

UNIVEST CORP OF PENNSYLVANIA

Form S-3ASR

November 13, 2017

Table of Contents

As filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 13, 2017

Registration No. 333-

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

FORM S-3
REGISTRATION STATEMENT
UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

UNIVEST CORPORATION OF PENNSYLVANIA

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Pennsylvania

(State or other jurisdiction of

23-1886144

(I.R.S. Employer

incorporation or organization)

Identification No.)

14 North Main Street, Souderton, Pennsylvania 18964

(215) 721-2400

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

Jeffrey M. Schweitzer

President and Chief Executive Officer

Univest Corporation of Pennsylvania

14 North Main Street

Souderton, Pennsylvania 18964

(215) 721-2400

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

(Copies of all communications, including communications sent to agent for service)

David W. Swartz, Esq.

Stevens & Lee, P.C.

111 N. Sixth Street

Reading, Pennsylvania 19603

(610) 478-2000

Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public: From time to time after the effective date of this registration statement.

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

Edgar Filing: UNIVEST CORP OF PENNSYLVANIA - Form S-3ASR

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.

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

| | | |
|-------------------------|---|---------------------------|
| Large accelerated filer | | Accelerated filer |
| Non-accelerated filer | (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) | Smaller reporting company |
| | | Emerging growth company |

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 7(a)(2)(B) of the Securities Act.

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

| Title of Each Class of Securities to be Registered | Amount to be Registered(1) | Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share(1) | Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price(1) | Amount of Registration Fee(2) |
|---|-----------------------------------|---|---|--------------------------------------|
| Common Stock, par value \$5.00 per share(3) | | | | |
| Preferred Stock, par value \$5.00 per share(3) | | | | |
| Debt Securities(4) | | | | |
| Warrants(5) | | | | |

Depositary Shares(6)
Subscription Rights(7)
TOTAL

- (1) This registration covers an indeterminate amount of securities of each identified class of the Registrant as may from time to time be issued at indeterminate prices.
- (2) In accordance with Rules 456(b) and 457(r) under the Securities Act, the Registrant is deferring payment of the registration fee.
- (3) Shares of common stock or preferred stock may be issued in primary offerings, upon conversion of debt securities or preferred stock registered hereby, or upon the exercise of warrants or subscription rights.
- (4) The debt securities to be offered hereunder will consist of one or more series of senior debt securities or subordinated debt securities, or any combination thereof, as more fully described herein.
- (5) Warrants exercisable for common stock, preferred stock, depositary shares, debt securities or other securities registered hereby.
- (6) The depositary shares registered hereunder will be evidenced by depositary receipts issued pursuant to a deposit agreement. If the Registrant elects to offer to the public fractional interests in shares of preferred stock, then depositary receipts will be distributed to those persons purchasing the fractional interests and the shares will be issued to the depositary under the deposit agreement.
- (7) Rights evidencing the right to purchase common stock, preferred stock, depositary shares, debt securities or other securities registered hereby.

Table of Contents

PROSPECTUS

Univest Corporation of Pennsylvania

Common Stock

Preferred Stock

Debt Securities

Warrants

Depositary Shares

Subscription Rights

Univest Corporation of Pennsylvania (we, us, our or the Company) may offer from time to time to sell, in one or more series, and in any combination, the securities described in this prospectus.

This prospectus describes the general terms of these securities and the general manner in which we will offer them. Each time that we offer and sell securities using this prospectus, we will provide a supplement to this prospectus that contains specific information about the securities and their terms and the manner in which we will offer them for sale. The prospectus supplement also may add or update information contained in this prospectus. This prospectus may not be used to sell securities unless accompanied by a prospectus supplement. You should carefully read this prospectus and any supplement to this prospectus, as well as any documents that we have incorporated into this prospectus by reference, before you invest in any of these securities. References herein to prospectus supplement are also deemed to refer to any pricing supplement or free writing prospectus describing the specific pricing or other terms of the applicable offering that we prepare and distribute.

We may offer and sell these securities through underwriters, dealers or agents, or directly to purchasers, on a continuous or delayed basis. We will provide in the applicable prospectus supplement the names of any such underwriters, dealers or agents used in connection with the sale of any of these securities, as well as any fees, commissions or discounts we may pay to such underwriters, dealers or agents in connection with the sale of these securities.

Our common stock is listed on the Nasdaq Global Select Market under the symbol UVSP. Any prospectus supplement will indicate whether the securities offered thereby will be listed on any securities exchange.

This prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities, and it is not soliciting an offer to buy these securities, in any state or jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted.

Investing in our securities involves risks. See Risk Factors on page 3, in any prospectus supplement, and in the documents on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission that are incorporated by reference in this prospectus for a discussion of certain risks and uncertainties you should consider.

These securities are not deposits or obligations of a bank or savings association and are not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other governmental agency.

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.

This date of this prospectus is November 13, 2017.

Table of Contents

TABLE OF CONTENTS

| | |
|--|----|
| <u>ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS</u> | 1 |
| <u>SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS</u> | 2 |
| <u>OUR COMPANY</u> | 3 |
| <u>RISK FACTORS</u> | 3 |
| <u>USE OF PROCEEDS</u> | 3 |
| <u>RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES</u> | 4 |
| <u>DESCRIPTION OF SECURITIES WE MAY OFFER</u> | 4 |
| <u>DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STOCK</u> | 5 |
| <u>DESCRIPTION OF DEBT SECURITIES</u> | 11 |
| <u>DESCRIPTION OF WARRANTS</u> | 18 |
| <u>DESCRIPTION OF DEPOSITARY SHARES</u> | 19 |
| <u>DESCRIPTION OF SUBSCRIPTION RIGHTS</u> | 22 |
| <u>PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION</u> | 23 |
| <u>LEGAL MATTERS</u> | 25 |
| <u>EXPERTS</u> | 25 |
| <u>WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION</u> | 25 |
| <u>INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN INFORMATION BY REFERENCE</u> | 26 |

Table of Contents

ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that we filed with the SEC using a shelf registration process. Under this shelf registration process, we may sell from time to time, in one or more offerings, on a continuous or delayed basis, any combination of the securities described in this prospectus.

This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities that we may offer. Each time that we sell securities, we will provide a prospectus supplement that will contain specific information about the terms of that offering. Such prospectus supplement may also add, update or change information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus. If there is any inconsistency between the information in this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement, you should rely on the information in the prospectus supplement. You should read this prospectus (including the documents incorporated by reference) and the applicable prospectus supplement together with the additional information referred to under the heading **Where You Can Find More Information**.

You should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus or in any supplement to this prospectus. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with different information. We are not making an offer to sell or soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any jurisdiction in which the offer or solicitation is not authorized or in which the person making the offer or solicitation is not qualified to do so or to anyone to whom it is unlawful to make the offer or solicitation. You should assume that the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus or any prospectus supplement is accurate as of its date only.

Any of the securities described in this prospectus and in a prospectus supplement may be convertible or exchangeable into, or exercisable for, other securities that are described in this prospectus or will be described in a prospectus supplement.

The registration statement that contains this prospectus, including the exhibits to the registration statement, also provides additional information about us and the securities offered under this prospectus. You can find the registration statement at the SEC's website or at the SEC's public reference room described under the heading **Where You Can Find More Information**.

Table of Contents

SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus and the documents that we incorporate by reference in this prospectus contain, and future oral and written statements of the Company and its management may contain, forward-looking statements, within the meaning of such term in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 (the Securities Act) and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act), with respect to the financial condition, results of operations, plans, objectives, future performance and business of the Company.

Forward-looking statements, which may be based on beliefs, expectations and assumptions of the Company's management and on information available to management at the time that the statements are made, may be identified by the use of words such as believe, expect, anticipate, bode, predict, suggest, project, appear, plan, may, will, would, could, should, likely or other similar expressions. Additionally, all statements in this prospectus and the documents that we incorporate by reference in this prospectus, including forward-looking statements, speak only as of the date they are made, and we undertake no obligation to update any statement in light of new information or future events.

Our ability to predict results or the actual effect of future plans or strategies is inherently uncertain. The factors that could have a material adverse effect on the operations and future prospects of the Company and its subsidiaries are detailed in the Risk Factors section included under Item 1A of Part I of our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K and in the Risk Factors sections of this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement. In addition, there are other factors that may impact any public company, including ours, that could have a material adverse effect on the operations and future prospects of the Company and its subsidiaries.

These risks and uncertainties should be considered in evaluating forward-looking statements, and undue reliance should not be placed on such statements.

Table of Contents

OUR COMPANY

We are a Pennsylvania corporation and a bank holding company headquartered in Souderton, Pennsylvania. Through our wholly-owned banking subsidiary, Univest Bank and Trust Co. (the Bank), we provide a variety of financial services to individuals, municipalities and businesses throughout the Bank's markets of operation. The Bank is engaged in the commercial and consumer banking business and provides a full range of banking and trust services to customers. The Bank is the parent company of (1) Delview, Inc., which is the parent company of Univest Insurance, Inc., an independent insurance agency, (2) Univest Investments, Inc., a full-service broker-dealer and investment advisory firm, and (3) Girard Partners, a registered investment advisory firm. The Bank is also the parent company of Univest Capital, Inc., an equipment financing business, and TCG Investment Advisory, a registered investment advisor, which provides discretionary investment consulting and management services.

