acquiring 25% (5% in the case of an acquiror that is a bank holding company) or more of any class of outstanding voting stock of a bank holding company, or otherwise obtaining control or a controlling influence over that bank holding company.

Preferred Stock

The following briefly summarizes the material terms of Comerica's preferred stock, other than pricing and related terms disclosed in the accompanying prospectus supplement. You should read the particular terms of any series of preferred stock offered by Comerica, which will be described in more detail in any prospectus supplement relating to such series, together with the more detailed provisions of Comerica's restated certificate of incorporation and the certificate of designation relating to each particular series of preferred stock for provisions that may be important to you. The certificate of incorporation, as amended and restated, is incorporated by reference into the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part. The certificate of designation relating to the particular series of preferred stock offered by the accompanying prospectus supplement and this prospectus will be filed as an exhibit to a document incorporated by reference in the registration statement. The prospectus supplement will also state whether any of the terms summarized below do not apply to the series of preferred stock being offered.

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Under Comerica's certificate of incorporation, the board of directors of Comerica is authorized to issue up to 10,000,000 shares of preferred stock in one or more series. As of the date of this prospectus, there were no series of preferred authorized or outstanding. Comerica's Board of Directors is expressly authorized to provide for the issuance of shares of Preferred Stock in one or more series, with such voting powers, full or limited but not to exceed one vote per share, or without voting powers, and with such designations, preferences and relative, participating, optional or other special rights, and qualifications, limitations or restrictions thereof, as the Board of Directors may determine.

Prior to the issuance of any series of preferred stock, the board of directors of Comerica will adopt resolutions creating and designating the series as a series of preferred stock, and the resolutions will be filed in a certificate of designation as an amendment to the certificate of incorporation. The term "board of directors of Comerica" includes any duly authorized committee.

The rights of holders of the preferred stock offered may be adversely affected by the rights of holders of any shares of preferred stock that may be issued in the future. The board of directors may cause shares of preferred stock to be issued in public or private transactions for any proper corporate purpose. Examples of proper corporate purposes include issuances to obtain additional financing in connection with acquisitions or otherwise and issuances to officers, directors and employees of Comerica and its subsidiaries pursuant to benefit plans or otherwise. Shares of preferred stock issued by Comerica may have the effect of rendering more difficult or discouraging an acquisition of Comerica deemed undesirable by the board of directors of Comerica.

Under existing interpretations of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, if the holders of the preferred stock become entitled to vote for the election of directors because dividends on the preferred stock are in arrears as described below, preferred stock may then be deemed a "class of voting securities," and a holder of 25% or more of the preferred stock or a holder of 5% or more of the preferred stock that is otherwise a bank holding company may then be regulated as a "bank holding company" with respect to Comerica in accordance with the Bank Holding Company Act. In addition, at such time:

any bank holding company or foreign bank with a U.S. presence generally would be required to obtain the approval of the Federal Reserve Board under the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 to acquire or retain 5% or more of the preferred stock; and

any person other than a bank holding company may be required to obtain the approval of the Federal Reserve Board under the Change in Bank Control Act to acquire or retain 10% or more of the preferred stock.

Before exercising its option to redeem any shares of preferred stock, Comerica will obtain the approval of the Federal Reserve Board if then required by applicable law.

The preferred stock will be, when issued, fully paid and non-assessable. Holders of preferred stock will not have any preemptive or subscription rights to acquire more stock of Comerica.

The transfer agent, registrar, dividend disbursing agent and redemption agent for shares of each series of preferred stock will be named in the prospectus supplement relating to such series.

Rank

Unless otherwise specified in connection with a particular offering of preferred stock, such shares will rank on an equal basis with each other series of preferred stock and prior to the common stock as to dividends and distributions of assets.

Dividends

Holders of each series of preferred stock will be entitled to receive cash dividends when, as and if declared by the board of directors of Comerica out of funds legally available for dividends. The rates and dates of payment of dividends will be set forth in the prospectus supplement relating to each series of preferred stock. Dividends will be payable to holders of record of preferred stock as they appear on the books of Comerica or, if applicable, the records of the depository referred to below under "Description of Depository Shares," on the record dates fixed by the board of directors. Dividends on a series of preferred stock may be cumulative or noncumulative.

