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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): January 30, 2020

Amerant Bancorp Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Florida	001-38534	65-0032379
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation	(Commission file number)	(IRS Employer Identification Number)

220 Alhambra Circle
Coral Gables, Florida 33134
(Address of principal executive offices)

(305) 460-8728
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbols	Name of exchange on which registered
Class A Common Stock	AMTB	NASDAQ
Class B Common Stock	AMTBB	NASDAQ

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (17 CFR§230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR §240.12b-2).

Emerging growth company ý

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. o

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On January 30, 2020, Amerant Bancorp Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release to report the Company's financial results for the fiscal quarter and year ended December 31, 2019. The release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated by reference to this Item 2.02.

In accordance with General Instructions B.2. of Form 8-K, the information in this Item 2.02 of this Current Report on Form 8-K, including Exhibit 99.1 attached hereto, is being "furnished" and shall not be deemed "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On January 30, 2020, the Company will hold a live audio webcast to discuss its financial results for the fiscal quarter and year ended December 31, 2019. In connection with the webcast, the Company is furnishing to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission the earnings slide presentation attached as Exhibit 99.2 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated by reference to this Item 7.01.

In accordance with General Instruction B.2 of Form 8-K, the information in this Item 7.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K, including Exhibit 99.2 attached hereto, is being "furnished" and shall not be deemed "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Number	**Exhibit**
99.1	Press Release of Amerant Bancorp Inc. issued January 30, 2020
99.2	Earnings slide presentation of Amerant Bancorp Inc. dated January 30, 2020

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: January 30, 2020

Amerant Bancorp Inc.

By: /s/ Ivan Trujillo

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AMERANT BANCORP INC. REPORTS FOURTH QUARTER AND FULL-YEAR RESULTS

2019 Full-Year Net Income Up 12.0% Compared to 2018

Fourth Quarter Net Income Down 6.6% Compared to Last Year

CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, January 30, 2020. Amerant Bancorp Inc. (NASDAQ: AMTB and AMTBB) (the "Company" or "Amerant") today reported full-year 2019 net income of $51.3 million, or $1.20 per diluted share, compared to $45.8 million, or $1.08 per diluted share, for the full-year 2018. Net income in the fourth quarter of 2019 was $13.5 million, 6.6% lower than the $14.4 million reported in the fourth quarter of 2018. Net income per diluted share was $0.31 in the fourth quarter of 2019, down 8.8% compared to $0.34 per diluted share in the fourth quarter of 2018.

Return on assets ("ROA") and return on equity ("ROE") were 0.65% and 6.43% for the full-year 2019, respectively, compared to 0.55% and 6.29%, respectively, for the full-year 2018. Annualized ROA and ROE were 0.68% and 6.44%, respectively, in the fourth quarter of 2019, compared to 0.70% and 7.88%, respectively, in the fourth quarter of 2018.

Millar Wilson, Vice Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, remarked, "2019 was a milestone year as Amerant completed its first full year as a publicly-traded company. We began the year focused on carrying out a number of initiatives, including a broad transformation, rebranding, workforce realignment, and profitability and efficiency improvements, which I am proud to say have been successful. Our team also did a fantastic job this year in expanding Amerant's footprint in South Florida, opening three new banking centers in vibrant communities, and readying the opening of another during the first quarter of 2020, adding to our stronghold in South Florida."

Mr. Wilson added, "The fourth quarter capped off a solid year for Amerant. We saw strong credit quality and a double-digit increase in noninterest income in the fourth quarter of 2019 compared to the same period a year ago. Our business focus underwent a number of meaningful changes in 2019, notably the run-off of low-yielding foreign financial institution and non-relationship Shared National Credits, the phase out of Amerant's legacy credit card product and introduction of credit card referral programs, and the streamlining of important processes such as account openings at our banking centers, commercial loan origination and online capture of certificate of deposits. Finally, we embarked on our digital evolution and started taking actions related to the use of technologies to support our business strategies, including preparing for the adoption of a new customer relationship management system and a more integrated loan origination solution. All of these realignments were made with the future of Amerant in mind.

Our strong close in 2019 positions us well for 2020, as we continue to focus on growing domestic loans, improving profitability and efficiency, and navigating a low interest rate environment and strong competition.”

Summary Results

The summary results of the fourth quarter and full-year 2019 include:

- Net income of $13.5 million, down 6.6% from $14.4 million in the fourth quarter of 2018. Net income for the full-year 2019 was $51.3 million, up 12.0% compared to $45.8 million in full-year 2018.
- Net interest income was $51.3 million, down 9.7% compared to $56.8 million in the fourth quarter of 2018 mainly due to lower market rates and a spread compression environment, affecting our earnings assets, coupled with higher deposit costs, mainly due to the repricing of lower cost deposits throughout the first three quarters of 2019 at higher rates. Net interest income for the full-year 2019 was $213.1 million, down 2.7% compared to $219.0 million in 2018. The net interest margin (“NIM”) for full-year 2019 improved to 2.85% from 2.78%, primarily attributed to an improved loan portfolio mix, including the planned strategic run-off of foreign financial institution (“FI”) loans and non-relationship Shared National Credits (“SNCs”), partially offset by higher costs of deposits.
- Credit quality remained strong during the fourth quarter of 2019. The Company released $0.3 million from the allowance for loan losses (“ALL”) during the fourth quarter of 2019, compared to a $1.4 million release in the fourth quarter of 2018. The ratio of ALL to total loans was 0.91% as of December 31, 2019, down from 1.04% at the end of 2018. The ratio of net charge-offs to average total loans in the fourth quarter of 2019 was 0.08%, down from 0.43% in the fourth quarter of 2018.
- Noninterest income was $16.0 million, up 33.3% compared to $12.0 million in the fourth quarter of 2018, and $57.1 million in the full-year 2019, up 6.0% from $53.9 million in 2018, driven by the gain on sale of vacant land adjacent to our Beacon operations center (“vacant Beacon land”), and a significant increase in fees from derivative contracts sold to loan customers. Also included in the quarter was a $0.7 million benefit from the adoption of a new Accounting Standard Update (“ASU”) applicable to marketable equity securities.
- Noninterest expense was $51.7 million, down 5.3% compared to $54.6 million in the fourth quarter of 2018. Noninterest expense was $209.3 million in the full-year 2019, down 2.6% from $215.0 million in 2018. Fourth quarter 2019 noninterest expense, compared to the fourth quarter of 2018, includes an additional compensation expense of $1.5 million ($5.9 million year-to-date) related to the amortization of restricted stock awards granted in connection with the Company’s initial public offering (“IPO”) in 2018. Adjusted noninterest expense was $51.6 million in the fourth quarter of 2019, up 7.8% from $47.9 million in the fourth quarter of 2018, primarily due to the compensation expense associated with the 2018 IPO, an adjustment to the cost of our Long-Term Incentive Plan (“LTIP”) and the increase of salaries due to cost of living adjustment, partially offset by the significant staff reductions during the year. Adjusted noninterest expense primarily excludes expenses associated with restructuring activities, including rebranding and staff reduction expenses. In the fourth quarter of 2019, these expenses were only $0.1 million of staff reduction costs compared to total restructuring costs of $6.4 million in the fourth quarter of 2018. Fourth quarter 2018 also included $0.4 million

of spin-off costs. Adjusted noninterest expense for the full-year 2019 was $204.3 million, up 1.2% compared to $201.9 million for 2018.