As of September 30, 2017, we had total assets of \$4.42 billion, total loans held for investment of \$3.49 billion, total deposits of \$3.52 billion, and total shareholders' equity of \$528.8 million.

Our principal executive office is located at 14 North Main Street, Souderton, Pennsylvania 18964 and our telephone number is (215) 721-2400.

Additional information about us is included in our filings with the SEC, which are incorporated by reference into this prospectus. See [Where You Can Find More Information](#) and [Incorporation of Certain Information by Reference](#) in this prospectus.

RISK FACTORS

An investment in our securities involves certain risks. Before making an investment decision, you should carefully read and consider the discussion of the risks and uncertainties under the heading [Risk Factors](#) contained in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) on March 3, 2017, which is incorporated by reference in this prospectus, and under similar headings in our subsequently filed quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, as well as the other risks and uncertainties described in any applicable prospectus supplement and in the other documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus. See the section entitled [Where You Can Find More Information](#) in this prospectus. You should note, however, that our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since the respective dates of incorporated documents. The risks and uncertainties that we have described are not the only ones facing the Company. Additional risks of which we are not presently aware or that we currently believe are immaterial may also harm our business and results of operations.

USE OF PROCEEDS

Unless the applicable prospectus supplement states otherwise, we will use the net proceeds that we receive from the sale of the securities offered hereby for general corporate purposes, which may include, among other things, investments in or advances to our subsidiaries, working capital to fund organic growth, capital expenditures, stock repurchases, debt repayment or the financing of possible acquisitions. The prospectus supplement relating to a particular offering of securities by us will identify the particular use of proceeds for that offering. Until we use the net proceeds from an offering, we may place the net proceeds in temporary investments or hold the net proceeds in deposit accounts at a banking subsidiary of the Company.

Table of Contents**RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES**

The following table presents our ratio of earnings to fixed charges for each of the periods indicated.

| | Nine Months Ended September 30, | | Year Ended December 31, | | | |
|---|--|-------------|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 |
| Ratio of earnings to fixed charges: (unaudited) | | | | | | |
| Excluding interest on deposits | 8.24x | 5.53x | 18.99x | 928.47x | 51.63x | 18.20x |
| Including interest on deposits | 4.28x | 2.89x | 5.59x | 8.43x | 6.25x | 4.23x |

For purposes of computing these ratios, earnings represent consolidated income from continuing operations before income taxes, plus fixed charges. Fixed charges represent interest expense, including interest credited on deposit products where indicated, and amortization of bond issue costs.

A ratio of earnings to combined fixed charges and preferred stock dividends is not presented, as the results do not differ from the ratio of earnings to fixed charges presented above and we have not issued any preferred stock as of the date of this prospectus.

DESCRIPTION OF SECURITIES WE MAY OFFER

This prospectus contains summary descriptions of the common stock, preferred stock, debt securities, warrants, depositary shares, and subscription rights that we may offer and sell from time to time. When one or more of these securities are offered in the future, a prospectus supplement will explain the particular terms of the securities and the extent to which these general provisions may apply. These summary descriptions and any summary descriptions in the applicable prospectus supplement do not purport to be complete descriptions of the terms and conditions of each security and are qualified in their entirety by reference to our Articles of Incorporation, as amended (our Articles of Incorporation), our Bylaws, as the same may be amended from time to time (our Bylaws), the Pennsylvania Business Corporation Law (the PBCL) and any other documents referenced in such summary descriptions and from which such summary descriptions are derived. If any particular terms of a security described in the applicable prospectus supplement differ from any of the terms described in this prospectus, then the terms described in this prospectus will be deemed superseded by the terms set forth in that prospectus supplement.

We may issue securities in book-entry form through one or more depositaries, such as The Depository Trust Company, named in the applicable prospectus supplement. Each sale of a security in book-entry form will settle in immediately available funds through the applicable depository, unless otherwise stated. We will issue the securities in registered form, without coupons. If any securities are to be listed or quoted on a securities exchange or quotation system, the applicable prospectus supplement will say so.

Table of Contents

DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STOCK

The following is a summary of the material terms, limitations, voting powers and relative rights of our capital stock as contained in our Articles of Incorporation, our Bylaws and the PBCL. This summary does not purport to be a complete description of the terms and conditions of our capital stock in all respects and is subject to and qualified in its entirety by reference to our Articles of Incorporation, our Bylaws, the PBCL and any other documents referenced in the summary descriptions and from which the summary descriptions are derived. Although we believe that this summary covers the material terms and provisions of our capital stock, it may not contain all of the information that is important to you.

Please note that, with respect to any shares held in book-entry form through the Depository Trust Company or any other share depository, the depository or its nominee will be the sole registered and legal owner of those shares, and references hereunder to any shareholder or holder of those shares means only the depository or its nominee. Persons who hold beneficial interests in shares of our stock through a depository will not be registered or legal owners of those shares and will not be recognized as such for any purpose. For example, only the depository or its nominee will be entitled to vote the shares held through it, and any dividends or other distributions to be paid, and any notices to be given, in respect of those shares will be paid or given only to the depository or its nominee. Owners of beneficial interests in those shares will have to look solely to the depository with respect to any benefits of share ownership, and any rights that they may have with respect to those shares will be governed by the rules of the depository, which are subject to change from time to time. We have no responsibility for those rules or their application to any interests held through the depository.

General

Our authorized capital stock consists of common stock and preferred stock. We are authorized to issue 48,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$5.00 per share. As of October 31, 2017, we had 26,684,355 shares of common stock outstanding, and approximately 2,686 record holders (excluding any participants in any clearing agency and street name holders). In addition, we are authorized to issue 10,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$5.00 per share, of which no shares are currently outstanding.

As of October 31, 2017, options to purchase 517,335 shares of our common stock were outstanding, and the shares underlying such options have been reserved for issuance. All outstanding shares of common stock are fully paid and non-assessable, and any shares of common stock to be issued in connection with an offering hereunder will be fully paid and non-assessable.

Common Stock

Voting Rights

Each owner of our common stock is entitled to one vote per share on any matter on which shareholders generally are entitled to vote, including the election of directors. Neither our Articles of Incorporation nor our Bylaws provides for cumulative voting in the election of directors, which means that the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of our common stock can elect all of the directors standing for election, and the holders of the remaining shares are not able to elect any directors.

Dividends

Owners of our common stock will be entitled to dividends paid by us when and if declared by our board of directors from legally available funds, and subject to the rights of any outstanding class or series of preferred stock. The determination and declaration of dividends is entirely within the discretion of our board of directors, subject to certain limitations under state law and rules and limitations imposed by federal regulators. Holders of our common stock shall share equally on a per share basis in any such dividends or distributions.

Table of Contents

Liquidation or Dissolution

In the event of our liquidation, dissolution, or winding up, the owners of our common stock shall be entitled to receive, in cash or in kind, assets that are remaining after payment or provision for payment of our debts and liabilities and any amounts owed to holders of our preferred stock. Owners of our common stock shall receive such assets ratably in proportion to the number of shares held by them.

Preemptive Rights

Owners of our common stock do not have any preemptive rights to subscribe for additional shares of common stock when we offer additional shares for sale. The rights, preferences, and privileges of holders of our common stock are subject to, and may be impacted by, the rights of the holders of shares of any series of preferred stock that we may designate and issue in the future.

Other

Our shareholders have no conversion rights or other subscription rights. There are no redemption or sinking fund provisions applicable to our common stock.

Classified Board

The Company's board of directors is divided into three classes, as nearly equal in number as possible, with each class being elected annually for a three-year term.

Director Nominations

Nominations for election to our board of directors may be made by our board of directors or by any shareholder of any outstanding class of our capital stock that is entitled to vote for election of directors. Nominations made by shareholders must be made by written notice, delivered or mailed by registered return receipt mail, postage prepaid, to the Secretary of the Company, not less than 50 days prior to any meeting of the shareholders called for the election of directors; provided, however, that if less than 21 days' notice of the meeting is given to shareholders, such a nomination shall be delivered or mailed to the Secretary of the Company not later than the close of business on the seventh (7th) day following the date on which the notice of the meeting was mailed to the shareholders.

Such notification shall contain the following information to the extent known to the shareholder intending to nominate any candidate for election to the board of directors:

The name, age and resident address of each of the proposed nominees;

The principal occupation or employment and business address of each proposed nominee;

The total number of shares of the Company that, to the knowledge of the notifying shareholders, will be voted for each of the proposed nominees;

The name and resident address of the notifying shareholder; and

The number of shares owned by the notifying shareholder.

The nomination of a director who has not previously served as a director must be made from and among the then serving alternate directors, except with the execution by the Company of a definitive acquisition or merger agreement. Nomination for alternate directors must be made in the same manner as directors and in accordance with the then applicable provisions of the Bylaws for such nominations. Any nomination for director or alternate director made by a shareholder that is not made in accordance with the Bylaws may be disregarded by the Nominating and Governance Committee of the Board of Directors of the Company, and the votes cast for such

Table of Contents

nominee may be disregarded by the judges of election. No person is eligible to be newly elected or appointed as a director if such person has not previously been a director or an alternate director of the Company or a designee from an acquired company.