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Comerica may not declare, pay or set apart for payment dividends on the preferred stock unless full dividends on other series of preferred stock that rank on an equal or senior basis have been paid or sufficient funds have been set apart for payment for

all prior dividend periods of other series of preferred stock that pay dividends on a cumulative basis; or

the immediately preceding dividend period of other series of preferred stock that pay dividends on a non-cumulative basis.

Partial dividends declared on shares of preferred stock and each other series of preferred stock ranking on an equal basis as to dividends will be declared pro rata. A pro rata declaration means that the ratio of dividends declared per share to accrued dividends per share will be the same for each series of preferred stock.

Similarly, Comerica may not declare, pay or set apart for payment non-stock dividends or make other payments on the common stock or any other stock of Comerica ranking junior to the preferred stock until full dividends on the preferred stock have been paid or set apart for payment for

all prior dividend periods if the preferred stock pays dividends on a cumulative basis; or

the immediately preceding dividend period if the preferred stock pays dividends on a noncumulative basis.

Conversion and Exchange

The prospectus supplement for a series of preferred stock will state the terms, if any, on which shares of that series are convertible into or exchangeable for shares of Comerica's common stock.

Redemption

If so specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, a series of preferred stock may be redeemable at any time, in whole or in part, at the option of Comerica or the holder thereof and may be mandatorily redeemed.

Any partial redemptions of preferred stock will be made in a way that the board of directors decides is equitable.

Unless Comerica defaults in the payment of the redemption price, dividends will cease to accrue after the redemption date on shares of preferred stock called for redemption, and all rights of holders of such shares will terminate except for the right to receive the redemption price.

Liquidation Preference

Upon any voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up of Comerica, holders of each series of preferred stock will be entitled to receive distributions upon liquidation in the amount set forth in the prospectus supplement relating to such series of preferred stock, plus an amount equal to any accrued and unpaid dividends. Such distributions will be made before any distribution is made on any securities ranking junior relating to liquidation, including common stock.

If the liquidation amounts payable relating to the preferred stock of any series and any other securities ranking on a parity regarding liquidation rights are not paid in full, the holders of the preferred stock of such series and such other securities will share in any such distribution of available assets of Comerica on a ratable basis in proportion to the full liquidation preferences. Holders of such series of preferred stock will not be entitled to any other amounts from Comerica after they have received their full liquidation preference.

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Voting Rights

The holders of shares of preferred stock will have no voting rights except:
as otherwise stated in the prospectus supplement;

as otherwise stated in the certificate of designation establishing such series; and

as required by applicable law.

Selected Provisions in the Certificate of Incorporation of Comerica

The following discussion sets forth material provisions of the Comerica certificate of incorporation.

Business Combinations With Related Persons

The Comerica certificate provides that certain transactions known as *business combinations* involving persons known as *related persons* must be approved by the affirmative vote of the holders of 75% of the outstanding shares of capital stock entitled to vote and by the holders of a majority of the outstanding capital stock not beneficially owned by related persons, unless:

the transaction is approved by a 75% vote of Comerica's continuing directors either before or after the time the related person became a related person; or

each of the following conditions is met:

the consideration to be paid for each share of any class or series of Comerica capital stock is not less than the highest per share price or the highest equivalent price paid or to be paid by the related person in acquiring any shares of the same class or series; and

a proxy statement, complying with the requirements of the Exchange Act, has been mailed to all Comerica stockholders to solicit their approval. The proxy statement must contain prominently the recommendation of the continuing directors as to the advisability of the business combination and, if a majority of the continuing directors deem it advisable, it must also contain the opinion of an investment banking firm regarding the fairness of the terms of the combination from the perspective of the stockholders who are not related persons.

