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Wilmington Trust Offers *Great Escape Giveaway* to Caribbean

Checking account promotion includes 31 all-inclusive vacations for two and other prizes every weekday through March 27

Wilmington, DE, February 18, 2009 – Wilmington Trust, Delaware’s leading retail and commercial bank, is providing excitement to Delawareans during these tough winter months with the *Great Escape Giveaway*, a promotion designed to highlight the company’s checking account options for both personal and business banking.

During the *Great Escape Giveaway*, Wilmington Trust is giving away 30 all-inclusive, four-night/five-day trips for two courtesy of Apple Vacations to the Occidental Grand Xcaret Resort in the Yucatan Peninsula, Mexico. One trip will be given away every weekday from February 16 through March 27. In addition, one person will receive the *Great Escape Giveaway* grand prize of an all-inclusive, seven-night/eight-day vacation to the same Caribbean resort.

No purchase is necessary to be eligible to win the vacation prizes. Anyone who completes an entry form during a specific one-hour period of time on any weekday at a designated Wilmington Trust branch office through the course of the promotion is eligible. Each weekday, the designated branch and time of the drawing period will be announced live at 9:10 a.m. on Delmarva Broadcasting Company-owned radio stations WSTW 93.7 FM/HD; WXCY 103.7 FM/HD; Cat Country 97.5 and 105.9 FM; Eagle 97.7 FM/HD; and WDEL 1150 AM. Complete details about the *Great Escape Giveaway*, including designated branches and drawing times for a current week, are available at www.wilmingtontrust.com/greatescape. Details can also be obtained at any Wilmington Trust branch office in Delaware.

Wilmington Trust will also randomly give away \$25 Wilmington Trust Visa Gift Cards daily to visitors at the designated branch during the one-hour drawing period. In addition, anyone opening a new checking account will instantly receive four free movie tickets and, after 30 days, a \$50 account-opening bonus. Those who establish direct deposit to the new account will receive another \$50.

“With the *Great Escape Giveaway*, we’re teaming with Apple Vacations and Delmarva Broadcasting to provide a much-needed break from the daily stresses of peoples’ lives while highlighting awareness of Wilmington Trust’s checking accounts, our gift card program, and our convenient branch office locations throughout Delaware,” said Rebecca DePorte, senior vice president of Personal Financial Services at Wilmington Trust.

Wilmington Trust’s most popular checking accounts for personal banking include Free Custom Checking, Value Banking Checking, and Monster Mile® Checking. Business banking clients can choose from several checking accounts designed especially for their needs, including Free Business Checking and Business Edge Checking. Wilmington Trust checking accounts have a wide range of features, including free On-Line Banking with bill payment services, a free QuickCheckSM Debit Card, and many others. The company operates 48 branch offices and more than 200 automated teller machines (ATMs) in Delaware.

Wilmington Trust Corporation (NYSE: WL) is a financial services holding company that provides Regional Banking services throughout the mid-Atlantic region, Wealth Advisory Services for high-net-worth clients in 36 countries, and Corporate Client Services for institutional clients in 86 countries. Its wholly owned bank subsidiary, Wilmington Trust Company, which was founded in 1903, is one of the largest personal trust providers in the United States and the leading retail and commercial bank in Delaware. Wilmington Trust Corporation and its affiliates have offices in Arizona, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Vermont, the Cayman Islands, the Channel Islands, London, Dublin, Frankfurt, Luxembourg, and Amsterdam.

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The Occidental Grand Xcaret Resort in Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula is the Caribbean destination for 31 all-inclusive prize vacations in Wilmington Trust's Great Escape Giveaway. (Photo is available upon request.)