- The effective tax rate for the fourth quarter of 2019 was 14.73% and 19.83% for the full-year. The effective tax rate is lower than the statutory tax rate mainly as a result of fourth quarter true-up adjustments after completion of the 2018 tax return filings and a tax windfall benefit associated to the vesting of stock-based compensation in 2019.
- The efficiency ratio was 77.5% (76.4% adjusted for restructuring costs and a one-time gain on sale of land) for the full-year 2019, compared to 78.8% (74.0% adjusted for restructuring costs and spin-off costs) for 2018.
- Stockholders' book value per common share increased to $19.35 for the full-year 2019, representing an 11.8% improvement compared to $17.31 for 2018. Tangible book value per common share rose to $18.84, a 12.0% improvement compared to $16.82 at year-end 2018.

Loans and Deposits

In the fourth quarter of 2019, we continued to focus on providing quality banking products and services and fostering stronger relationships with customers and communities across our growing footprint.

Total loans at December 31, 2019 were $5.7 billion, down 3.0% compared to 2018. As we have explained in previous periods, the net decline in our loan balance was mainly driven by the completion of our strategic run-off of foreign FI loans and sales of non-relationship SNCs. This strategic decline and higher loan prepayments during the year were partially offset by a $117 million increase in owner occupied loans. Excluding the run-off of non-relationship SNCs, domestic loans grew by 3.7% during the year, primarily from relationship loans. While we successfully exited from non-strategic loans more rapidly than originally anticipated, we remained focused on capturing a larger share of relationship loans with their added potential to generate customer deposits as well as wealth management business.

Total deposits at December 31, 2019 were $5.8 billion, down 4.6% compared to 2018. Foreign deposits declined 13.1% from 2018 to 2019, and 8.6% annualized during the fourth quarter. Foreign deposits remained pressured mainly by the high level of deposit utilization from our Venezuelan customers to fund everyday expenses, as the dollarization of the Venezuelan economy continued, and other activities such as buying homes abroad. In an effort to offset this run-off in foreign deposits, Amerant rolled out certificate of deposit ("CD") campaigns designed to target our Venezuelan customers and capture greater share of wallet as well as a number of strategies to capture more domestic deposits and provide a better banking experience for all our customers. For example, we started providing access to Zelle®, a popular digital-payment platform that makes it easier for our personal banking clients to send and receive small sums of money, typically within minutes. We also ramped up our online CD offering outside of our natural footprint. Domestic deposits increased $120.5 million this year, from which $86.3 million were in online deposits. Also, we increased our brokered deposits by $116.0 million during the quarter and $38.2 million compared to year-end 2018. As we continue to expand our out-of-footprint deposit gathering, we expect to reduce our brokered deposits. Importantly, we remain focused on improving the customer journey and increasing share of wallet of our core customers through expanded customer contact efforts.

During the fourth quarter of 2019, we expanded our footprint across South Florida with the opening of two new banking centers, one in Miami Lakes (Miami-Dade County) and another in Boca Raton (Palm Beach County). We are also nearing completion of our third banking center in Palm Beach County. These new locations reflect Amerant's vision of the "banking centers of the future," featuring smaller square footage, enhanced technology and a more focused customer service approach.

Net Interest Income and Net Interest Margin

Fourth quarter 2019 net interest income was $51.3 million, down 9.7% compared to $56.8 million in the fourth quarter of 2018. This was primarily due to the planned strategic run-off of foreign FI and non-relationship SNC loans throughout the first three quarters of 2019, as well as lower market rates and an increasingly more competitive rate spread environment. Furthermore, Amerant's cost of money market deposits as well as time deposits was higher in the fourth quarter of 2019 than in the fourth quarter of 2018, primarily driven by the replacement of less expensive foreign deposits with higher-cost domestic deposits, including brokered CDs, and the recomposition of money market deposits to promotional products within the existing portfolio. Notwithstanding this, our relationship money market accounts had a lower average rate this quarter than in the year-ago period. The net interest margin for the fourth quarter of 2019 was 2.74%, a decrease of 21 basis points compared to the fourth quarter of 2018, driven primarily by earning assets repricing at lower rates, the replacement of the foreign deposits with higher cost domestic deposits and higher money market and time deposit costs.

Compared to third quarter 2019, net interest income declined by $1.3 million or 2.5% mainly due to lower yields on average interest-earning assets. This decline was partially offset by $1.1 million earned in loan prepayment penalties, lower cost of professional funding and lower deposit costs, especially in relationship money market and tiered products. During the fourth quarter of 2019, the Company continued taking measures to counteract the pressure on NIM.

Net interest income for the full-year 2019 was $213.1 million, down 2.7% compared to $219.0 million in full-year 2018. The decline was mainly due to higher deposit costs, mostly related to time and money market deposits, as an increasing amount of foreign deposits were replaced by more expensive domestic deposits throughout the year. The net interest margin for the full-year 2019 was 2.85%, an increase of 7 basis points from full-year 2018, driven by higher average rates on interest-earning assets in the first half of 2019 as well as Amerant's focus on growing higher-yielding domestic relationship-based loans.

Our net interest income and net interest margin were pressured in the fourth quarter of 2019 as the full effect of interest rate cuts was felt. Against a reduced rate backdrop and trade uncertainty, Amerant and the entire banking industry faced a number of headwinds such as heightened competition for commercial and industrial loans (C&I), increases in earning-assets prepayments and the repricing of the floating-rate securities and loans at lower rates. To counteract the effect of lower rates, in the fourth quarter of 2019 the Company more actively sought interest rate floors in loan production. On the funding side, the Company reduced its rates for time deposits and relationship money market accounts and focused on relationship transactional accounts to enhance demand deposit account ("DDA") balances. We also continued to take advantage of the yield curve by taking fixed-rate, longer-term, Federal Home Loan Bank ("FHLB") advances with callable features resulting in a 34 basis point interest margin savings compared to the third quarter of 2019, and 54 basis point savings compared to the fourth quarter of 2018. Moreover, as previously announced, today the Company will redeem its remaining fixed-rate trust preferred securities (TruPs) and related junior subordinated debt, which will further reduce our annual interest expense by approximately $2.4 million, adding to the $2.6 million annual cost savings from the two previous redemptions.

Noninterest income

In the fourth quarter of 2019, noninterest income was $16.0 million, up $4.0 million or 33.3% compared to the fourth quarter of 2018. This improvement was driven by a $2.8 million gain on sale of the vacant Beacon land and $2.5 million in income from derivative contracts sold to loan customers. Noninterest income also included an approximately $0.7 million gain from the adoption of the ASU applicable to marketable equity securities in the most recent quarter. These improvements in the fourth quarter of 2019 were partially offset by a $1.4 loss on the early termination of FHLB advances, $0.5 million lower income from our legacy credit card products as we phase them out and $0.5 million lower income from the discontinuation of services to the Company's former parent and its affiliates.

The increase in noninterest income of $3.2 million, or 6.0%, in the full-year 2019 compared to full-year 2018, is mainly due to the aforementioned increase in income from derivative contracts sold, the gain on sale of the vacant Beacon land, the benefit from the recently-adopted ASU applicable to marketable equity securities, as well as a $1.9 million gain from the sale of municipal bonds and floating-rate corporate securities earlier this year. This increase was partially offset by the decline in brokerage fees as a result of lower fixed income trading volume by our customers, primarily resulting from the increased domestic sanctions against trading on Venezuelan government securities, lower income from the discontinuation of services to the Company's former parent and its affiliates, lower wire transfer and credit card fees, and a net loss on the early termination of FHLB advances in 2019 compared to a net gain in 2018. These early FHLB terminations allowed the Company to significantly lower its funding cost.

