

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, DC 20549

#### **FORM 11-K**

[X] ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009

or

[ ] TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 [NO FEE REQUIRED].

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_\_to \_\_\_\_\_.

Commission file number: 001-15773

CADENCE FINANCIAL CORPORATION 401(k) PLAN

**CADENCE FINANCIAL CORPORATION** 

301 East Main Street Starkville, MS 39759

#### **SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the trustee has duly caused this Annual Report on Form 11-K to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Cadence Financial Corporation 401(k) Plan

By: Cadence Bank, as Trustee

Name: Richard T. Haston

Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial

Officer

June 22, 2010

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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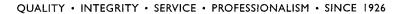
REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

**DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008** 

# 401(k) PLAN

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# REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

Cadence Financial Corporation Employee Benefits Plan Committee Columbus, Mississippi

We have audited the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits of Cadence Financial Corporation 401(k) Plan as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Plan's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the auditing standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. We were not engaged to perform an audit of the Plan's internal control over financial reporting. Our audit included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above of Cadence Financial Corporation 401(k) Plan as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, and for the years then ended present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of Cadence Financial Corporation 401(k) Plan as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, and changes in its net assets available for benefits for the years then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America.

Our audits of the Plan's financial statements as of and for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008, were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole. The supplemental schedule of assets held at the end of the year is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements, but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. This supplemental information is the responsibility of the Plan's management. The supplemental information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements as of December 31, 2009, and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

J. E. Solt Clompany

Columbus, Mississippi June 21, 2010

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# STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

# **DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008**

ASSETS	2009	2008
Investments, at fair value (Note C):		
Participant directed	\$12,115,872	\$11,469,284
Participant notes receivable	304,741	<u>262,228</u>
<b></b>	12,420,613	11,731,512
Receivables:		
Employer's contributions	_	38,277
Employees' contributions	38,738	51,565
Employees comments	38,738	89,842
Total Assets	12,459,351	11,821,354
LIABILITIES		
Net Assets Available for Benefits	<u>\$12,459,351</u>	<u>\$11,821,354</u>

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# STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

# YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009 and 2008

ADDITIONS TO NET ASSETS	2009	2008
Investment income:		
Net appreciation (depreciation) in fair		
value of investments (Note C)	\$ 1,543,332	\$ (5,206,932)
Interest	21,885	14,936
Dividends	13,059	74,511
Net loss on sale of assets	(57,622)	(27,630)
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Contributions:	• •	•
Employer	485,925	1,135,583
Participants	1,412,253	1,608,081
Rollovers	2,169	60,394
Ronovers	1,900,347	2,804,058
Total additions to net assets	3,421,001	(2,341,057)
DEDUCTIONS FROM NET ASSETS		
Benefit payments and distributions	2,745,969	2,470,322
Administrative expenses	<u>37,035</u>	42,697
Total deductions from net assets	2,783,004	2,513,019
Net increase (decrease)	637,997	(4,854,076)
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS		
Beginning of year	11,821,354	16,675,430
End of year	<u>\$12,459,351</u>	<u>\$11,821,354</u>

#### 401(k) PLAN

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### **DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008**

#### NOTE A - DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN

The following description of the Cadence Financial Corporation 401(k) Plan (the Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

#### General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan that covers substantially all employees of Cadence Financial Corporation and certain other associated companies (the Companies) who meet the eligibility requirements. It is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

#### **Contributions**

Each year, participants may contribute not less than 1% or more than 50% of compensation. The Companies contributed 100% of the first 6% of compensation deferred for the year through May 31, 2009, then 0% for the remainder of the year ending December 31, 2009. For the year ending December 31, 2008, the Companies contributed 100% of the first 6% of compensation deferred. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans. Participants direct their account balance into various investment options offered by the Plan.

#### Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution and allocations of (a) the Companies' contribution, (b) Plan earnings, and (c) forfeitures of terminated participants' nonvested accounts. Allocations are based on participant earnings or account balances, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

#### Vesting

Participants are immediately vested in their contributions plus actual earnings thereon. Prior to December 31, 2007, vesting in the Companies' matching contribution portion of their accounts plus actual earnings thereon is based on years of continuous service. A participant is 100% vested after five years of credited service. After January 1, 2008, the Companies' matching contribution portion of their accounts plus actual earnings are 100% vested immediately.

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#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### **DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008**

# NOTE A - DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN (Continued)

## Participant Notes Receivable

Participants may borrow from their fund accounts up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their account balance. Loan transactions are treated as a transfer to (from) the investment fund from (to) the Participant Notes fund. Loan terms range from 1 - 5 years. The loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at prime plus one and one-quarter percent. Principal and interest are paid ratably through monthly payroll deductions.

#### Payment of Benefits

On termination of service, a participant may elect to receive either a lump-sum amount equal to the value of his/her account or monthly installments for a period not to exceed his/her life expectancy or the life expectancy of the participant and his/her spouse.

#### **Operating Expenses**

All expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid by the Companies and/or with forfeitures from the Plan.

# NOTE B - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the Plan are prepared using the accrual method of accounting, with the exception of the payment of benefits, which are recognized as a reduction in the net assets available for benefits of the Plan as they are disbursed to participants.

# Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

The Plan's investments are stated at fair value. Shares of registered investment companies are valued at quoted market prices, which represent the net asset value of shares held by the Plan at year-end.

The cost of investments sold, distributed or forfeited is determined using the specific identification method. Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis.

Participant loans are valued at their outstanding loan balances, which approximates fair value.

Interest and dividend income are recorded when earned.

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#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### **DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008**

### NOTE B - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### **Forfeitures**

Forfeitures are either used to offset plan expenses or are allocated based on each participant's compensation. At December 31, 2009 and 2008, there were no forfeitures pending.

#### Accounting Estimates and Assumptions

The accompanying financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States that require management to make estimates and assumptions affecting the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Those estimates are inherently subject to change and actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated the effect of subsequent events on these financial statements through June 21, 2010, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

#### Adoption of New Accounting Standard

In September 2006, the FASB issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 157, Fair Value Measurements (SFAS 157) which defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value under current accounting pronouncements that require or permit fair value measurement, and enhances disclosures about fair value measurements. Effective January 1, 2008, the Plan adopted SFAS 157. SFAS 157 (Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 820, Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures) defines fair value as the exchange price that would be received for an asset or paid to transfer a liability (an exit price) in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability in an orderly transaction value hierarchy which requires an entity to maximize the use of observable inputs when measuring fair value. The adoption of SFAS 157 did not have a material impact on the Plan's financial statements.

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# NOTE B - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

# Adoption of New Accounting Standard (Continued)

The Standard describes three levels of input that may be used to measure fair value:

- Level 1 Inputs to the valuation methodology are quoted prices available in active markets for identical investments as of the reporting date;
- Level 2 Inputs to the valuation methodology are other than quoted prices in active markets, which are either directly or indirectly observable as of the reporting date, and fair value can be determined through the use of models or other valuation methodologies; and
- Level 3 Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable inputs in situations where there is little or no market activity for the asset or liability and the reporting entity makes estimates and assumptions related to the pricing of the asset or liability including assumptions regarding risk.

A financial instrument's level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The following is a description of the valuation methodology used for instruments measured at fair value, including the general classification of such instruments pursuant to the valuation hierarchy;

## Registered Investment Companies

These investments are public investment vehicles valued using the Net Asset Value (NAV) provided by the administrator of the fund. The NAV is based on the value of the underlying assets owned by the fund, minus its liabilities, and then divided by the number of shares outstanding. The NAV is a quoted price in an active market and classified within Level 1 of the valuation hierarchy.

#### Pooled Separate Accounts

These investments are public investment vehicles valued using the NAV provided by the administrator of the fund. The NAV is based on the value of the underlying assets of the fund, minus its liabilities, and then divided by the number of shares outstanding. The NAV is classified within Level 2 of the valuation hierarchy because the NAV's unit price is quoted on a private market that is not active; however, the unit price is based on underlying investments which are traded on an active market.