A *Business Combination* includes:

any merger or consolidation of Comerica or any of its subsidiaries with a related person or any of its affiliates or associates;

any sale, lease, exchange, transfer or other disposition to or with a related person of all, substantially all or any substantial part (defined as assets having a value of more than 10% of the total consolidated assets of Comerica, as determined by the continuing directors) of the assets of Comerica or any of its subsidiaries;

any purchase, exchange, lease or other acquisition by Comerica or any of its subsidiaries of all or any substantial part of the assets or business of a related person or any of its affiliates or associates;

any acquisition by Comerica or any of its subsidiaries of any securities of a related person;

any issuance or transfer of securities of Comerica or any of its subsidiaries to any related person, other than an issuance or transfers that is made on a pro rata basis to all stockholders of the corporation; and

any agreement, contract or other arrangement providing for any of the transactions described in the five bullet points above.

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A **Related Person** means any person or group who, together with any affiliates or associates (as each is defined in the Exchange Act), is the beneficial owner of 10% or more of the outstanding shares of any class or series of Comerica capital stock as of the record date for the determination of those stockholders entitled to vote on any business combination or immediately prior to the completion of a business combination.

Continuing Directors are those individuals who were members of the Comerica board of directors prior to the time a related person became the beneficial owner of 10% or more of a class or series of Comerica stock or those individuals designated as continuing directors (prior to their initial election as directors) by a majority of the then-continuing directors.

Highest Per Share Price is the highest price that the related person paid at any time for a share of Comerica capital stock when there is only one class or series of Comerica capital stock outstanding.

Highest Equivalent Price means the price of any class or series of Comerica stock that 75% of the continuing directors determine to be the equivalent to the highest price paid by the related person for any share of another class or series of outstanding stock. The continuing directors may make this determination on any basis they believe is appropriate.

Any amendment to these provisions requires the affirmative vote of (1) the holders of 75% of the outstanding shares of capital stock entitled to vote and (2) a majority of the outstanding shares of capital stock entitled to vote that is not beneficially owned by a related person. However, if the amendment is recommended to the stockholders by 75% of the continuing directors, only the vote provided under the Delaware General Corporation Law is required.

Directors

The Comerica certificate contains a number of additional provisions that are intended to delay an outside party's ability to take control of the Comerica board of directors, even after the outside party has obtained majority ownership of Comerica common stock. The Comerica certificate provides for a classified board of directors, consisting of three classes of directors serving staggered three-year terms. Directors of Comerica may only be removed for cause by a vote of the holders of a majority of the outstanding stock entitled to vote. Vacancies on the Comerica board of directors may only be filled by the Comerica board of directors. A vacancy that results from an increase in the number of directors may be filled by a majority of the board of directors then in office. Any other vacancy, including those resulting from removal, may be filled by a majority of the directors then in office, although less than a quorum, or by a sole remaining director.

If Comerica repeatedly fails to pay quarterly dividends on its nonvoting preferred stock, the holders of that preferred stock, voting separately as a class, will be entitled to elect two additional directors. See **Description of Comerica Capital Stock - Preferred Stock**.

Any amendment to the provisions summarized above requires a favorable vote, at a meeting of stockholders, of the holders of 75% of the then outstanding shares of capital stock entitled to vote. However, if the amendment is recommended to the shareholders by an affirmative vote of 75% of the board of directors, the amendment may be approved by an affirmative vote of a majority of the shares of entitled to vote.

DESCRIPTION OF DEPOSITARY SHARES

The following briefly summarizes the material provisions of the deposit agreement and of the depositary shares and depositary receipts, other than pricing and related terms disclosed in the accompanying prospectus supplement. You should read the particular terms of any depositary shares and any depositary receipts that are offered by Comerica and any deposit agreement relating to a particular series of preferred stock, which will be described in more detail in a prospectus supplement. The prospectus supplement will also state whether any of the generalized provisions summarized below do not apply to the depositary shares or depositary receipts being offered. A copy of the form of deposit agreement, including the form of depositary receipt, is incorporated by reference as an exhibit in the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part. You should read the more detailed provisions of the deposit agreement and the form of depositary receipt for provisions that may be important to you.

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Comerica may, at its option, elect to offer fractional shares of preferred stock, rather than full shares of preferred stock. In such event, Comerica will issue receipts for depositary shares, each of which will represent a fraction of a share of a particular series of preferred stock.