The Company's assets under management and custody, or AUMs, increased $223.6 million, or 14.0%, to $1.8 billion at December 31, 2019 compared to $1.6 billion at December 31, 2018. This increase was mainly due to a positive market effect resulting in the appreciation of the AUM portfolio, when compared to year-end 2018, and the completion, in the fourth quarter of 2019, of the previously announced acquisition of Grand Cayman-based Mercantil Bank and Trust Limited (Cayman) from Mercantil Holding Financiero Internacional (Mercantil), a former affiliate, now rebranded "Elant Bank and Trust Ltd." and wholly owned by Amerant Bank, N.A. ("Amerant Bank").

Noninterest expense

Fourth quarter 2019 noninterest expense was $51.7 million, down $2.9 million or 5.3%, compared to $54.6 million in the fourth quarter of 2018, driven primarily by: (i) lower salaries and employee benefits due to staff reductions made throughout the year, partially offset by cost of living adjustments of 1.8% in 2019 (compared to 3.2% in 2018); (ii) $4.6 million lower severance costs and $1.2 million lower legal and strategy advisory costs in connection with the restructuring process; (iii) a favorable adjustment of depreciation expense of $0.7 million related to our Beacon operations center, and (v) a reduction of FDIC-related costs of $0.7 million mainly due to credits received. Partially offsetting the decreasing expenses were: (i) $2.0 million in additional costs of the Company's LTIP tied to performance against strategic targets established for the year 2016-2019 period; (ii) $0.8 million of stock-based compensation to directors, and (iii) $0.4 million higher operational charge-offs in the fourth quarter of 2019 related to customer accounts. In addition, total compensation expense in the fourth quarter of 2019 includes $1.5 million in amortization of restricted stock awards granted in December 2018.

Noninterest expense for the year ended December 31, 2019 decreased 2.6%, or $5.7 million, compared to full-year 2018, largely due to: (i) lower salaries and employee benefits and severance costs previously discussed; (ii) lower legal, accounting and consulting fees incurred in 2019 compared to the previous year when the Company completed its spin-off and began its restructuring activities; (iii) lower FDIC-related costs, and (iv) the favorable depreciation adjustment in connection with our Beacon operations center. Partially offsetting these declines were: (i) higher long-term incentive compensation as described above; (ii) stock-based compensation to directors in 2019; (iii) $3.2 million higher rebranding costs in 2019, and (iv) expenses connected with the redemption earlier this year of trust preferred securities and related subordinated debt. Total compensation expense for the full-year 2019 includes a $5.9 million amortization of restricted stock awards granted in December 2018 as a result of the IPO.

Restructuring expenses in 2019 were $5.0 million, consisting of $3.6 million of rebranding costs and $1.5 million of staff realignment expenses, decreasing 21.1% from $6.4 million in 2018. This decrease was primarily due to lower staff reductions costs and no professional or other costs incurred, partially offset by higher rebranding expenses. Restructuring expenses in 2019 represented 2.4% of total noninterest expenses compared to 3.0% of total noninterest expenses in 2018.

Credit Quality

Credit quality remained strong. The ratio of non-performing assets to total assets increased to 0.41% at the end of the fourth quarter of 2019, compared to 0.22% at the end of the fourth quarter of 2018, mainly attributed to the deterioration of an $11.9 million non-performing multi-loan relationship with a South Florida food wholesale borrower whose sales in Puerto Rico were affected by the 2017 hurricanes. These loans were placed in non-accrual status in June 2019 and approximately $9.8 million of these loans were restructured in a troubled debt restructuring ("TDR") in July 2019. During the fourth quarter of 2019, this TDR loan relationship did not perform in accordance with the restructured terms. As a result, the Company downgraded from substandard to doubtful three loans within the relationship totaling $5.0 million and increased specific reserves by $0.9 million to $2.4 million, or approximately 20% of the $11.9 million outstanding balance at the close of 2019. Specific reserves on this TDR multiple loan relationship represent the potential shortfall from a liquidation of collateral scenario. These loans are secured with a combination of commercial and residential real estate properties and equipment located in South Florida covering 71% of the outstanding balance; as well as receivables and inventory. Adding to the increase in non-performing loans were three owner-occupied loans totaling $4.3 million, and one commercial loan for $2.4 million. These increases were partially offset by the upgrade of one single-family loan for $0.7 million, the charge-off of one commercial loan for $0.6 million, and pay downs of one commercial loan for $0.9 million, one single-family residential loan for $0.6 million and credit cards totaling $0.9 million.

Special mention loans increased by $13.5 million at December 31, 2019, compared to December 31, 2018. The increase included a $10.0 million condo construction relationship SNC loan in New York City, three commercial loan relationships totaling $4.4 million, four owner occupied loans totaling $7.7 million, and two commercial real estate ("CRE") loans totaling $5.7 million downgraded to special mention during the period. This was partially offset by the downgrades from special mention, including $9.4 million of loans related to the food wholesale borrower previously mentioned, one CRE loan for $0.8 million, one owner-occupied loan relationship for $2.0 million, and the upgrade of one owner occupied loan for $2.2 million. We continue to closely monitor the performance and status of these loans.

The Company released $0.3 million from the ALL during the fourth quarter of 2019, compared to a$1.4 million release during the same period last year. The release was primarily driven by a lower loan balance and a commercial loan recovery of $0.9 million, partially offset by loss factor adjustments and the increase of $0.9 million in specific reserves for the $11.9 million multiple loan relationship to the food wholesale borrower previously mentioned.

As we announced during 2019, we are in the process of phasing out our legacy credit card products. We have stopped charge privileges to all cardholders, reimbursed unearned annual membership fees, and required repayment of all remaining balances by the end of January 2020. In order to continue providing quality products and services to our foreign and domestic customers, and better manage credit risk, Amerant entered into referral arrangements with recognized U.S. credit card issuers. Charge-offs related to credit cards for the full-year 2019 were $5.3 million. At December 31, 2019, the outstanding balance and ALL, after these charge-offs, were $11.1 million and $1.8 million, respectively. We continue to monitor this portfolio closely and will re-assess the level of required reserves until balances are completely repaid.

Capital

Stockholders' equity was $834.7 million at December 31, 2019, up 11.7% compared to $747.4 million at December 31, 2018 mainly driven by net income and other comprehensive income stemming from higher market valuations in the Company's available for sale investment portfolio.

The Company's capital continues to be strong and well in excess of the minimum regulatory requirements to be considered "well-capitalized."

Fourth Quarter 2019 Earnings Conference Call

As previously announced, the Company will hold an earnings conference call on Thursday, January 30th, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. (Eastern Time) to discuss its fourth quarter and full-year 2019 results. The conference call and presentation materials can be accessed via webcast by logging on to the Investor Relations section of the company's website at https://investor.amerantbank.com. The online replay will remain available for approximately one month following the call through the above link.

About Amerant Bancorp Inc.