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# NOTE B - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

## Adoption of New Accounting Standard (Continued)

Cadence Financial Corporation Common Stock

Cadence Financial Corporation common stock is valued at the closing price reported on the National Association of Securities Dealers Automated Quotations and is classified within Level 1 of the valuation hierarchy.

Guaranteed Investment Contracts (GICs)

These investments are made by the Plan in an Unallocated Group Fixed Annuity Contract which are invested in the general assets of Principal Financial Corporation which guarantees a fixed interest rate. The NAV for the investment contract is \$1. The investment contracts are classified within Level 3 of the valuation hierarchy.

Money Market Separate Accounts

These accounts are made up of a wide variety of underlying investments. The NAV is based on the market value of the underlying investments. The money market separate accounts are classified within Level 2 of the valuation hierarchy.

#### Participant Loans

Loans to plan participants are valued at cost plus accrued interest, which approximates fair value and are classified within Level 3 of the valuation hierarchy.

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#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### **DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008**

#### **NOTE C - INVESTMENTS**

The fair value of individual investments that represent 5% or more of the Plan's net assets as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, were as follows:

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	2009	2008
Investments at Fair Value:		
Principal Bond and Mortgage Separate Account, 827 units	\$ 695,955	\$ -
Principal Large Cap Stock Index Separate Account, 20,565 and 29,644 units, respectively	932,509	1,066,128
Principal Money Market Separate Account, 33,566 and 26,100 units, respectively	1,711,879	1,328,598
American Century Value Investment Fund 157,714 and 194,339 units, respectively	812,229	858,978
T. Rowe Price Equity Income Fund, 37,819 and 49,801 units, respectively	793,816	850,596
Russell Lifepoints Balanced Strategy, 44,726 and 60,630 units, respectively	691,425	793,816
Vanguard Short-Term Federal Fund, 158,585 and 147,658 units, respectively	1,701,619	1,605,048
Fidelity Advisor MidCap Fund, 40,217 units	674,836	-

During 2009 and 2008, the Plan's investments (including investments bought, sold, and held during the year) appreciated (depreciated) in value by \$1,543,332 and \$(5,206,932) as follows:

# Net Change in Fair Value

	Year	rs Ended I	December 31,
Investments at Fair Value:	2	2009	2008
Employer securities	\$ (3	376,293)	\$ (1,020,511)
Registered investment companies	9	984,605	(1,723,274)
Pooled separate accounts	9	935,948	(2,467,769)
Guaranteed interest	·	(928)	4,622
Net change in fair value	<u>\$ 1,4</u>	<u>543,332</u>	\$ (5,206,932)

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#### **NOTE C - INVESTMENTS**

# Fair Value of Financial Investments, Carried at Fair Value

See "Adoption of New Accounting Standard" in Note B above for discussions of the methodologies and assumptions used to determine the fair value of the Plan's investments.

Below are the Plan's financial instruments carried at fair value on a recurring basis by the SFAS 157 (ASC 820) fair value hierarchy levels described in Note B.

	As of December 31, 2009							
	Activ Ide	oted Prices in e Markets for ntical Assets (Level 1)	Obse	Significant ervable Inputs (Level 2)	Unob	nificant servable (Level 3)	Tot	al Fair Value
Investments:								
Registered Investment Companies	\$	4,999,536	\$	-	\$	-	\$	4,999,536
Pooled Separate Accounts		-		4,510,534		390,758		4,901,292
Common stock - CADE		284,277		=		-		284,277
Guaranteed Interest Contracts		_		-		218,888		218,888
Money market fund		-		1,711,879		-		1,711,879
Participant loans		-		-		304,741		304,741
Total investments	\$	5,283,813	\$	6,222,413	\$	914,387	\$	12,420,613

The table below sets forth a summary of changes in the fair value of the Plan's Level 3 investment assets and liabilities for the year ending December 31, 2009:

	As of December 31, 2009										
	eginning air Value	Inclu	ms ded in icome	Ga (Loss	es) in	M Set	s, Issuances, laturies, itlements, lalls, Net	of Le	Out	En	ding Fair Value
Guaranteed Interest Contracts	\$ 145,995	\$	_	\$	_	\$	72,893	\$	-	\$	218,888
Participant loans	\$ 262,228	\$	-	\$	-	\$	42,513	\$	-	\$	304,741
Total	\$ 408,223	\$		\$		\$	115,406	\$		\$	523,629

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#### NOTE D - PLAN TERMINATION

Although they have not expressed any intent to do so, the Companies have the right under the Plan to discontinue their contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants will become 100 percent vested in their account balances.

#### NOTE E - TAX STATUS

The Plan obtained its latest determination letter on April 9, 2002, in which the Internal Revenue Service stated that the Plan, as then designed, was in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code. The Plan has been amended since that date. The Plan Administrator and the Plan's tax counsel believe that the Plan is currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been included in the Plan's financial statements.

#### NOTE F - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Cadence Bank, NA, is the trustee of the Plan. Investments in pooled separate accounts as of December 31, 2009, are managed by Principal Financial Group, the custodian of these Plan assets.

## NOTE G - CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK

The Plan's concentration of financial risk consists primarily of investments and any risks associated with the Companies' operations.

The Plan maintains investments in registered investment companies that mitigate financial risk through diversification. The Companies are concentrated in a specific industry of geographical area that carries with it certain risks, and is therefore subject to the general and market risks applicable to all investors. The Plan Administrator does not believe these concentrations make the Plan vulnerable to other than normal market risk as of the financial statement date.

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#### **NOTE H - PLAN AMENDMENTS**

The Cadence Financial Corporation 401(k) Plan was amended effective January 1, 2008, to a Safe Harbor 401(k). In lieu of all other matching contributions previously required by the Plan, a safe harbor contribution in accordance with Code Section 401(k)(12) will be made to each Participant who makes a deferral of Compensation. The amount of such contribution will be a dollar-for-dollar match on the first 6% of Compensation deferred. No matching contribution will be made on deferrals in excess of 6% of Compensation. All participants will receive a Safe Harbor contribution without regard to status as an Active Participant on the last day of the Plan Year or completion of 1000 Hours of Service. All safe harbor-matching contributions will be 100% vested.

In addition, the Plan was amended effective January 1, 2008, to allow for the automatic enrollment of any employee hired after January 1, 2008. New employees are automatically enrolled in the 401(k) account at a default deferral rate of 3%. The employee does have the right to opt out of the default deferral or defer at a different rate than 3%.

Effective June 1, 2009, Cadence Financial Corporation suspended the safe harbor match contribution.

# SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

# EIN 64-0156695 PLAN 002 SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR) DECEMBER 31, 2009

(a)	(b)	(c) Description of investment	(d)	(e)
	Identity of issue, borrower, lessor or similar party	including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value	Cost	Current Value
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Guaranteed Interest Contract	**	\$ 218,888
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Principal Money Market Sep Acct	**	1,711,879
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Principal Bond & Mortgage Sep Acct	**	695,955
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Principal Large Cap Stock Index Sep Acct	**	932,509
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Principal US Property Sep Acct	**	390,758
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Russell Life EO Growth Strategy	**	150,045
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Russell Life Balanced Strategy	**	691,425
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Russell Life Conservative Strategy	**	79,420
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Russell Life Growth Strategy	**	179,376
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Russell Life Moderate Strategy	**	170,478