Preferred Stock

We currently have no shares of preferred stock outstanding. Under our Articles of Incorporation, our board of directors is authorized, without further action by our shareholders, to issue shares of preferred stock in one or more classes or series. The board may fix the rights, preferences and privileges of the preferred stock, along with any limitations or restrictions, including voting rights, dividend rights, conversion rights, redemption privileges and liquidation preferences of each class or series of preferred stock. The preferred stock could have voting or conversion rights that could adversely affect the voting power or other rights of holders of our common stock. The issuance of preferred stock could also have the effect, under certain circumstances, of delaying, deferring or preventing a change in control of us. The applicable prospectus supplement relating to an offering of preferred stock will specify the terms applicable to such series of preferred stock.

Amendment of Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws

Our Articles of Incorporation may be amended as provided under Pennsylvania law by (i) the affirmative vote of 75% of the issued and outstanding shares of capital stock entitled to vote or (ii) by the affirmative vote of a majority of the board of directors and the affirmative vote of a majority of the issued and outstanding shares of capital stock entitled to vote. Our shareholders are not entitled by statute to propose amendments to the articles of incorporation. The authority to make, amend, alter, change, or repeal the Bylaws is specifically granted to and vested in our board of directors. This authority is subject to the power of our shareholders to make, amend, alter, change or repeal the Bylaws by the affirmative vote of 75% of the shares outstanding and entitled to vote.

Limitation on Liability and Indemnification of Directors and Officers

As permitted by Pennsylvania law, under our Bylaws, to the fullest extent authorized or permitted by Pennsylvania law, a director of the Company will not be personally liable for monetary damages for any act or omission unless such director breached or failed to perform the duties of his office, and such breach or failure constitutes self-dealing, willful misconduct or recklessness. The provision does not affect a director's responsibility or liability under any criminal statute or liability for payment of taxes. Our Bylaws also require us to indemnify all current and former directors, alternate directors, officers, employees, and agents and all persons who serve as a director, alternate director, officer, employee, or agent of another entity at our request, against all expenses and liabilities reasonably incurred by, or imposed upon such person in connection with, or resulting from the defense of any civil or criminal action, suit or proceeding, including an action or proceeding by or in the right of the Company, in which such person is made a party or is otherwise involved by reason of being or having served in such capacity with the Company or such other entity, except with respect to any matter as to which such person shall be finally adjudged in such action, suit or proceeding to have been liable for willful misconduct or recklessness in the performance of the duties of his or her respective position. We may pay expenses incurred by such persons indemnified in advance of the final disposition of such action, suit or proceeding upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of such person to repay such amount if it is ultimately determined that such person is not entitled to be indemnified.

Anti-Takeover Provisions

The PBCL, federal banking regulations and our Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws contain a number of provisions that may delay, defer, prevent or render more difficult a change in control or an unsolicited acquisition proposal that

our shareholders might consider favorable, including a proposal that might result in the payment of a premium over the market price for the shares held by our shareholders. Even in the absence of an unsolicited

Table of Contents

acquisition proposal, these provisions may also adversely affect the prevailing market price for our common stock if they are viewed as limiting the liquidity of our common stock or discouraging takeover attempts in the future.

Federal Reserve Requirements. Under the regulations of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (the Federal Reserve), takeover attempts, business combinations and certain acquisitions of our stock may require the prior approval of, or notice to, the Federal Reserve. If a company seeks to (i) acquire, either acting alone or in concert with others, 25% or more of any class of our voting stock, (ii) acquire control of the election or appointment of a majority of the directors on our board of directors or (iii) exercise a controlling influence over our management or policies, such company would be required to obtain the prior approval of the Federal Reserve. In addition, if any individual seeks to acquire, either acting alone or in concert with others, 25% or more of any class of our voting stock, the individual generally is required to provide 60 days prior notice to the Federal Reserve. An individual (and also a company not otherwise required to obtain Federal Reserve approval to control us) is presumed to control us, and therefore generally required to provide 60 days prior notice to the Federal Reserve, if the individual (or such company) acquires 10% or more of any class of our voting stock, although the individual (or such company) may seek to rebut the presumption of control based on the facts surrounding the acquisition.

Pennsylvania Anti-Takeover Provisions. Under the PBCL, certain anti-takeover provisions apply to Pennsylvania registered corporations (e.g., publicly traded companies) including those relating to (i) control share acquisitions, (ii) disgorgement of profits by certain controlling persons, (iii) business combination transactions with interested shareholders and (iv) the rights of shareholders to demand fair value for their stock following a control transaction. Pennsylvania law allows registered corporations to opt-out of any of these anti-takeover provisions. Univest is a registered corporation under the PBCL. A general summary of the applicable anti-takeover provisions is set forth below.

Control Share Acquisitions. Pennsylvania law limits control share acquisitions relating to the act of acquiring for the first time voting power over voting shares (other than shares owned since January 1, 1988 and any additional shares distributed with respect to such shares) equal to at least 20%, 33-1/3% and 50% of the voting power of the corporation. Once a control share acquisition has occurred, then all shares in excess of the triggering threshold, plus shares purchased at any time with the intention of acquiring such voting power and shares purchased within 180 days of the date the triggering threshold was exceeded, are considered control shares. Control shares cannot vote either until their voting rights have been restored by two separate votes of the shareholders, described below, at a meeting or until they have been transferred to a person who does not thereby also become the holder of control shares.

The holder of control shares may wait until the next annual or special meeting after the acquisition took place to submit the request for the restoration of voting rights to the shareholders, or the acquiring person may accelerate the process by agreeing to underwrite the cost of a special meeting of shareholders for that purpose. In either case, the acquiring person is required to furnish for distribution to the shareholders an information statement containing a detailed disclosure concerning the acquiring person, its intentions with respect to ownership of securities of the corporation and other matters. As an alternative, a person proposing to make a control share acquisition may request prospective approval by the shareholders of the exercise of the voting rights of the shares proposed to be acquired. Two shareholders' votes are required to approve the restoration of voting rights: (i) the approval of an absolute majority of all voting power must be obtained, and all voting shares are entitled to participate in this vote; and (ii) the approval of an absolute majority of all disinterested shareholders must be obtained.

For a period of 24 months after the later of (i) a control share acquisition by an acquiring person who does not properly request consideration of voting rights, or (ii) the denial of such a request or lapse of voting rights, the corporation may redeem all the control shares at the average public market sales price of the shares on the date notice of the call for redemption is given by the corporation.

Table of Contents

Disgorgement of Profits by Certain Controlling Persons. Pennsylvania law regarding disgorgement of profits by certain controlling persons applies if (i) any person or group publicly discloses that the person or group may acquire control of the corporation, or (ii) a person or group acquires (or publicly discloses an intent to acquire) 20% or more of the voting power of the corporation and, in either case, sells shares within 18 months thereafter. Any profits from sales of equity securities of the corporation received by the person or group during such 18-month period will belong to the corporation if the securities that were sold were acquired during the 18-month period or within 24 months prior thereto.

Business Combination Transactions with Interested Shareholders. Pennsylvania law prohibits certain business combinations with certain interested shareholders, persons who acquire the direct or indirect beneficial ownership of shares entitled to cast at least 20% of the votes entitled to be cast for the election of directors. A corporation subject to this provision may not effect mergers or certain other business combinations with the interested shareholder for a period of five years, unless:

the business combination or the acquisition of stock by means of which the interested shareholder became an interested shareholder is approved by the corporation's board of directors prior to such stock acquisition;

the business combination is approved by the affirmative vote of the holders of all the outstanding shares of common stock of the corporation; or

the business combination is approved by the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of all shares entitled to vote, excluding votes of shares held by the interested shareholders, and at the time of such vote, the interested shareholder is the beneficial owner of at least 80% of the voting shares of the corporation. This exception applies only if the value of the consideration to be paid by the interested shareholder in connection with the business combination satisfies certain fair price requirements

After the five-year restricted period, an interested shareholder of the corporation may engage in a business combination with the corporation if (i) the business combination is approved by the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares other than those beneficially owned by the interested shareholder and its affiliates, or (ii) the merger is approved at a shareholders meeting and certain fair price requirements are met.

Rights of Shareholders to Demand Fair Value for Stock Following a Control Transaction. Pennsylvania law regarding the ability of shareholders to dispose of their stock following a control transaction provides, generally, that a person or group that acquires more than 20% of the voting power to elect directors of the corporation is a controlling person and must give prompt notice to each shareholder of record. The other shareholders are then entitled to demand that the controlling person pay them the fair value of their shares under specified procedures. Fair value may not be less than the highest price paid per share by the controlling person at any time during the 90-day period ending on and including the date on which the controlling person became such, plus any increment representing any value, such as a control premium, that is not reflected in such price.

Right to Call Special Meeting of Shareholders. Our Bylaws provide that special meetings of the Company's shareholders can only be called by the Chairman of the Board or by the majority vote of all the members of the board of directors entitled to vote.

The foregoing provisions (or the absence thereof, as the case may be) may have the effect of deterring hostile takeovers or delaying or preventing changes in our management or control of us, such as mergers, reorganizations or tender offers. In general, our Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws are structured in a way that enhances the likelihood of continued stability in the composition of our board of directors and its policies and discourages certain types of transactions that may involve an actual or threatened acquisition by another party. The provisions of our Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws tend to reduce our vulnerability to an unsolicited acquisition proposal and to discourage certain tactics that may be used in proxy fights. However, such provisions could have the effect of discouraging others from making tender offers for our shares and, as a consequence, may also inhibit fluctuations in the market price of our common stock that could result from actual or rumored takeover attempts.