The Company is a bank holding company headquartered in Coral Gables, Florida. The Company operates through its subsidiaries, Amerant Bank, N.A. (the "Bank"), Amerant Investments, Inc., Amerant Trust, N.A. and Elant Bank and Trust Ltd. The Company provides individuals and businesses in the U.S., as well as select international clients, with deposit, credit and wealth management services. The Bank, which has operated for over 40 years, is the largest community bank headquartered in Florida. The Bank operates 26 banking centers—18 in South Florida and 8 in the Houston, Texas area—and loan production offices in Dallas, Texas and New York, New York.

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Cautionary Notice Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, including, without limitation, future financial and operating results; costs and revenues; economic conditions generally and in our markets and among our customer base; loan demand; mortgage lending activity; changes in the mix of our earning assets and our deposit and wholesale liabilities; net interest margin; yields on earning assets; interest rates and yield curves (generally and those applicable to our assets and liabilities); credit quality, including loan performance, non-performing assets, provisions for loan losses, charge-offs, other-than-temporary impairments and collateral values; market trends; rebranding and staff realignment costs and expected savings; and customer preferences, as well as statements with respect to our objectives, expectations and intentions and other statements that are not historical facts. All statements other than statements of historical fact are statements that could be forward-looking statements. You can identify these forward-looking statements through our use of words such as "may," "will," "anticipate," "assume," "should," "indicate," "would," "believe," "contemplate," "expect," "estimate," "continue," "plan," "point to," "project," "could," "intend," "target," "goals," "outlooks," "modeled," and other similar words and expressions of the future.

Forward-looking statements, including those as to our beliefs, plans, objectives, goals, expectations, anticipations, estimates and intentions, involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors, which may be beyond our control, and which may cause the Company's actual results, performance, achievements, or financial condition to be materially different from future results, performance, achievements, or financial condition expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. You should not rely on any forward-looking statements as predictions of future events. You should not expect us to update any forward-looking statements. All written or oral forward-looking statements attributable to us are expressly qualified in their entirety by this cautionary notice, together with those risks and uncertainties described in "Risk factors" in our annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018 and in our other filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), which are available at the SEC's website www.sec.gov.

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Explanation of Certain Non-GAAP Financial Measures

Certain financial measures and ratios contained in this press release including “adjusted noninterest income”, “adjusted noninterest expense,” “adjusted net income,” “adjusted basic and diluted earnings per common share (basic and diluted),” “adjusted ROA,” “adjusted ROE,” “adjusted efficiency ratio,” and other ratios appearing in Exhibits 1 and 2 are supplemental measures that are not required by, or are not presented in accordance with, U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (“GAAP”). The Company refers to these financial measures and ratios as “non-GAAP financial measures.”

We use certain non-GAAP financial measures, including those mentioned above, both to explain our results to shareholders and the investment community and in the internal evaluation and management of our businesses. Our management believes that these non-GAAP financial measures and the information they provide are useful to investors since these measures permit investors to view our performance using the same tools that our management uses to evaluate our past performance and prospects for future performance, especially in light of the additional costs we incurred in 2018 in connection with the Spin-off and related transactions, the rebranding and restructuring expenses which began in 2018 and continued in 2019, and the one-time gain on sale of the vacant Beacon land in the fourth quarter of 2019. While we believe that these non-GAAP financial measures are useful in evaluating our performance, this information should be considered as supplemental and not as a substitute for or superior to the related financial information prepared in accordance with GAAP. Additionally, these non-GAAP financial measures may differ from similar measures presented by other companies.

Exhibit 2 reconciles these non-GAAP financial measures to reported results.

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Exhibit 1- Selected Financial Information

The following table sets forth selected financial information derived from our unaudited and audited consolidated financial statements.

(in thousands)	December 31, 2019	September 30, 2019	June 30, 2019	March 31, 2019	December 31, 2018
Consolidated Balance Sheets					
Total assets	$ 7,985,399	$ 7,864,260	$ 7,926,826	$ 7,902,355	$ 8,124,347
Total investments	1,739,410	1,632,985	1,650,632	1,701,328	1,741,428
Total gross loans(1)	5,744,339	5,753,709	5,812,755	5,744,406	5,920,175
Allowance for loan losses	52,223	53,640	57,404	60,322	61,762
Total deposits	5,757,143	5,692,848	5,819,381	5,888,188	6,032,686
Junior subordinated debentures(2)	92,246	92,246	118,110	118,110	118,110
Advances from the FHLB and other borrowings	1,235,000	1,170,000	1,125,000	1,070,000	1,166,000
Stockholders' equity	834,701	825,751	806,368	778,749	747,418
Assets under management and custody (22)	1,815,848	1,713,012	1,787,257	1,693,895	1,592,257

(in thousands, except per share amounts and percentages)	Three Months Ended					Years Ended December 31,	
	December 31, 2019	September 30, 2019	June 30, 2019	March 31, 2019	December 31, 2018	2019	2018
Consolidated Results of Operations							
Net interest income	$ 51,262	$ 52,600	$ 53,789	$ 55,437	$ 56,784	$ 213,088	$ 219,039
(Reversal of) provision for loan losses	(300)	(1,500)	(1,350)	—	(1,375)	(3,150)	375
Noninterest income	15,971	13,836	14,147	13,156	11,994	57,110	53,875
Noninterest expense	51,730	52,737	52,905	51,945	54,648	209,317	214,973
Net income	13,475	11,931	12,857	13,071	14,430	51,334	45,833
Effective income tax rate	14.73%	21.50%	21.51%	21.49%	6.93%	19.83%	20.38%
Common Share Data							
Stockholders' book value per common share	$ 19.35	$ 19.11	$ 18.66	$ 18.02	$ 17.31	$ 19.35	$ 17.31
Tangible stockholders' equity (book value) per common share(3)	$ 18.84	$ 18.63	$ 18.18	$ 17.54	$ 16.82	$ 18.84	$ 16.82
Basic earnings per common share	$ 0.32	$ 0.28	$ 0.30	$ 0.31	$ 0.34	$ 1.21	$ 1.08
Diluted earnings per common share	$ 0.31	$ 0.28	$ 0.30	$ 0.30	$ 0.34	$ 1.20	$ 1.08
Basic weighted average shares outstanding	42,489	42,466	42,466	42,755	42,483	42,543	42,487
Diluted weighted average shares outstanding(4)	43,050	42,915	42,819	42,914	42,483	42,939	42,487
Cash dividend declared per common share(5)	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.94