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## **PLAN 002**

# SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR) DECEMBER 31, 2009

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
		Description of investment including maturity date,		
	Identity of issue, borrower,	rate of interest, collateral,		Current
	lessor or similar party	par or maturity value	Cost	Value
*	Principal Life Insurance	Pooled Separate Accounts	**	18,576
	Company	Principal Lifetime Strategic Income		20,011
	1 ,	- -		24.05
*	Principal Life Insurance	Pooled Separate Accounts	**	91,857
	Company	Principal Lifetime 2010		
*	Principal Life Insurance	Pooled Separate Accounts	**	24,191
	Company	Principal Lifetime 2015		
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*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Principal Lifetime 2020		42,236
	Company	Timelpar Effettine 2020		
*	Principal Life Insurance	Pooled Separate Accounts	**	125,192
	Company	Principal Lifetime 2025		
*	Principal Life Insurance	Pooled Separate Accounts	**	55,072
	Company	Principal Lifetime 2030		,
	• •	- -		2.000
*	Principal Life Insurance	Pooled Separate Accounts	**	3,980
	Company	Principal Lifetime 2035		
*	Principal Life Insurance	Pooled Separate Accounts	**	47,944
	Company	Principal Lifetime 2040		
*	Duin aimal Lifa Inguranga	Pooled Separate Accounts	**	49,012
•	Principal Life Insurance Company	Principal Lifetime 2045		13,012
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*	Principal Life Insurance	Pooled Separate Accounts	**	91,252
	Company	Principal Lifetime 2050		

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## **PLAN 002**

# SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR) DECEMBER 31, 2009

(a) (b) (c)	(d)	(e)
Description of investment including maturity date,		
Identity of issue, borrower, rate of interest, collateral,		Current
lessor or similar party par or maturity value	Cost	Value
		2 505
* Principal Life Insurance Pooled Separate Accounts	**	3,597
Company Principal Lifetime 2055		
* Principal Life Insurance Pooled Separate Accounts	**	406,837
Company Principal Diversified International Fund	d	
	**	110.550
* Principal Life Insurance Pooled Separate Accounts		112,559
Company Principal International Emerging Market	et runa	
* Principal Life Insurance Pooled Separate Accounts	**	91,192
Company Principal International Small Cap		
		24 222
* Principal Life Insurance Pooled Separate Accounts	**	81,003
Company Principal Partners Mid Cap Value I		
* Principal Life Insurance Pooled Separate Accounts	**	46,191
Company Principal Partners Mid Cap Growth II		,
Separate Acct		
		222 (22
* Principal Life Insurance Pooled Separate Accounts	**	320,632
Company Principal Partners Small Cap Value		
Separate Acct		
* American Century Registered Investment Co.	**	812,229
Investments American Century Value Fund		
* T. Rowe Price Funds Registered Investment Co.	**	793,816
T. Rowe Price Equity-Income Fund		,

# EIN 64-0156695 PLAN 002 SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR) DECEMBER 31, 2009

(a)	(b)	(c) Description of investment	(d)	(e)
	Identity of issue, borrower, lessor or similar party	including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value	Cost	Current Value
*	Fidelity Investments	Registered Investment Co. Fidelity Advisor Mid Cap Fund	**	674,836
*	T. Rowe Price Funds	Registered Investment Co. T. Rowe Price Science & Technology	**	90,079
*	Franklin Advisors	Registered Investment Co. Franklin High Income R Fund	**	125,474
*	Vanguard Funds	Registered Investment Co. Vanguard Explorer	**	434,079
*	American Funds	Registered Investment Co. Growth Fund of America	**	367,405
*	Cadence Financial Corporation	Employer Security Cadence Stock	**	284,277
*	Participant Loans	Range of Interest Rates range from 4.50% to 9.50%	**	304,741
*	Vanguard Group	Registered Investment Co. Vanguard Short-Term Federal Fund	**	1,701,619 \$ 12,420,613
				\$ 12,420,6

<sup>\*</sup> Denotes Party-In-Interest

<sup>\*\*</sup> Cost information has been omitted for participant-directed investments

#### CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We hereby consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statement on Form S-8 (Commission File Number 333-75054) pertaining to the Cadence Financial Corporation 401(k) Plan, our report dated June 21, 2010, relating to the financial statements and schedules of the Cadence Financial Corporation 401(k) Plan for the plan years ending December 31, 2009 and 2008 included in this Annual Report on Form 11-K.

T. E. Lott & Company

Columbus, Mississippi June 21, 2010