Table of Contents

Transfer Agent and Registrar

Broadridge Corporate Issuer Solutions, Inc. is the transfer agent and registrar for our common stock. The transfer agent's address is 1155 Long Island Avenue, Edgewood, New York 11717, attention: IWS.

Listing and Trading Market for Common Stock

Our common stock is listed on the Nasdaq Global Select Market under the symbol UVSP.

Table of Contents

DESCRIPTION OF DEBT SECURITIES

The following description of the debt securities sets forth certain general terms that may apply to the debt securities that we may offer under this prospectus. The debt securities may be issued as senior debt securities or subordinated debt securities. As required by U.S. federal law for all bonds and notes of companies that are publicly offered, our debt securities will be governed by a document called an indenture, with the specific terms and conditions relating to a particular series of debt securities set forth in a supplemental indenture or a board resolution and an officer's certificate. The indenture is a contract between us and the bank or trust company selected by the Company to serve as the initial trustee (referred to herein as the indenture trustee). The form of indenture is filed as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part. The indenture is subject to and governed by the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended (the Trust Indenture Act), and may be supplemented or amended from time to time.

The indenture gives us broad authority to set the particular terms of each series of debt securities, including the right to modify certain of the terms contained in the indenture. We will describe the specific terms of a series of debt securities and the extent, if any, to which the specific terms of the debt securities modify the terms of the indenture in the prospectus supplement relating to the debt securities.

This summary is subject to, and qualified in its entirety by reference to, the indenture, which contains the full legal text of the matters described in this section, and the description of the specific terms of the debt securities in the applicable prospectus supplement. The following summary is not complete. You should read all of the provisions of the indenture, including the definitions of certain terms.

Since we are a holding company, our right, and accordingly, the right of our creditors and shareholders, including the holders of the securities offered by this prospectus and any prospectus supplement, to participate in any distribution of assets of any of our subsidiaries upon that subsidiary's liquidation, reorganization or similar proceeding is subject to the prior claims of creditors of that subsidiary, except to the extent that our claims as a creditor of the subsidiary may be recognized.

Terms of the Securities

The debt securities will not be secured by any of our assets. Neither the indenture nor the debt securities will limit or otherwise restrict the amounts of other indebtedness that we may incur, or the amount of other securities that we may issue. The indenture does not limit the principal amount of any particular series of debt securities. The subordinated debt securities will be subordinated as described below under the heading Subordination.

Each prospectus supplement will specify the particular terms of the debt securities offered, including the following, as may be applicable:

the title and series of the debt securities;

the principal amount being offered and, if a series, the total amount authorized and the total amount outstanding;

any limit on the aggregate principal amount of the debt securities;

the priority of payments on the debt securities;

the issue price or prices (which may be expressed as a percentage of the aggregate principal amount) of the debt securities;

the dates on which or periods during which the debt securities may be issued, and the dates on, or the range of dates within, which the principal of and premium, if any, on the debt securities are or may be payable or the method by which such date or dates will be determined or extended;

Table of Contents

the interest rate or rates of the debt securities, or the method of determining those rates, whether such interest will be payable in cash or additional debt securities of the same series or will accrue and increase the aggregate principal amount outstanding of such series, the date or dates from which such interest will accrue, or the method by which such date or dates will be determined;

the interest payment dates, the record dates for the determination of holders to whom interest is payable on such interest payment dates or the method by which such date or dates will be determined, the right, if any, to extend or defer interest payments and the duration of such extension or deferral;

if the amount of payment of principal of, premium, if any, or interest on the debt securities may be determined with reference to an index, formula or other method;

if other than the entire principal amount, the portion of the principal amount of the debt securities that will be payable if the maturity date of the debt securities is accelerated;

any event of default applicable to the debt securities and any change in the right of the indenture trustee or the requisite holders of such debt securities to declare the principal amount thereof due and payable pursuant to the indenture;

any covenants included for the benefit of the holders of the debt securities;

provisions, if any, restricting the declaration of dividends or requiring the maintenance of any asset ratio or the creation or maintenance of reserves;

provisions relating to modification of the terms of the debt securities or the rights of holders of the debt securities;

provisions, if any, granting special rights to holders upon the occurrence of specified events;

provisions, if any, restricting the incurrence of additional debt or the issuance of additional securities;

restrictions, if any, on transfer, sale or other assignment of the debt securities;

whether the debt securities are to be issued in whole or in part in global form and, in such case, the depositary and the terms and conditions, if any, upon which interests in such global debt securities may be exchanged in whole or in part for the individual securities represented thereby in definitive form registered in the name or names of persons other than such depositary or a nominee or nominees thereof;

the form of the debt securities;

whether the debt securities are subject to subordination and the terms of such subordination;

any terms relating to the conversion or exchange of the debt securities into other securities or property of ours, including, without limitation, the time and place at which such debt securities may be converted or exchanged, the conversion or exchange price and any adjustments to the conversion or exchange price and any other provisions that may be applicable;

the guarantors, if any, of the debt securities, and the extent of the guarantees (including provisions relating to seniority, subordination, and the release of the guarantors), if any, and any additions or changes to permit or facilitate guarantees of such debt securities;

any sinking fund or similar provisions applicable to the debt securities;

any mandatory or optional redemption, repurchase or repayment provisions applicable to the debt securities;

if other than denominations of \$1,000 or any integral multiple of \$1,000 thereof, the denomination or denominations in which the debt securities are authorized to be issued;

whether any of the debt securities will be issued as original issue discount securities;

Table of Contents

the place of payment on the debt securities;

each office or agency where the debt securities may be presented for registration of transfer, exchange or conversion;

the method of determining the amount of any payments on the securities which are linked to an index or determined by a formula;

if other than U.S. Dollars, the foreign currency in which the debt securities shall be denominated or in which payment of the principal of, premium, if any, or interest on the debt securities shall be payable and any other terms concerning such payment;

if the principal of, premium, if any, or interest on the debt securities of the series are to be payable, at the election of the Company or a holder thereof, in a currency other than that in which the debt securities are denominated or stated to be payable without such election, the period or periods within which, and the terms and conditions upon which, such election may be made and the time and the manner of determining the exchange rate between the currency in which the debt securities are denominated or payable without such election and the currency in which the debt securities are to be paid if such election is made;

the nature of any material relationship between us or our affiliates and the indenture trustee, the percentage of debt securities of a series necessary to require the indenture trustee to take action, and what indemnification the indenture trustee may require before proceeding to take action;

any addition or change in the provisions related to compensation and reimbursement of the indenture trustee which applies to the debt securities as agreed upon by the Company and the indenture trustee;

if other than the indenture trustee, the identity of the registrar and/or paying agent, and the identity of any other agents appointed with respect to the series of debt securities;

provisions, if any, for the defeasance of the debt securities in whole or in part and any addition or change in the provisions related to satisfaction and discharge;

any addition or change in the provisions related to supplemental indentures both with and without the consent of the holders;

a discussion of any material United States federal income tax considerations applicable to the debt securities;
and

any other terms, preferences, rights or limitations of, or restrictions on, the debt securities, including any terms that may be required by us or advisable under applicable laws or regulations or in connection with the marketing of the debt securities.

Some of our debt securities may be issued as original issue discount securities. Original issue discount securities bear no interest or bear interest at below-market rates and will be sold at a discount below their stated principal amount.

The prospectus supplement will also contain any special tax, accounting or other information relating to original issue discount securities or relating to certain other kinds of securities that may be offered, including securities linked to an index.

Acceleration of Maturity

If an event of default with respect to any outstanding series of debt securities occurs and is continuing, the indenture trustee or the holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of that series may declare the principal amount due and payable immediately by providing written notice of such acceleration to us, and, if notice is given by the holders instead of the indenture trustee, to the indenture trustee. Subject to certain conditions, the declaration of acceleration may be rescinded, and past defaults (except uncured payment defaults) may be waived, by the holders of not less than a majority of the principal amount of debt securities of that series.

Table of Contents

You should refer to the prospectus supplement relating to each series of debt securities for the particular provisions relating to acceleration of maturity upon the occurrence and continuation of an event of default.

Transfer

Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, the debt securities we are offering will be issued in denominations of \$1,000 and increments of \$1,000 in excess thereof, or in such other currencies or denominations as may be set forth in the applicable supplemental indenture or specified in an officer's certificate, if any, relating to such series of debt securities. No service charge will be made for any transfer or exchange of the debt securities, but we may require payment of an amount sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge payable in connection with a transfer or exchange.

Payment and Paying Agent

The principal of and interest, if any, on any series of debt securities will be payable at the corporate trust office of the indenture trustee, the address of which will be stated in the applicable prospectus supplement. However, at our option, interest payment may be made by check mailed to the address of the person entitled thereto as it appears in the applicable register for such debt securities. We will make payments of principal of, and any interest on, the debt securities represented by any global security registered in the name of and held by a depository or its nominee, to such depository or its nominee, as the case may be, as the registered owner and holder of such global security. Neither we, the indenture trustee nor any of its or our respective agents will have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of records relating to, or payments made on account of, beneficial interests in any global security or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records of any depository, its nominee or any participant relating to such beneficial interests.