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(in thousands, except per share amounts and percentages)	Three Months Ended, December 31, 2019	September 30, 2019	June 30, 2019	March 31, 2019	December 31, 2018	Years Ended December 31, 2019	2018
Other Financial and Operating Data[6]							
Profitability Indicators (%)							
Net interest income / Average total interest earning assets (NIM)[7]	2.74%	2.80%	2.92%	2.96%	2.95%	2.85%	2.78%
Net income / Average total assets (ROA)[8]	0.68%	0.60%	0.66%	0.65%	0.70%	0.65%	0.55%
Net income / Average stockholders' equity (ROE)[9]	6.44%	5.81%	6.56%	6.87%	7.88%	6.43%	6.29%
Capital Indicators							
Total capital ratio[10]	14.94%	14.77%	14.70%	14.35%	13.54%	14.94%	13.54%
Tier 1 capital ratio[11]	14.10%	13.93%	13.85%	13.48%	12.69%	14.10%	12.69%
Tier 1 leverage ratio[12]	11.32%	11.15%	11.32%	10.83%	10.34%	11.32%	10.34%
Common equity tier 1 capital ratio (CET1)[13]	12.74%	12.57%	12.14%	11.79%	11.07%	12.74%	11.07%
Tangible common equity ratio[14]	10.21%	10.26%	9.93%	9.61%	8.96%	10.21%	8.96%
Asset Quality Indicators (%)							
Non-performing assets / Total assets[15]	0.41%	0.42%	0.41%	0.26%	0.22%	0.41%	0.22%
Non-performing loans /Total loans[1] [16]	0.57%	0.57%	0.56%	0.36%	0.30%	0.57%	0.30%
Allowance for loan losses / Total non-performing loans[17]	158.60%	163.42%	175.28%	294.01%	347.33%	158.60%	347.33%
Allowance for loan losses / Total loans[1] [17]	0.91%	0.93%	0.99%	1.05%	1.04%	0.91%	1.04%
Net charge-offs/ Average total loans[18]	0.08%	0.16%	0.11%	0.10%	0.43%	0.11%	0.18%
Efficiency Indicators							
Noninterest expense / Average total assets [8]	2.60%	2.64%	2.70%	2.58%	2.64%	2.64%	2.57%
Salaries and employee benefits / Average total assets [8]	1.81%	1.70%	1.74%	1.66%	1.88%	1.73%	1.69%
Other operating expenses / Average total assets [8][19]	0.79%	0.95%	0.96%	0.92%	0.76%	0.91%	0.87%
Efficiency ratio[20]	76.94%	79.38%	77.87%	75.73%	79.46%	77.47%	78.77%
Full-Time-Equivalent Employees (FTEs)	829	838	839	889	911	829	911
Adjusted Selected Consolidated Results of Operations and Other Data[3]							
Adjusted noninterest income	$ 13,176	$ 13,836	$ 14,147	$ 13,156	$ 11,994	$ 54,315	$ 53,875
Adjusted noninterest expense	51,616	51,474	50,169	51,012	47,900	204,271	201,911
Adjusted net income	11,407	12,923	15,005	13,803	19,935	53,138	57,923
Adjusted earnings per common share	$ 0.27	$ 0.30	$ 0.35	$ 0.33	$ 0.47	$ 1.25	$ 1.36
Adjusted earnings per diluted common share[4]	$ 0.26	$ 0.30	$ 0.35	$ 0.32	$ 0.47	$ 1.24	$ 1.36

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	Three Months Ended,					Years Ended December 31,	
	December 31, 2019	September 30, 2019	June 30, 2019	March 31, 2019	December 31, 2018	2019	2018
Adjusted net income / Average total assets (Adjusted ROA)(8)	0.57%	0.65%	0.77%	0.69%	0.97%	0.67%	0.69%
Adjusted net income / Average stockholders' equity (Adjusted ROE)(9)	5.45%	6.30%	7.66%	7.25%	10.89%	6.66%	7.95%
Adjusted noninterest expense / Average total assets (8)	2.59%	2.58%	2.56%	2.53%	2.31%	2.57%	2.41%
Adjusted salaries and employee benefits / Average total assets (8)	1.80%	1.67%	1.69%	1.66%	1.65%	1.71%	1.62%
Adjusted other operating expenses / Average total assets(8)(19)	0.79%	0.91%	0.87%	0.87%	0.66%	0.86%	0.78%
Adjusted efficiency ratio(21)	80.10%	77.48%	73.84%	74.37%	69.64%	76.39%	73.99%

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(1) Total gross loans are net of deferred loan fees and costs. At September 30, 2019 and March 31, 2019, total loans include $1.9 million and $10.0 million in loans held for sale, respectively. There were no loans held for sale at any of the other dates presented.
(2) During the three months ended September 30, 2019, the Company redeemed $25.0 million of its 10.60% and 10.18% trust preferred securities and related junior subordinated debentures. In December 2019, the Company announced the redemption on January 30, 2020 of all $26.8 million of its outstanding 8.90% trust preferred securities and related junior subordinated debentures.
(3) This presentation contains adjusted financial information determined by methods other than GAAP. This adjusted financial information is reconciled to GAAP in Exhibit 2 - Non-GAAP Financial Measures Reconciliation.
(4) As of December 31, 2019, September 30, 2019, June 30, 2019 and March 31, 2019 potential dilutive instruments consisted of unvested shares of restricted stock and restricted stock units mainly related to the Company's IPO in 2018. As of December 31, 2019, and March 31, 2019 unvested shares of restricted stock and restricted stock units totaled 530,620 and 786,213, respectively, and 789,652 as of September 30, 2019 and June 30, 2019. These potential dilutive instruments were included in the diluted earnings per share computation because, when the unamortized deferred compensation cost related to these shares was divided by the average market price per share at those dates, fewer shares would have been purchased than restricted shares assumed issued. Therefore, at those dates, such awards resulted in higher diluted weighted average shares outstanding than basic weighted average shares outstanding, and had a dilutive effect in per share earnings for the year ended December 31, 2019. We had no outstanding dilutive instruments as of any period prior to December 2018.
(5) Special cash dividend of $40.0 million paid to the Company's former parent in connection with the spin-off.
(6) Operating data for the three month periods presented have been annualized.
(7) Net interest margin is defined as net interest income divided by average interest-earning assets, which are loans, securities available for sale and held to maturity, deposits with banks and other financial assets which yield interest or similar income.
(8) Calculated based upon the average daily balance of total assets.
(9) Calculated based upon the average daily balance of stockholders' equity.
(10) Total stockholders' equity divided by total risk-weighted assets, calculated according to the standardized regulatory capital ratio calculations.
(11) Tier 1 capital divided by total risk-weighted assets.
(12) Tier 1 capital divided by quarter to date average assets. Tier 1 capital is composed of Common Equity Tier 1 (CET 1) capital plus outstanding qualifying trust preferred securities of $89.1 million as of December 31, 2019 and September 30, 2019 and $114.1 million at each of the other dates shown. In the three months ended September 30, 2019, $25.0 million in trust preferred securities were redeemed. See footnote 2.
(13) Common Equity Tier 1 (CET 1) capital divided by total risk-weighted assets.
(14) Tangible common equity is calculated as the ratio of common equity less goodwill and other intangibles divided by total assets less goodwill and other intangible assets. Other intangibles assets are included in other assets in the Company's consolidated balance sheets.
(15) Non-performing assets include all accruing loans past due by 90 days or more, all nonaccrual loans, restructured loans that are considered "troubled debt restructurings" or "TDRs", and OREO properties acquired through or in lieu of foreclosure. Non-performing assets were $33.0 million, $32.8 million, $32.8 million, $20.5 million and $18.1 million as of December 31, 2019, September 30, 2019, June 30, 2019, March 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018, respectively.
(16) Non-performing loans include all accruing loans past due by 90 days or more, all nonaccrual loans and restructured loans that are considered TDRs. Non-performing loans were $32.9 million, $32.8 million, $32.8 million, $20.5 million and $17.8 million as of December 31, 2019, September 30, 2019, June 30, 2019, March 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018, respectively.
(17) Allowance for loan losses was $52.2 million, $53.6 million, $57.4 million, $60.3 million and $61.8 million as of December 31, 2019, September 30, 2019, June 30, 2019, March 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018, respectively.
(18) Calculated based upon the average daily balance of outstanding loan principal balance net of deferred loan fees and costs, excluding the allowance for loan losses.

(19) Other operating expenses is the result of total noninterest expense less salary and employee benefits.