The shares of any series of preferred stock represented by depositary shares will be deposited under a deposit agreement between Comerica and a bank or trust company selected by Comerica having its principal office in the United States and having a combined capital and surplus of at least \$50,000,000, as preferred stock depositary. Each owner of a depositary share will be entitled to all the rights and preferences of the underlying preferred stock, including dividend, voting, redemption, conversion and liquidation rights, in proportion to the applicable fraction of a share of preferred stock represented by such depositary share.

The depositary shares will be evidenced by depositary receipts issued pursuant to the deposit agreement. Depositary receipts will be distributed to those persons purchasing the fractional shares of preferred stock in accordance with the terms of the applicable prospectus supplement.

Dividends and Other Distributions

The preferred stock depositary will distribute all cash dividends or other cash distributions received in respect of the deposited preferred stock to the record holders of depositary shares relating to such preferred stock in proportion to the number of such depositary shares owned by such holders.

The preferred stock depositary will distribute any property received by it other than cash to the record holders of depositary shares entitled thereto. If the preferred stock depositary determines that it is not feasible to make such distribution, it may, with the approval of Comerica, sell such property and distribute the net proceeds from such sale to such holders.

Redemption of Preferred Stock

If a series of preferred stock represented by depositary shares is to be redeemed, the depositary shares will be redeemed from the proceeds received by the preferred stock depositary resulting from the redemption, in whole or in part, of such series of preferred stock. The depositary shares will be redeemed by the preferred stock depositary at a price per depositary share equal to the applicable fraction of the redemption price per share payable in respect of the shares of preferred stock so redeemed.

Whenever Comerica redeems shares of preferred stock held by the preferred stock depositary, the preferred stock depositary will redeem as of the same date the number of depositary shares representing the shares of preferred stock so redeemed. If fewer than all the depositary shares are to be redeemed, the depositary shares to be redeemed will be selected by the preferred stock depositary by lot or ratably or by any other equitable method as the preferred stock depositary may decide.

Withdrawal of Preferred Stock

Unless the related depositary shares have previously been called for redemption, any holder of depositary shares may receive the number of whole shares of the related series of preferred stock and any money or other property represented by such depositary receipts after surrendering the depositary receipts at the corporate trust office of the preferred stock depositary. Holders of depositary shares making such withdrawals will be entitled to receive whole shares of preferred stock on the basis set forth in the related prospectus supplement for such series of preferred stock.

However, holders of such whole shares of preferred stock will not be entitled to deposit such preferred stock under the deposit agreement or to receive depositary receipts for such preferred stock after such withdrawal. If the depositary shares surrendered by the holder in connection with such withdrawal exceed the number of depositary shares that represent the number of whole shares of preferred stock to be withdrawn, the preferred stock depositary will deliver to such holder at the same time a new depositary receipt evidencing such excess number of depositary shares.

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Voting Deposited Preferred Stock

Upon receipt of notice of any meeting at which the holders of any series of deposited preferred stock are entitled to vote, the preferred stock depositary will mail the information contained in such notice of meeting to the record holders of the depositary shares relating to such series of preferred stock. Each record holder of such depositary shares on the record date will be entitled to instruct the preferred stock depositary to vote the amount of the preferred stock represented by such holder's depositary shares. The preferred stock depositary will try to vote the amount of such series of preferred stock represented by such depositary shares in accordance with such instructions.

Comerica will agree to take all reasonable actions that the preferred stock depositary determines are necessary to enable the preferred stock depositary to vote as instructed. The preferred stock depositary will vote all shares of any series of preferred stock held by it proportionately with instructions received if it does not receive specific instructions from the holders of depositary shares representing such series of preferred stock.

Amendment and Termination of the Deposit Agreement

The form of depositary receipt evidencing the depositary shares and any provision of the deposit agreement may at any time be amended by agreement between Comerica and the preferred stock depositary. However, any amendment that imposes additional charges or materially and adversely alters any substantial existing right of the holders of depositary shares will not be effective unless such amendment has been approved by the holders of at least a majority of the affected depositary shares then outstanding. Every holder of an outstanding depositary receipt at the time any such amendment becomes effective, or any transferee of such holder, shall be deemed, by continuing to hold such depositary receipt, or by reason of the acquisition thereof, to consent and agree to such amendment and to be bound by the deposit agreement, that has been amended thereby. The deposit agreement automatically terminates if:

all outstanding depositary shares have been redeemed;

each share of preferred stock has been converted into or exchanged for common stock; or

a final distribution in respect of the preferred stock has been made to the holders of depositary shares in connection with any liquidation, dissolution or winding up of Comerica.