Global Securities

The debt securities of a series may be issued in whole or in part in the form of one or more global securities that will be deposited with, or on behalf of, a depository that we will identify in a prospectus supplement. Global securities will be issued in registered form and in either temporary or definitive form. Unless and until it is exchanged in whole or in part for the individual debt securities, a global security may not be transferred except as a whole by the depository for such global security to a nominee of such depository or by a nominee of such depository to such depository or another nominee of such depository or by such depository or any such nominee to a successor of such depository or a nominee of such successor.

The specific terms of the depository arrangements for each series of debt securities and the rights of and limitations upon owners of beneficial interests in a global security will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Modification and Waiver

The indenture provides that modifications and amendments may be made by us and the indenture trustee with the consent of the holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of each series affected by the amendment or modification. However, no modification or amendment may, without the consent of each holder affected:

extend the stated maturity date of, or any premium or installment of interest on, the debt security;

reduce the principal amount, any rate of interest of any debt security, or reduce the amount of any premium payable upon the redemption of any debt security;

change the place of payment, currency or currencies in which any debt security or any premium or interest thereon is payable;

Table of Contents

impair the holders' rights to institute suit for the enforcement of any payment on or after the stated maturity date of any debt security or, in the case of redemption, on or after the redemption date;

adversely affect any rights of conversion;

reduce the percentage in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities required to consent to any modification, amendment or waiver under the indenture or for waiver of compliance with certain provisions of the indenture or for waiver of certain defaults; or

reduce the principal amount of original issue discount debt securities which could be declared due and payable upon an acceleration of their maturity.

The holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of any series may waive compliance by us and the indenture trustee with certain provisions of the indenture. The holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of any series may waive any past default under the indenture with respect to that series, except a default in the payment of the principal, or any premium or interest payable on a debt security of that series or in respect of a covenant or provision which under the terms of the indenture cannot be modified or amended, without the consent of each affected holder.

With the indenture trustee, we may modify and amend the indenture without the consent of any holder for any of the following purposes:

to name a successor entity to us;

to add to our covenants for the benefit of the holders of all or any series of debt securities;

to add to, delete or modify the events of default;

to add to, delete from or revise the conditions, limitations and restrictions on the authorized amount, terms or purposes of issue, authentication and delivery of debt securities;

to establish the form or terms of debt securities of any series;

to provide for the acceptance of appointment by a successor indenture trustee;

to cure any ambiguity, defect or inconsistency in the indenture, provided that such action is not inconsistent with the provisions of that indenture and does not adversely affect the interests of the applicable holders;

to supplement any of the provisions of the indenture as may be necessary to permit or facilitate the defeasance and discharge of any series of debt securities, if the action does not adversely affect the interests of holders of debt securities of that series in any material respect;

to add or release guarantors or co-obligors with respect to the debt securities;

to secure the debt securities;

to add to, change or eliminate any provisions of the indenture as necessary or desirable in accordance with any amendments to the Trust Indenture Act; or

to amend or supplement any provision contained in the indenture or in any supplemental indenture, if the amendment or supplement does not materially adversely affect the interests of the holders of any debt securities then outstanding.

Calculation of Outstanding Debt Securities

To calculate whether the holders of a sufficient principal amount of the outstanding securities have given any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent or waiver under the indenture:

in the case of original issue discount securities, the principal amount that may be included in the calculation is the amount of principal that would be due and payable upon a declaration of acceleration according to the terms of that original issue discount security as of the date of the calculation; and

Table of Contents

any debt securities owned by us, or owned by any other obligor of the debt securities or any affiliate of ours or of any other obligor, should be disregarded and deemed not to be outstanding for purposes of the calculation.

Additional Provisions

The indenture trustee is not obligated to exercise any of its rights or powers under the indenture at the request, order or direction of any of the holders of the debt securities, unless the holders have offered the indenture trustee satisfactory security or indemnification. The indenture provides that the holders of a majority in principal amount of outstanding debt securities of any series may, in certain circumstances, direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the indenture trustee, or exercising any trust or other power conferred on the indenture trustee.

No holder of a debt security of any series will have the right to institute any proceeding for any remedy under the indenture, unless:

the holder has provided the indenture trustee with written notice of one or more events of default regarding the holder's series of debt securities;

the holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of a series have made a written request to the indenture trustee and offered security and indemnity satisfactory to the indenture trustee against the costs, expenses and liabilities to be incurred in the proceeding;

the indenture trustee has failed to institute the proceeding within 60 days after its receipt of such notice, request and offer of indemnity; and

the indenture trustee has not received any direction during such 60-day period inconsistent with such request from the holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of that series.

However, the holder of any debt security will have an absolute and unconditional right to receive payment of the principal, any premium or any interest in respect of such debt security on or after the date expressed in such debt security and to institute suit for the enforcement of any such payment.

We are required to file annually with the indenture trustee a certificate of no default, or specifying any default that exists.

Conversion Rights

The applicable prospectus supplement relating to any convertible debt securities will describe the terms on which those securities are convertible.

Events of Default

Unless otherwise provided in a prospectus supplement, the following will be events of default under the indenture with respect to debt securities of any series:

failure to pay any interest on any debt security of that series when due, and continuance of such default for 30 days;

failure to pay principal of, or any premium on, any debt security of that series when due;

failure to deposit any sinking fund payment for a debt security of that series when due, and continuance of such default for 30 days;

certain events in bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization of us or the Bank; and

any other event of default regarding that series of debt securities.

Table of Contents

Subordination

The subordinated debt securities will be unsecured and will be subordinated in right of payment, to the extent and in the manner set forth below, to the prior payment in full of all of the Company's senior indebtedness, as more fully described in the applicable prospectus supplement.

If any of the following circumstances has occurred, payment in full of all principal, premium, if any, and interest must be made or provided for with respect to all outstanding senior indebtedness before we can make any payment or distribution of principal, premium, if any, or interest on the subordinated debt securities:

any distribution of assets of the Company upon any dissolution, winding up, liquidation or reorganization of the Company, whether in bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or receivership proceedings or upon an assignment for the benefit of creditors or any other marshalling of the assets and liabilities of the Company or otherwise;

any default with respect to senior indebtedness which permits its holders to accelerate the maturity of the senior indebtedness has occurred and is continuing, and the default is subject to judicial proceedings or the Company has received notice of such default; and

with respect to any series of subordinated debt securities, there is no right of acceleration of the payment of principal or interest of a series of subordinated debt securities upon a default in the performance of any covenant or agreement in the subordinated debt securities of a particular series or in the applicable supplemental indenture. Except in the event of a receivership, insolvency, liquidation or similar proceeding, there is no right of acceleration of the payment of principal or interest of a series of subordinated debt securities upon an event of default. In the event of a default in the payment of interest or principal, the holders of senior indebtedness will be entitled to be paid in full before any payment can be made to holders of subordinated debt securities. However, a holder of a subordinated debt security (or the indenture trustee under the applicable supplemental indenture on behalf of all of the holders of the affected series) may, subject to certain limitations and conditions, seek to enforce overdue payments of interest or principal on the subordinated debt securities.

Consolidation, Merger and Sale of Assets

We may consolidate or merge with or into, or transfer our assets substantially as an entirety to, a successor corporation, if the successor corporation is organized under the laws of the U.S., any state thereof or the District of Columbia and such successor corporation assumes our obligations on the debt securities and under the indenture immediately after giving effect to the transaction, and no event of default, and no event which, after notice or lapse of time, would become an event of default, shall have occurred and be continuing, and certain other conditions are met.

Governing Law

The indenture and debt securities will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York.

Table of Contents

DESCRIPTION OF WARRANTS

We may issue warrants for the purchase of debt securities, preferred stock, common stock, other securities of the Company or any combination of the foregoing. Warrants may be issued alone or together with securities offered by any prospectus supplement and may be attached to, or separate from, those securities. The particular terms of any warrants will be described more specifically in the prospectus supplement relating to such warrants.

The prospectus supplement relating to any warrants that we are offering will include specific terms relating to the offering. We will file the form of any warrant agreement with the SEC, and you should read the warrant agreement for provisions that may be important to you. The prospectus supplement will include some or all of the following information:

the title and specific designation of the warrants;

the aggregate number of warrants offered;

the amount of warrants outstanding, if any;

the designation, number and terms of the securities purchasable upon exercise of the warrants and procedures that will result in the adjustment of those numbers;

the exercise price or prices of the warrants;

the dates or periods during which the warrants are exercisable;

the designation and terms of any securities with which the warrants are issued;

if the warrants are issued as a unit with another security, the date, if any, on and after which the warrants and the other security will be separately transferable;

if the exercise price is not payable in United States dollars, the foreign currency, currency unit or composite currency in which the exercise price is denominated;

any minimum or maximum amount of warrants that may be exercised at any one time;

the anti-dilution provisions of the warrants, if any;

if applicable, the identity of the warrant agent for the warrants and of any other depositaries, execution or paying agents, transfer agents, registrars or other agents;

any terms, procedures and limitations relating to the transferability, exchange or exercise of the warrants;
and

any other material terms of the warrants.

Before exercising their warrants, holders of warrants will not have any of the rights of holders of the securities purchasable upon such exercise, including the right to receive dividends, if any, or payments upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding-up, or to exercise voting rights, if any.