(20)Efficiency ratio is the result of noninterest expense divided by the sum of noninterest income and net interest income.
(21)Adjusted efficiency ratio is the efficiency ratio less the effect of restructuring and spin-off costs and other adjustments management believes are useful to understand the Company's performance, described in Exhibit 2 - Non-GAAP Financial Measures Reconciliation.
(22) Assets held for clients in an agency or fiduciary capacity which are not assets of the Company and therefore are not included in the consolidated financial statements.

Exhibit 2- Non-GAAP Financial Measures Reconciliation

The following table sets forth selected financial information derived from the Company's interim unaudited and annual audited consolidated financial statements, adjusted for certain costs incurred by the Company in the periods presented related to tax deductible restructuring and non-deductible spin-off costs. These adjustments also reflect the after-tax gain of $2.2 million on the sale of vacant Beacon land in the fourth quarter of 2019.The Company believes these adjusted numbers are useful to understand the Company's performance absent these transactions and events.

(in thousands)	Three Months Ended,					Years Ended December 31,	
	December 31, 2019	September 30, 2019	June 30, 2019	March 31, 2019	December 31, 2018	2019	2018
Total noninterest income	$ 15,971	$ 13,836	$ 14,147	$ 13,156	$ 11,994	$ 57,110	$ 53,875
Less: gain on sale of vacant Beacon land	(2,795)	—	—	—	—	(2,795)	—
Adjusted noninterest income	$ 13,176	$ 13,836	$ 14,147	$ 13,156	$ 11,994	$ 54,315	$ 53,875
Total noninterest expenses	$ 51,730	$ 52,737	$ 52,905	$ 51,945	$ 54,648	$ 209,317	$ 214,973
Less: Restructuring costs(1):							
Staff reduction costs	114	450	907	—	4,709	1,471	4,709
Legal and strategy advisory costs	—	—	—	—	1,176	—	1,176
Rebranding costs	—	813	1,829	933	400	3,575	400
Other costs	—	—	—	—	110	—	110
Total restructuring costs	$ 114	$ 1,263	$ 2,736	$ 933	$ 6,395	$ 5,046	$ 6,395
Less spin-off costs:							
Legal fees	—	—	—	—	353	—	3,539
Additional contribution to non-qualified deferred compensation plan on behalf of participants to mitigate tax effects of unexpected early distribution due to spin-off(2)	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,200
Accounting and consulting fees	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,384
Other expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—	544
Total spin-off costs	$ —	$ —	$ —	$ —	$ 353	$ —	$ 6,667
Adjusted noninterest expenses	$ 51,616	$ 51,474	$ 50,169	$ 51,012	$ 47,900	$ 204,271	$ 201,911

(in thousands, except per share amounts and percentages)	Three Months Ended, December 31, 2019	September 30, 2019	June 30, 2019	March 31, 2019	December 31, 2018	Years Ended December 31, 2019	2018
Net income	$ 13,475	$ 11,931	$ 12,857	$ 13,071	$ 14,430	$ 51,334	$ 45,833
Plus after-tax restructuring costs:							
Restructuring costs before income tax effect	114	1,263	2,736	933	6,395	5,046	6,395
Income tax effect	59	(271)	(588)	(201)	(1,303)	(1,001)	(1,303)
Total after-tax restructuring costs	173	992	2,148	732	5,092	4,045	5,092
Plus after-tax total spin-off costs:							
Total spin-off costs before income tax effect	—	—	—	—	353	—	6,667
Income tax effect(3)	—	—	—	—	60	—	331
Total after-tax spin-off costs	—	—	—	—	413	—	6,998
Less after-tax gain on sale of vacant Beacon land:							
Gain on sale of vacant Beacon land before income tax effect	(2,795)	—	—	—	—	(2,795)	—
Income tax effect	554	—	—	—	—	554	—
Total after-tax gain on sale of vacant Beacon land	(2,241)	—	—	—	—	(2,241)	—
Adjusted net income	$ 11,407	$ 12,923	$ 15,005	$ 13,803	$ 19,935	$ 53,138	$ 57,923
Basic earnings per share	$ 0.32	$ 0.28	$ 0.30	$ 0.31	$ 0.34	$ 1.21	$ 1.08
Plus: after tax impact of restructuring costs	—	0.02	0.05	0.02	0.12	0.09	0.12
Plus: after tax impact of total spin-off costs	—	—	—	—	0.01	—	0.16
Less: after tax gain on sale of vacant Beacon land	(0.05)	—	—	—	—	(0.05)	—
Total adjusted basic earnings per common share	$ 0.27	$ 0.30	$ 0.35	$ 0.33	$ 0.47	$ 1.25	$ 1.36
Diluted earnings per share(4)	$ 0.31	$ 0.28	$ 0.30	$ 0.30	$ 0.34	$ 1.20	$ 1.08
Plus: after tax impact of restructuring costs	—	0.02	0.05	0.02	0.12	0.09	0.12
Plus: after tax impact of total spin-off costs	—	—	—	—	0.01	—	0.16
Less: after tax gain on sale of vacant Beacon land	(0.05)	—	—	—	—	(0.05)	—
Total adjusted diluted earnings per common share	$ 0.26	$ 0.30	$ 0.35	$ 0.32	$ 0.47	$ 1.24	$ 1.36
Net income / Average total assets (ROA)	0.68 %	0.60 %	0.66 %	0.65 %	0.70 %	0.65 %	0.55 %
Plus: after tax impact of restructuring costs	0.01 %	0.05 %	0.11 %	0.04 %	0.25 %	0.05 %	0.06 %
Plus: after tax impact of total spin-off costs	— %	— %	— %	— %	0.02 %	— %	0.08 %
Less: after tax gain on sale of vacant Beacon land	(0.12)%	— %	— %	— %	— %	(0.03)%	— %
Adjusted net income / Average total assets (Adjusted ROA)	0.57 %	0.65 %	0.77 %	0.69 %	0.97 %	0.67 %	0.69 %