The deposit agreement may be terminated by Comerica at any time, and the preferred stock depositary will give notice of such termination to the record holders of all outstanding depositary receipts not less than 30 days prior to the termination date. In such event, the preferred stock depositary will deliver or make available for delivery to holders of depositary shares, upon surrender of such depositary shares, the number of whole or fractional shares of the related series of preferred stock as are represented by such depositary shares.

Charges of Preferred Stock Depositary; Taxes and Other Governmental Charges

No fees, charges and expenses of the preferred stock depositary or any agent of the preferred stock depositary or of any registrar shall be payable by any person other than Comerica, except for any taxes and other governmental charges and except as provided in the deposit agreement. If the preferred stock depositary incurs fees, charges or expenses for which it is not otherwise liable hereunder at the election of a holder of a depositary receipt or other person, such holder or other person will be liable for such fees, charges and expenses.

Resignation and Removal of Depositary

The preferred stock depositary may resign at any time by delivering to Comerica notice of its intent to do so, and Comerica may at any time remove the preferred stock depositary, any such resignation or removal to take effect upon the appointment of a successor preferred stock depositary and its acceptance of such appointment. Such successor preferred stock depositary must be appointed within 60 days after delivery of the notice of resignation or removal and must be a bank or trust company having its principal office in the United States and having a combined capital and surplus of at least \$50,000,000.

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Miscellaneous

The preferred stock depositary will forward all reports and communications from Comerica that are delivered to the preferred stock depositary and that Comerica is required to furnish to the holders of the deposited preferred stock.

Neither the preferred stock depositary nor Comerica will be liable if it is prevented or delayed by law or any circumstances beyond its control in performing its obligations under the deposit agreement. The obligations of Comerica and the preferred stock depositary under the deposit agreement will be limited to performance with honest intentions of their duties thereunder, and they will not be obligated to prosecute or defend any legal proceeding in respect of any depositary shares, depositary receipts or shares of preferred stock unless satisfactory indemnity is furnished. Comerica and the preferred stock depositary may rely upon written advice of counsel or accountants or upon information provided by holders of depositary receipts or other persons believed to be competent and on documents believed to be genuine.

DESCRIPTION OF DEBT SECURITIES

The debt securities offered by this prospectus will be unsecured obligations of Comerica and will be either senior or subordinated debt. The following briefly summarizes the material provisions of the debt securities, other than pricing and related terms disclosed in the accompanying prospectus supplement or pricing supplement, as the case may be. You should read the particular terms of an offering of debt securities, which will be described in more detail in the applicable prospectus supplement or pricing supplement, as the case may be.

General

United States federal income tax consequences and other special considerations applicable to any debt securities issued by Comerica at a discount or a premium will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement or pricing supplement, as the case may be.

The applicable prospectus supplement or pricing supplement relating to any offering of debt securities will describe the following terms, where applicable:

the title of the debt securities;

whether the debt securities will be senior or subordinated debt;

the total principal amount of the debt securities;

the percentage of the principal amount at which the debt securities will be sold and, if applicable, the method of determining the price;

the maturity date or dates;

the interest rate or the method of computing the interest rate;

the date or dates from which any interest will accrue, or how such date or dates will be determined, and the interest payment date or dates and any related record dates;

if other than in United States dollars, the currency or currency unit in which payment will be made;

if the amount of any payment may be determined with reference to an index or formula based on a currency or currency unit other than that in which the debt securities are payable, the manner in which the amounts will be determined;

if the amount of any payment may be determined with reference to an index or formula based on securities, commodities, intangibles, articles or goods, or any other financial, economic or other measure or instrument, including the occurrence or non-occurrence of any event or circumstance, the manner in which the amount will be determined;

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if any payments may be made at the election of Comerica or a holder of debt securities in a currency or currency unit other than that in which the debt securities are stated to be payable, the periods within which, and the terms upon which, such election may be made;

if other than the principal amount, the portion of the principal amount of the debt securities payable if the maturity is accelerated;

the date of any global security if other than the original issuance of the first debt security to be issued; and

any other specific terms of the debt securities.