Table of Contents

DESCRIPTION OF DEPOSITARY SHARES

This following is a summary of the general terms of the deposit agreement to govern any depositary shares that we may offer representing fractional interests in shares of our preferred stock, the depositary shares themselves and the related depositary receipts. This summary does not purport to be complete in all respects and is subject to and qualified entirely by reference to the relevant deposit agreement and depositary receipt with respect to the depositary shares relating to any particular series of preferred stock. The specific terms of any depositary shares that we may offer will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement. If so described in the applicable prospectus supplement, the terms of that series of depositary shares may differ from the general description of the terms presented below.

General

We may offer fractional interests in shares of our preferred stock, rather than full shares of preferred stock. If we do, we will provide for the issuance by a depositary to the public of receipts for depositary shares, each of which will represent a fractional interest in a share of a particular series of preferred stock.

The shares of any series of preferred stock underlying the depositary shares will be deposited under a separate deposit agreement between us and a bank or trust company having its principal office in the United States and having a combined capital and surplus of such amount as may be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement, which we refer to in this section as the depositary. We will name the depositary in the applicable prospectus supplement. Subject to the terms of the deposit agreement, each owner of a depositary share will have a fractional interest in all the rights and preferences of the preferred stock underlying the depositary share. Those rights include any dividend, voting, redemption, conversion and liquidation rights.

The depositary shares will be evidenced by depositary receipts issued under the deposit agreement. If you purchase fractional interests in shares of the related series of preferred stock, you will receive depositary receipts as described in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable prospectus supplement, you will not be entitled to receive the whole shares of preferred stock underlying the depositary shares.

Dividend Rights

The depositary will distribute all cash dividends or other cash distributions in respect of the preferred stock underlying the depositary shares to each record holder of depositary shares based on the number of the depositary shares owned by that holder on the relevant record date. The depositary will distribute only an amount that can be distributed without attributing to any holder of depositary shares a fraction of one cent, and any balance not so distributed will be added to and treated as part of the next sum received by the depositary for distribution to record holders of depositary shares.

If there is a distribution other than in cash, the depositary will distribute property to the entitled record holders of depositary shares, unless the depositary determines that it is not feasible to make that distribution. In that case, the depositary may, with our approval, adopt the method that it deems to be equitable and practicable for making that distribution, including any sale of property and distribution of the net proceeds from this sale to the applicable holders.

The deposit agreement will also contain provisions relating to the manner in which any subscription or similar rights offered by us to holders of the preferred stock will be made available to the holders of depositary shares.

Table of Contents

Voting Rights

When the depositary receives notice of any meeting at which the holders of the preferred stock may vote, the depositary will mail information about the meeting contained in the notice, and any accompanying proxy materials, to the record holders of the depositary shares relating to the preferred stock. Each record holder of such depositary shares on the record date, which will be the same date as the record date for the preferred stock, will be entitled to instruct the depositary as to how the preferred stock underlying the holder's depositary shares should be voted.

Conversion or Exchange Rights

If any series of preferred stock underlying the depositary shares is subject to conversion or exchange, the applicable prospectus supplement will describe the rights or obligations of each record holder of depositary receipts to convert or exchange the depositary shares.

Redemption

If the series of the preferred stock underlying the depositary shares is subject to redemption, then all or a part of the depositary shares will be redeemed from the redemption proceeds of that series of the preferred stock held by the depositary. The redemption price per depositary share will bear the same relationship to the redemption price per share of preferred stock that the depositary share bears to the underlying preferred stock. Whenever we redeem preferred stock held by the depositary, the depositary will redeem, as of the same redemption date, the number of depositary shares representing the preferred stock redeemed. If less than all the depositary shares are to be redeemed, the depositary shares to be redeemed will be selected by lot or pro rata, as determined by the depositary.

After the date fixed for redemption, the depositary shares called for redemption will no longer be outstanding. When the depositary shares are no longer outstanding, all rights of the holders will cease, except the right to receive money or other property that the holders of the depositary shares were entitled to receive upon the redemption. Payments will be made when holders surrender their depositary receipts to the depositary.

Taxation

Owners of depositary shares will be treated for United States federal income tax purposes as if they were owners of the preferred stock represented by the depositary shares. If necessary, the applicable prospectus supplement will provide a description of United States federal income tax consequences relating to the purchase and ownership of the depositary shares and the preferred stock represented by the depositary shares.

Amendment and Termination of the Deposit Agreement

The form of depositary receipt evidencing the depositary shares and any provision of the deposit agreement may be amended by agreement between us and the depositary at any time. However, to the extent described in the applicable prospectus supplement, certain amendments will not be effective unless approved by the record holders of at least a majority of the depositary shares then outstanding. A deposit agreement may be terminated by us or the depositary only if:

all outstanding depositary shares relating to the deposit agreement have been redeemed; or

there has been a final distribution on the preferred stock of the relevant series in connection with our liquidation or dissolution or the winding up of our business, and the distribution has been distributed to the holders of the related depositary shares.

Table of Contents

Charges of Depositary

We will pay all transfer and other taxes and governmental charges arising solely from the existence of the depositary arrangements. We will pay associated charges of the depositary for the initial deposit of the preferred stock and any redemption of the preferred stock. Holders of depositary shares will pay transfer and other taxes and governmental charges and any other charges that are stated to be the responsibility of the holders in the applicable deposit agreement.

Resignation and Removal of Depositary

The depositary may resign at any time by delivering notice to us. We may also remove the depositary at any time. Resignations or removals will take effect when a successor depositary is appointed and it accepts the appointment.

Table of Contents

DESCRIPTION OF SUBSCRIPTION RIGHTS

The following is a summary of the general terms of the subscription rights to purchase common stock or other securities that we may offer to shareholders using this prospectus. This summary does not purport to be complete in all respects and is subject to and qualified entirely by reference to the applicable forms of subscription agent agreement and subscription certificate for a full description of all terms of any series of subscription rights.

Subscription rights may be issued independently or together with any other security and may or may not be transferable. As part of any subscription rights offering, we may enter into a standby underwriting or other arrangement under which the underwriters or any other person would purchase any securities that are not purchased in such subscription rights offering. If we issue subscription rights, they will be governed by a separate subscription agent agreement that we will sign with a bank or trust company to be named in the applicable prospectus supplement that will serve as rights agent. The rights agent will act solely as our agent and will not assume any obligation to any holders of subscription rights certificates or beneficial owners of subscription rights.

The prospectus supplement relating to any subscription rights that we offer will describe the specific terms of the offering and the subscription rights, including the record date for shareholders entitled to the subscription rights distribution, the number of subscription rights issued and the number of shares of common stock or other securities that may be purchased upon exercise of the subscription rights, the exercise price of the subscription rights, the date on which the subscription rights will become effective and the date on which the subscription rights will expire, and any material United States federal income tax considerations.

In general, a subscription right entitles the holder to purchase for cash a specific number of shares of common stock or other securities at a specified exercise price. The rights are normally issued to shareholders as of a specific record date, may be exercised only for a limited period of time and become void following the expiration of such period. If we determine to issue subscription rights, we will accompany this prospectus with a prospectus supplement that will describe, among other things:

the record date for shareholders entitled to receive the subscription rights;

the number of shares of common stock or other securities that may be purchased upon exercise of each subscription right;

the exercise price of the subscription rights;

whether the subscription rights are transferable;

the period during which the subscription rights may be exercised and when they will expire;

the steps required to exercise the subscription rights;

whether the subscription rights include oversubscription rights so that the holder may purchase more securities if other holders do not purchase their full allotments; and

whether we intend to sell the shares of common stock or other securities that are not purchased in the rights offering to an underwriter or other purchaser under a contractual standby commitment or other arrangement. If fewer than all of the subscription rights issued in any rights offering are exercised, then we may offer any unsubscribed securities directly to persons other than shareholders, to or through agents, underwriters or dealers or through a combination of such methods, including pursuant to standby arrangements, as described in the applicable prospectus supplement. After the close of business on the expiration date of a subscription rights offering, all unexercised subscription rights will become void.

Table of Contents

PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

We may sell the securities covered by this prospectus from time to time at market prices prevailing at the time of sale, at prices related to such prevailing market prices at the time of sale, at negotiated prices or at fixed prices, which may change from time to time. We may sell the securities directly to one or more purchasers, through agents, to dealers, through underwriters, brokers or dealers, or through a combination of any of these sales methods or through any other method permitted by law (including in at the market equity offerings, as defined in Rule 415 of the Securities Act). We reserve the right to accept or reject, in whole or in part, any proposed purchase of securities, whether the purchase is to be made directly or through agents.

Each time that we use this prospectus to sell our securities, we will also provide a prospectus supplement, if required, that contains the specific terms of the offering, including:

the name or names of the underwriters, dealers or agents, if any, and the types and amounts of securities underwritten or purchased by each of them;

the public offering price of the securities and the proceeds that we will receive from the sale;

any over-allotment options under which underwriters may purchase additional securities from us;

any agency fees or underwriting discounts or other items constituting agents or underwriters compensation;

any discounts, commissions or concessions allowed or reallocated or paid to dealers; and

any securities exchange or market on which the securities may be listed.

Only underwriters that we have named in a prospectus supplement will be underwriters of the securities offered by that prospectus supplement.