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(in thousands, except per share amounts and percentages)	Three Months Ended, December 31, 2019	September 30, 2019	June 30, 2019	March 31, 2019	December 31, 2018	Years Ended December 31, 2019	2018
Net income / Average stockholders' equity (ROE)	6.44 %	5.81 %	6.56 %	6.87 %	7.88 %	6.43 %	6.29 %
Plus: after tax impact of restructuring costs	0.08 %	0.49 %	1.10 %	0.38 %	2.78 %	0.51 %	0.70 %
Plus: after tax impact of total spin-off costs	— %	— %	— %	— %	0.23 %	— %	0.96 %
Less: after tax gain on sale of vacant Beacon land	(1.07)%	— %	— %	— %	— %	(0.28)%	— %
Adjusted net income / Average stockholders' equity (Adjusted ROE)	5.45 %	6.30 %	7.66 %	7.25 %	10.89 %	6.66 %	7.95 %
Efficiency ratio	76.94 %	79.38 %	77.87 %	75.73 %	79.46 %	77.47 %	78.77 %
Less: impact of restructuring costs	(0.17)%	(1.90)%	(4.03)%	(1.36)%	(9.30)%	(1.89)%	(2.34)%
Less: impact of total spin-off costs	— %	— %	— %	— %	(0.52)%	— %	(2.44)%
Plus: gain on sale of vacant Beacon land	3.33 %	— %	— %	— %	— %	0.81 %	— %
Adjusted efficiency ratio	80.10 %	77.48 %	73.84 %	74.37 %	69.64 %	76.39 %	73.99 %
Noninterest expense / Average total assets	2.60 %	2.64 %	2.70 %	2.58 %	2.64 %	2.64 %	2.57 %
Less: impact of restructuring costs	(0.01)%	(0.06)%	(0.14)%	(0.05)%	(0.31)%	(0.07)%	(0.08)%
Less: impact of total spin-off costs	— %	— %	— %	— %	(0.02)%	— %	(0.08)%
Adjusted noninterest expense / Average total assets	2.59 %	2.58 %	2.56 %	2.53 %	2.31 %	2.57 %	2.41 %
Salaries and employee benefits / Average total assets	1.81 %	1.70 %	1.74 %	1.66 %	1.88 %	1.73 %	1.69 %
Less: impact of restructuring costs	(0.01)%	(0.03)%	(0.05)%	— %	(0.23)%	(0.02)%	(0.06)%
Less: impact of total Spin-off costs	— %	— %	— %	— %	— %	— %	(0.01)%
Adjusted salaries and employee benefits / Average total assets	1.80 %	1.67 %	1.69 %	1.66 %	1.65 %	1.71 %	1.62 %
Other operating expenses / Average total assets	0.79 %	0.95 %	0.96 %	0.92 %	0.76 %	0.91 %	0.87 %
Less: impact of restructuring costs	— %	(0.04)%	(0.09)%	(0.05)%	(0.08)%	(0.05)%	(0.02)%
Less: impact of total Spin-off costs	— %	— %	— %	— %	(0.02)%	— %	(0.07)%
Adjusted other operating expenses / Average total assets	0.79 %	0.91 %	0.87 %	0.87 %	0.66 %	0.86 %	0.78 %
Stockholders' equity	$ 834,701	$ 825,751	$ 806,368	$ 778,749	$ 747,418	$ 834,701	$ 747,418
Less: goodwill and other intangibles	(21,744)	(20,933)	(20,969)	(21,005)	(21,042)	(21,744)	(21,042)
Tangible common stockholders' equity	$ 812,957	$ 804,818	$ 785,399	$ 757,744	$ 726,376	$ 812,957	$ 726,376
Total assets	$ 7,985,399	$ 7,864,260	$ 7,926,826	$ 7,902,355	$ 8,124,347	$ 7,985,399	$ 8,124,347
Less: goodwill and other intangibles	(21,744)	(20,933)	(20,969)	(21,005)	(21,042)	(21,744)	(21,042)
Tangible assets	$ 7,963,655	$ 7,843,327	$ 7,905,857	$ 7,881,350	$ 8,103,305	$ 7,963,655	$ 8,103,305
Common shares outstanding	43,146	43,205	43,205	43,205	43,183	43,146	43,183
Tangible common equity ratio	**10.21 %**	**10.26 %**	**9.93 %**	**9.61 %**	**8.96 %**	**10.21 %**	**8.96 %**
Stockholders' book value per common share	**$ 19.35**	**$ 19.11**	**$ 18.66**	**$ 18.02**	**$ 17.31**	**$ 19.35**	**$ 17.31**
Tangible stockholders' book value per common share	**$ 18.84**	**$ 18.63**	**$ 18.18**	**$ 17.54**	**$ 16.82**	**$ 18.84**	**$ 16.82**

(1) Expenses incurred for actions designed to implement the Company’s strategy as a new independent company. These actions include, but are not limited to reductions in workforce, streamlining operational processes, rolling out the Amerant brand, implementation of new technology system applications, enhanced sales tools and training, expanded product offerings and improved customer analytics to identify opportunities.

(2) The spin-off caused an unexpected early distribution for U.S. federal income tax purposes from our deferred compensation plan. This distribution was taxable to plan participants as ordinary income during 2018. We partially compensated plan participants, in the aggregate amount of $1.2 million, for the higher tax expense they incurred as a result of the distribution increasing the plan participants' estimated effective federal income tax rates by recording a contribution to the plan on behalf of its participants. The after tax net effect of this $1.2 million contribution for the period ended September 30, 2018, was approximately $952,000. As a result of the early taxable distribution to plan participants, we expensed and deducted for federal income tax purposes, previously deferred compensation of approximately $8.1 million, resulting in an estimated tax credit of $1.7 million, which exceeded the amount of the tax gross-up paid to plan participants.

(3) Calculated based upon the estimated annual effective tax rate for the periods, which excludes the tax effect of discrete items, and the amounts that resulted from the permanent difference between spin-off costs that are non-deductible for Federal and state income tax purposes, and total spin-off costs recognized in the consolidated financial statements. The estimated annual effective rate applied for the calculation differs from the reported effective tax rate since it is based on a different mix of statutory rates applicable to these expenses and to the rates applicable to the Company and its subsidiaries.

(4) As of December 31, 2019, September 30, 2019, June 30, 2019 and March 31, 2019 potential dilutive instruments consisted of unvested shares of restricted stock and restricted stock units mainly related to the Company’s IPO in 2018. As of December 31, 2019, and March 31, 2019 unvested shares of restricted stock and restricted stock units totaled 530,620 and 786,213, respectively, and 789,652 as of September 30, 2019 and June 30, 2019. These potential dilutive instruments were included in the diluted earnings per share computation because, when the unamortized deferred compensation cost related to these shares was divided by the average market price per share at those dates, fewer shares would have been purchased than restricted shares assumed issued. Therefore, at those dates, such awards resulted in higher diluted weighted average shares outstanding than basic weighted average shares outstanding, and had a dilutive effect in per share earnings for the year ended December 31, 2019. We had no outstanding dilutive instruments as of any period prior to December 2018.

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Exhibit 3 - Average Balance Sheet, Interest and Yield/Rate Analysis

The following tables present average balance sheet information, interest income, interest expense and the corresponding average yields earned and rates paid for the periods presented. The average balances for loans include both performing and nonperforming balances. Interest income on loans includes the effects of discount accretion and the amortization of net deferred loan origination costs accounted for as yield adjustments. Average balances represent the daily average balances for the periods presented.