The terms on which debt securities may be convertible into or exchangeable for common stock or other securities of Comerica will be set forth in the prospectus supplement relating to such offering. Such terms will include provisions as to whether conversion or exchange is mandatory, at the option of the holder or at the option of Comerica. The terms may include provisions pursuant to which the number of shares of common stock or other securities of Comerica to be received by the holders of such debt securities may be adjusted.

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, the debt securities are not redeemable prior to maturity, except upon the occurrence of certain tax events described below under Redemption for Tax Purposes. The redemption price for the debt securities upon the occurrence of certain tax events will be 100% of the principal amount thereof plus accrued interest to the date of the redemption.

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, the debt securities are not subject to any sinking fund.

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, debt securities denominated in U.S. dollars will be issued only in denominations of \$250,000 and whole multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof. The prospectus supplement relating to debt securities denominated in a foreign currency will specify the denomination of such debt securities.

The currency for payment for book-entry debt securities denominated in a foreign currency will be specified in the applicable prospectus supplement. However, when interests in such debt securities are held through The Depository Trust Company (DTC), all payments in respect of such debt securities will be made in U.S. dollars, unless the holder of a beneficial interest in the DTC debt securities elects to receive payment in the foreign currency specified in the applicable prospectus supplement. See Book-Entry Procedures and Settlement and Currency Conversions and Foreign Exchange Risks Affecting Debt Securities Denominated in a Foreign Currency Currency Conversion below.

Comerica may, without notice to or consent of the holders or beneficial owners of a series of debt securities, issue additional debt securities having the same ranking, interest rate, maturity and other terms as the debt securities initially issued. Any such debt securities could be considered part of the same series of debt securities as the debt securities initially issued.

The senior debt securities will be issued only in registered form. The subordinated debt securities may be issued in registered form, bearer form or both; however, unless otherwise specified in connection with a particular offering of subordinated debt securities, the subordinated debt securities will be issued in registered form. If bearer securities are issued, the United States federal income tax consequences and other special considerations, procedures and limitations applicable to such bearer securities will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement. As currently anticipated, debt securities of a series will trade in book-entry form, and global notes will be issued in physical (paper) form, as described below under Book-Entry Procedures and Settlement.

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, the debt securities may be presented for exchange, and debt securities other than a global security may be presented for registration of transfer, at the principal trust office of the relevant trustee in Detroit, Michigan. Holders may not have to pay any service charge for any registration of transfer or exchange of debt securities, but Comerica may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge payable in connection with such registration of transfer. Debt securities in bearer form will be transferable by delivery. Provisions with respect to the exchange of debt securities in bearer form will be

described in the applicable prospectus supplement.

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Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement denominated in a foreign currency, a fiscal agency agreement will be entered into in relation to the debt securities between Comerica and a registrar, fiscal agent and/or principal paying agent. The terms registrar, fiscal agent and principal paying agent shall include any successors appointed from time to time in accordance with the provisions of the fiscal agency agreement, and any reference to an agent or agents shall mean any or all (as applicable) of such persons. The holders of the debt securities are bound by, and are deemed to have notice of, the provisions of the fiscal agency agreement.

Payments of Principal and Interest

Payments of principal and interest on debt securities issued in book-entry form will be made as described below under Book-Entry Procedures and Settlement. Payments of principal and interest on debt securities issued in definitive form, if any, will be made as described below under Definitive Notes and Paying Agents.

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, interest on the debt securities will be paid as follows:

Interest Payment Frequency

Interest Payment Dates

Monthly	Fifteenth day of each calendar month, beginning in the first calendar month following the month the debt security was issued.
Quarterly	Fifteenth day of every third month, beginning in the third calendar month following the month the debt security was issued.
Semi-annually	Fifteenth day of every sixth month, beginning in the sixth calendar month following the month the debt security w