If underwriters are used in the sale, they will acquire the securities for their own account and may resell the securities from time to time in one or more transactions at a fixed public offering price or at varying prices determined at the time of sale. The obligations of the underwriters to purchase the securities will be subject to the conditions set forth in the applicable underwriting agreement. We may offer the securities to the public through underwriting syndicates represented by managing underwriters or by underwriters without a syndicate. Subject to certain conditions, the underwriters will be obligated to purchase all of the securities offered by the prospectus supplement, other than securities covered by any over-allotment option. Any public offering price and any discounts or concessions allowed or reallocated or paid to dealers may change from time to time. We may use underwriters with whom we have a material relationship, in which case we will name the underwriter and describe the nature of any such relationship in the applicable prospectus supplement.

We may sell securities directly or through agents that we designate from time to time. We will name any agent involved in the offering and sale of securities, and we will describe in the prospectus supplement any commissions

that we will pay to the agent. Unless the prospectus supplement states otherwise, our agent will act on a best-efforts basis for the period of its appointment.

We may authorize agents or underwriters to solicit offers by certain types of institutional investors to purchase securities from us at the public offering price set forth in the prospectus supplement pursuant to delayed delivery contracts providing for payment and delivery on a specified date in the future. We will describe the conditions to these contracts and the commissions we must pay for solicitation of these contracts in the applicable prospectus supplement.

We may provide agents and underwriters with indemnification against civil liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act, or contribution with respect to payments that the agents or underwriters may make with respect to these liabilities. Agents and underwriters may engage in transactions with, or perform services for, us in the ordinary course of business.

Table of Contents

All securities that we may offer, other than common stock or other outstanding securities, will be new issues of securities with no established trading market. Any underwriters may make a market in these securities, but will not be obligated to do so and may discontinue any market making at any time without notice. We cannot guarantee the liquidity of the trading markets for any of our securities.

Any underwriter may engage in over-allotment, stabilizing transactions, short-covering transactions and penalty bids in accordance with Regulation M under the Exchange Act. Over-allotment involves sales in excess of the offering size, which create a short position. Stabilizing transactions permit bids to purchase the underlying security so long as the stabilizing bids do not exceed a specified maximum price. Syndicate-covering or other short-covering transactions involve purchases of the securities, either through exercise of the over-allotment option or in the open market after the distribution is completed, to cover short positions. Penalty bids permit the underwriters to reclaim a selling concession from a dealer when the securities originally sold by the dealer are purchased in a stabilizing or covering transaction to cover short positions. Those activities may cause the price of the securities to be higher than it would otherwise be. If commenced, the underwriters may discontinue any of the activities at any time.

Under the securities laws of some states, to the extent applicable, the securities may be sold in such states only through registered or licensed brokers or dealers. In addition, if our common stock is no longer listed on the Nasdaq Global Select Market or another national securities exchange, in some states the securities may not be sold unless such securities have been registered or qualified for sale in such state or an exemption from registration or qualification is available and is complied with.

Table of Contents

LEGAL MATTERS

Certain legal matters in connection with any offering of securities made by this prospectus will be passed upon for us by our counsel, Stevens & Lee, P.C. of Reading, Pennsylvania.

If the securities are being distributed in an underwritten offering, certain legal matters will be passed upon for the underwriters by counsel identified in the related prospectus supplement.

EXPERTS

The consolidated balance sheets of Univest Corporation of Pennsylvania and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, and the related consolidated statements of income, comprehensive income, changes in shareholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2016 and management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2016, have been incorporated by reference herein in reliance upon the reports of KPMG LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, incorporated by reference herein, and upon the authority of said firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We are subject to the informational requirements of the Exchange Act and file with the SEC proxy statements, Annual Reports on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and Current Reports on Form 8-K, as required of reporting companies. You may read and copy any document that we file at the SEC's public reference room at 100 F Street, N.E., Room 1580, Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the public reference room. Our SEC filings are also available to the public from the SEC's web site at www.sec.gov or by following the Investor Relations link on our website at <https://www.univest.net>. However, other than our available SEC filings, the information on, or that can be accessible through, our website does not constitute a part of, and is not incorporated by reference in, this prospectus. Written requests for copies of the documents that we file with the SEC should be directed to Univest Corporation of Pennsylvania, 14 North Main Street, Souderton, Pennsylvania 18964, Attention: Corporate Secretary, telephone: (215) 721-2400.

This prospectus is part of a registration statement on Form S-3 filed by us with the SEC under the Securities Act. As permitted by the SEC, this prospectus does not contain all of the information in the registration statement filed with the SEC. For a more complete understanding of this offering, you should refer to the complete registration statement, including exhibits, on Form S-3 that may be obtained as described above. Statements in this prospectus about the contents of any contract or other document are not necessarily complete. If we have filed any contract or other document as an exhibit to the registration statement or any other document incorporated by reference in the registration statement, you should read the exhibit for a more complete understanding of the contract or other document or matter involved. Each statement regarding a contract or other document is qualified in its entirety by reference to the actual contract or other document.

Table of Contents

INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN INFORMATION BY REFERENCE

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference the information that we file with it into this prospectus, which means that we may disclose important information to you by referring you to other documents. The information incorporated by reference is an important part of this prospectus. We incorporate by reference the following documents and any future filings made with the SEC under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act after the date of this prospectus and prior to the termination of this offering (other than information furnished rather than filed and information that is modified or superseded by subsequently filed documents prior to the termination of this offering):

Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016, filed with the SEC on March 3, 2017;

Our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q filed with the SEC on May 3, 2017, August 4, 2017, and November 3, 2017; and

Our Current Reports on Form 8-K (other than those portions furnished under Items 2.02 or 7.01 of Form 8-K) filed with the SEC on January 26, 2017, February 22, 2017, February 23, 2017, April 19, 2017, April 25, 2017, April 27, 2017, May 1, 2017, May 16, 2017, May 22, 2017, July 27, 2017, August 1, 2017, August 28, 2017, October 26, 2017, and November 7, 2017.

Additionally, we incorporate by reference the description of our common stock, par value \$5.00 per share, as included in the Registration Statement on Form S-14 filed on March 1, 1973, including any amendment or report filed for the purpose of updating such description (Commission File No. 0-17077).

You can obtain any of the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus through us or from the SEC through its Internet site at www.sec.gov. We will provide without charge, upon written or oral request, a copy of any or all of the documents that are incorporated by reference into this prospectus and a copy of any or all other contracts or documents which are referred to in this prospectus. Requests should be directed to:

Univest Corporation of Pennsylvania

Attention: Corporate Secretary

14 North Main Street

Souderton, Pennsylvania 18964

Telephone number: (215) 721-2400

Table of Contents**PART II****INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS****Item 14. Other Expenses of Issuance and Distribution.**

The following table sets forth our estimated expenses to be incurred in connection with the issuance and distribution of the securities being registered, other than underwriting discounts and commissions.

| | | |
|--|-----------|----------|
| SEC registration fee | \$ | * |
| Trustee fees | | * |
| Printing expenses | | * |
| Rating agency fees | | * |
| Legal fees and expenses | | * |
| Accounting fees and expenses | | * |
| Transfer agent and registrar fees and expenses | | * |
| Miscellaneous | | * |
| Total | \$ | * |

* These fees are not presently known and cannot be estimated at this time, as they will be based upon, among other things, the amount and type of security being offered as well as the number of offerings.

Item 15. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.*Pennsylvania Business Corporation Law*

Section 1741 of the Pennsylvania Business Corporation Law, or the PBCL, provides, in general, that a corporation will have the power to indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of the corporation), by reason of the fact that the person is or was a representative of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a representative of another enterprise. Such indemnity may be against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by the person in connection with the action or proceeding, if the person acted in good faith and in a manner the person reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interests of the corporation and if, with respect to any criminal proceeding, the person did not have reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful.

Section 1742 of the PBCL provides, in general, that a corporation will have the power to indemnify any person who was or is a party, or is threatened to be made a party, to any threatened, pending or completed action by or in the right of the corporation to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that the person is or was a representative of the corporation or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a representative of another entity. Such indemnity may be against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by the person in connection with the defense or settlement of the action if the person acted in good faith and in a manner the person

reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interests of the corporation, except no indemnification will be made in respect of any claim, issue, or matter as to which the person has been adjudged to be liable to the corporation unless and only to the extent that the court of common pleas of the judicial district embracing the county in which the registered office of the corporation is located or the court in which the action was brought determines upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all the circumstances of the case, the person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for the expenses that the court of common pleas or other court deems proper.

Under Section 1743 of the PBCL, the corporation is required to indemnify directors and officers against expenses they may incur in defending actions against them in such capacities if they are successful on the merits or otherwise in the defense of such actions. Under Section 1745 of the PBCL, a corporation may pay the

Table of Contents

expenses of a director or officer incurred in defending an action or proceeding in advance of the final disposition thereof upon receipt of an undertaking from such person to repay the amounts advanced unless it is ultimately determined that such person is entitled to indemnification from the corporation.

Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws

Article III, Section 15 of our Bylaws limits the personal liability of our directors to us or our shareholders for monetary damages for any action taken, or any failure to take action unless the director has breached or failed to perform the duties of his or her office, and the breach or failure to perform constitutes self-dealing, willful misconduct or recklessness. The provision does not affect a director's responsibility or liability under any criminal statute or liability for payment of taxes.

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 1 of our Bylaws, we will indemnify and hold harmless our directors and officers to the fullest extent permitted by the PBCL, as it now exists or may hereafter be amended, from and against all liability and loss suffered and expenses (including attorneys' fees) reasonably incurred in connection with any action, suit, or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative, by reason of the fact that he or she, or a person for whom he or she is the legal representative, is or was one of our directors or officers or, while a director or officer, is or was serving at our request in any position or capacity for any other entity, except with respect to any matter as to which such person shall be finally adjudged in such action, suit or proceeding to have been liable for willful misconduct or recklessness in the performance of the duties of his or her respective position. Our Bylaws further provide for the advancement of expenses to directors or officers in defending any proceeding in advance of its final disposition; provided that, to the extent required by law, such an advancement will be made only upon receipt of an undertaking to repay all amounts advanced if it is ultimately determined by final judicial decision that he or she is not entitled to be indemnified for such expenses. In addition, our Bylaws permit our board of directors to provide for indemnification and advancement of expenses to our employees and agents to the extent and in the manner permitted by the PBCL.

Insurance and Contractual Arrangements

Our Bylaws authorize us to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of our directors, alternate directors, officers, employees and agents, and persons serving at our request in any position or capacity for any other entity, against any liability asserted against or incurred by him or her, or arising out of his or her status as such, whether or not we would have the power or obligation to indemnify such person against the liability.

We maintain standard policies of insurance under which coverage is provided (i) to our directors and officers against loss rising from claims made by reason of a breach of duty or other wrongful act and (ii) to us with respect to payments that may be made by us to such officers and directors pursuant to the above indemnification provisions or otherwise as a matter of law.

Our Bylaws also provide that the indemnification rights set forth in the Bylaws are not exclusive of other indemnification rights to which an indemnified party may be entitled under any agreement, vote of shareholders, disinterested directors, other bylaw or otherwise.

Item 16. Exhibits.

The list of exhibits is set forth beginning on page 31 of this Registration Statement and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 17. Undertakings.

The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes:

- (1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:
 - (i) to include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act;

Table of Contents

- (ii) to reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in the volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the Form of prospectus filed with the SEC pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than 20 percent change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the Calculation of Registration Fee table in the effective registration statement; and
 - (iii) to include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in this registration statement or any material change to such information in this registration statement; provided, however, that paragraphs (1)(i), (1)(ii) and (1)(iii) do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the SEC by the registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act, that are incorporated by reference in this registration statement, or is contained in a Form of prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) that is part of the registration statement.
- (2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
- (3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.
- (4) That, for the purpose of determining liability under the Securities Act to any purchaser:
 - (i) each prospectus filed by the registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b)(3) shall be deemed to be part of the registration statement as of the date the filed prospectus was deemed part of and included in the registration statement; and
 - (ii) each prospectus required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424(b)(2), (b)(5) or (b)(7) as part of a registration statement in reliance on Rule 430B relating to an offering made pursuant to Rule 415(a)(1)(i), (vii) or (x) for the purpose of providing the information required by Section 10(a) of the Securities Act shall be deemed to be part of and included in the registration statement as of the earlier of the date such Form of prospectus is first used after effectiveness or the date of the first contract of sale of securities in the offering described in the prospectus. As provided in Rule 430B, for liability purposes of the issuer and any person that is at that date an underwriter, such date shall be deemed to be a new effective date of the registration statement relating to the securities in the registration statement to which that prospectus relates, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof. Provided, however, that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus

that is part of the registration statement or made in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference into the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such effective date, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such effective date.

- (5) That, for the purpose of determining liability of the registrant under the Securities Act to any purchaser in the initial distribution of the securities, the undersigned registrant undertakes that in a primary offering of securities of the undersigned registrant pursuant to the registration statement, regardless of

Table of Contents

the underwriting method used to sell the securities to the purchaser, if the securities are offered or sold to such purchaser by means of any of the following communications, the undersigned registrant will be a seller to the purchaser and will be considered to offer or sell such securities to such purchaser:

- (i) any preliminary prospectus or prospectus of the undersigned registrant relating to the offering required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424;
 - (ii) any free writing prospectus relating to the offering prepared by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant or used or referred to by the undersigned registrant;
 - (iii) the portion of any other free writing prospectus relating to the offering containing material information about the undersigned registrant or its securities provided by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant; and
 - (iv) any other communication that is an offer in the offering made by the undersigned registrant to the purchaser.
- (6) That, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each filing of the registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
- (7) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes to supplement the prospectus, after the expiration of the subscription period, to set forth the results of the subscription offer, the transactions by the underwriters during the subscription period, the amount of unsubscribed securities to be purchased by the underwriters, and the terms of any subsequent reoffering thereof. If any public offering by the underwriters is to be made on terms differing from those set forth on the cover page of the prospectus, a post-effective amendment will be filed to set forth the terms of such offering.
- (8) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes to file an application for the purpose of determining the eligibility of the relevant trustee to act under subsection (a) of section 310 of the Trust Indenture Act in accordance with the rules and regulations prescribed by the SEC under section 305(b)(2) of the Trust Indenture Act.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the indemnification provisions described in Item 15 above, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the SEC such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such

director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

Table of Contents**EXHIBIT INDEX****Exhibit**

| Number | Description |
|---------------|--|
| 1.1* | Form of Underwriting Agreement. |
| 1.2* | Form of Placement Agent Agreement. |
| 3.1 | <u>Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of Univest Corporation of Pennsylvania (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 of Form 8-K, filed with the SEC on April 22, 2015).</u> |
| 3.2 | <u>Bylaws of Univest Corporation of Pennsylvania (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to Univest's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the SEC on November 23, 2016).</u> |
| 4.1* | Form of Certificate of Designations of Preferred Stock. |
| 4.2* | Form of Preferred Stock Certificate. |
| 4.3 | <u>Form of Senior Indenture.</u> |
| 4.4 | <u>Form of Subordinated Indenture</u> |
| 4.5* | Form of Debt Security. |
| 4.6* | Form of Warrant and Warrant Certificate |
| 4.7* | Form of Depositary Agreement and Depositary Receipt |
| 4.8* | Form of Subscription Certificate |
| 4.9* | Form of Subscription Agent Agreement |
| 5.1 | <u>Opinion of Stevens & Lee, P.C. regarding legality of securities being registered (including its consent).</u> |
| 8.1* | Opinion of Stevens & Lee, P.C. regarding certain tax matters (including its consent). |
| 12.1 | <u>Computation of Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges.</u> |
| 21.1 | <u>Subsidiaries of Univest Corporation of Pennsylvania (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 21 to Univest's Annual Report on Form 10-K, filed with the SEC on March 3, 2017)</u> |
| 23.1 | <u>Consent of Stevens & Lee, P.C. (included in Exhibit 5.1).</u> |
| 23.2 | <u>Consent of KPMG LLP.</u> |
| 24.1 | <u>Power of Attorney (included on the signature page to the registration statement)</u> |
| 25.1** | Statement of Eligibility of Trustee on Form T-1 for the Senior Indenture |
| 25.2** | Statement of Eligibility of Trustee on Form T-1 for the Senior Indenture |

* To be filed subsequently on Form 8-K, or by post-effective amendment at the time information as to the distribution of each identified class of securities being registered is included in a prospectus supplement in

accordance with Rule 430B.

** Where applicable, to be incorporated by reference to a subsequent filing in accordance with Section 305(b)(2) of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended.

Table of Contents

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the city of Souderton, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, on the 6th day of November, 2017.

**UNIVEST CORPORATION OF
PENNSYLVANIA**

/s/ Jeffrey M. Schweitzer
By: Jeffrey M. Schweitzer
Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

* * * *

POWER OF ATTORNEY

Each person whose signature appears below hereby constitutes and appoints each of Jeffrey M. Schweitzer, Roger S. Deacon and Michael S. Keim his or her true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent, acting alone, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, to sign on his or her behalf, individually and in each capacity stated below, all amendments and post-effective amendments to this registration statement on Form S-3 (including any registration statement filed pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, and all amendments thereto) and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto and any other documents in connection therewith, with the SEC under the Securities Act, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises, as fully and to all intents and purposes as each might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming each act that said attorneys-in-fact and agents may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue thereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act, this registration statement has been signed below by the following persons in the capacities indicated on November 6th, 2017.

| Name and Signature | Title |
|---------------------------|---|
| /s/ Jeffrey M. Schweitzer | President and Chief Executive Officer; Director |
| Jeffrey M. Schweitzer | (Principal Executive Officer) |
| /s/ Roger S. Deacon | Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer |
| Roger S. Deacon | (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer) |
| /s/ William S. Aichele | Chairman; Director |

William S. Aichele

/s/ Roger H. Ballou

Director

Roger H. Ballou

/s/ Todd S. Benning

Director

Todd S. Benning

Table of Contents

| Name and Signature | Title |
|------------------------------|----------|
| /s/ R. Lee Delp | Director |
| R. Lee Delp | |
| /s/ William G. Morral | Director |
| William G. Morral | |
| /s/ Glenn E. Moyer | Director |
| Glenn E. Moyer | |
| /s/ K. Leon Moyer | Director |
| K. Leon Moyer | |
| /s/ Natalye Paquin | Director |
| Natalye Paquin | |
| /s/ Thomas M. Petro | Director |
| Thomas M. Petro | |
| /s/ Mark A. Schlosser | Director |
| Mark A. Schlosser | |
| /s/ P. Gregory Shelly | Director |
| P. Gregory Shelly | |
| /s/ Michael L. Turner | Director |
| Michael L. Turner | |
| /s/ Charles H. Zimmerman III | Director |
| Charles H. Zimmerman III | |