	Three Months Ended								
	December 31, 2019			September 30, 2019			December 31, 2018		
(in thousands, except percentages)	Average Balances	Income/ Expense	Yield/ Rates	Average Balances	Income/ Expense	Yield/ Rates	Average Balances	Income/ Expense	Yield/ Rates
Interest-earning assets:									
Loan portfolio, net[1]	$ 5,627,641	$ 63,370	4.47%	$ 5,656,469	$ 66,118	4.64%	$ 5,897,116	$ 68,717	4.74%
Securities available for sale[2]	1,528,916	9,814	2.55%	1,472,884	9,681	2.61%	1,587,286	10,928	2.78%
Securities held to maturity[3]	75,989	419	2.19%	79,820	436	2.17%	85,901	376	1.76%
Federal Reserve Bank and FHLB stock	71,902	1,044	5.76%	68,825	1,071	6.17%	73,159	1,131	6.33%
Deposits with banks	105,060	449	1.70%	142,583	761	2.12%	112,800	595	2.13%
Marketable equity securities	23,912	141	2.34%	23,856	137	2.28%	22,875	139	2.45%
Total interest-earning assets	7,433,420	$ 75,237	4.02%	7,444,437	$ 78,067	4.17%	7,779,137	$ 81,886	4.28%
Total non-interest-earning assets less allowance for loan losses	472,556			472,967			493,285		
Total assets	$ 7,905,976			$ 7,917,404			$ 8,272,422		
Interest-bearing liabilities:									
Checking and saving accounts:									
Interest bearing demand	$ 1,098,532	$ 159	0.06%	$ 1,141,788	$ 191	0.07%	$ 1,321,797	$ 244	0.07%
Money market	1,147,539	3,802	1.31%	1,152,700	4,109	1.41%	1,197,796	3,729	1.25%
Savings	337,338	16	0.02%	354,554	16	0.02%	399,339	17	0.02%
Total checking and saving accounts	2,583,409	3,977	0.61%	2,649,042	4,316	0.65%	2,918,932	3,990	0.55%
Time deposits	2,317,052	13,180	2.26%	2,325,695	13,284	2.27%	2,376,132	11,786	2.00%
Total deposits	4,900,461	17,157	1.39%	4,974,737	17,600	1.40%	5,295,064	15,776	1.20%
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	497	2	1.60%	378	3	3.15%	659	4	2.45%
Advances from the FHLB and other borrowings[4]	1,214,728	5,575	1.82%	1,148,739	6,253	2.16%	1,241,522	7,253	2.36%
Junior subordinated debentures	92,246	1,241	5.34%	106,899	1,748	6.49%	118,110	2,069	7.19%
Total interest-bearing liabilities	6,207,932	23,975	1.53%	6,230,753	25,604	1.63%	6,655,355	25,102	1.52%
Total non-interest-bearing liabilities	868,470			872,488			884,222		
Total liabilities	7,076,402			7,103,241			7,539,577		
Stockholders' equity	829,574			814,163			732,845		
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	$ 7,905,976			$ 7,917,404			$ 8,272,422		
Excess of average interest-earning assets over average interest-bearing liabilities	$ 1,225,488			$ 1,213,684			$ 1,123,782		
Net interest income		$ 51,262			$ 52,463			$ 56,784	
Net interest rate spread			2.49%			2.54%			2.76%
Net interest margin[5]			2.74%			2.80%			2.95%
Ratio of average interest-earning assets to average interest-bearing liabilities	119.74%			119.48%			116.89%		

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(in thousands, except percentages)	Years Ended December 31, 2019 Average Balances	2019 Income/ Expense	2019 Yield/ Rates	2018 Average Balances	2018 Income/ Expense	2018 Yield/ Rates
Interest-earning assets:						
Loan portfolio, net[1]	$ 5,658,196	$ 263,011	4.65%	$ 5,930,615	$ 257,611	4.34%
Securities available for sale[2]	1,508,203	40,420	2.68%	1,621,928	42,758	2.64%
Securities held to maturity[3]	80,761	1,946	2.41%	87,931	1,580	1.80%
Federal Reserve Bank and FHLB stock	68,525	4,286	6.25%	71,447	4,343	6.08%
Deposits with banks	125,671	2,753	2.19%	141,021	2,540	1.80%
Marketable equity securities	23,611	558	2.36%	23,019	526	2.29%
Total interest-earning assets	7,464,967	$ 312,974	4.19%	7,875,961	$ 309,358	3.93%
Total non-interest-earning assets less allowance for loan losses	473,412			497,148		
Total assets	$ 7,938,379			$ 8,373,109		
Interest-bearing liabilities:						
Checking and saving accounts:						
Interest bearing demand	$ 1,177,031	$ 925	0.08%	$ 1,397,783	$ 657	0.05%
Money market	1,150,459	15,625	1.36%	1,215,635	12,840	1.06%
Savings	361,069	65	0.02%	422,672	71	0.02%
Total checking and saving accounts	2,688,559	16,615	0.62%	3,036,090	13,568	0.45%
Time deposits	2,344,587	51,757	2.21%	2,366,423	42,189	1.78%
Total deposits	5,033,146	68,372	1.36%	5,402,513	55,757	1.03%
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	220	5	2.27%	271	6	2.21%
Advances from the FHLB and other borrowings[4]	1,134,551	24,325	2.14%	1,200,701	26,470	2.20%
Junior subordinated debentures	108,765	7,184	6.61%	118,110	8,086	6.85%
Total interest-bearing liabilities	6,276,682	99,886	1.59%	6,721,595	90,319	1.34%
Total non-interest-bearing liabilities	863,797			923,339		
Total liabilities	7,140,479			7,644,934		
Stockholders' equity	797,900			728,175		
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	$ 7,938,379			$ 8,373,109		
Excess of average interest-earning assets over average interest-bearing liabilities	$ 1,188,285			$ 1,154,366		
Net interest income		$ 213,088			$ 219,039	
Net interest rate spread			2.60%			2.59%
Net interest margin[5]			2.85%			2.78%
Ratio of average interest-earning assets to average interest-bearing liabilities	118.93 %			117.17 %		

(1) Average non-performing loans of $33.0 million, $32.5 million and $25.1 million for the three months ended December 31, 2019, September 30, 2019 and December 31, 2018, respectively, and $27.4 million and $30.8 million for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, respectively, are included in the average loan portfolio, net.

(2) Includes nontaxable securities with average balances of $46.7 million, $66.5 million and $165.1million for the three months ended December 31, 2019, September 30, 2019 and December 31, 2018, respectively, and $98.1 million and $172.3 million for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, respectively. The tax equivalent yield for these nontaxable securities was 3.97%, 3.92% and 4.57% for the three months ended December 31, 2019, September 30, 2019 and December 31, 2018, respectively, and 4.00% and 4.11% for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, respectively. In 2019 and 2018, the tax equivalent yields were calculated by assuming a 21% tax rate and dividing the actual yield by 0.79.

(3) Includes nontaxable securities with average balances of $76.0 million, $79.8 million and $85.9 million for the three months ended December 31, 2019, September 30, 2019 and December 31, 2018, respectively, and $80.8 million and $87.8 million for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, respectively. The tax equivalent yield for these nontaxable securities was 2.77%, 2.74% and 2.24% for the three months ended December 31, 2019, September 30, 2019 and December 31, 2018, respectively, and 3.05% and 2.28% for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, respectively. In 2019 and 2018, the tax equivalent yields were calculated assuming a 21% tax rate and dividing the actual yield by 0.79.
(4) The terms of the FHLB advance agreements require the Bank to maintain certain investment securities or loans as collateral for these advances.
(5) Net interest margin is defined as net interest income divided by average interest-earning assets, which are loans, securities available for sale and held to maturity, deposits with banks and other financial assets which yield interest or similar income.

Exhibit 4 - Noninterest Income

This table shows the amounts of each of the categories of noninterest income for the periods presented.

	Three Months Ended						Years Ended December 31,			
	December 31, 2019		September 30, 2019		December 31, 2018		2019		2018	
(in thousands, except percentages)	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%
Deposits and service fees	$ 4,274	26.8 %	$ 4,366	31.6%	$ 4,431	36.9 %	$ 17,067	29.9 %	$ 17,753	33.0 %
Brokerage, advisory and fiduciary activities	3,865	24.2 %	3,647	26.4%	3,860	32.2 %	14,936	26.2 %	16,849	31.3 %
Change in cash surrender value of bank owned life insurance (“BOLI”)(1)	1,438	9.0 %	1,449	10.5%	1,452	12.1 %	5,710	10.0 %	5,824	10.8 %
Cards and trade finance servicing fees	557	3.5 %	1,034	7.5%	1,044	8.7 %	3,925	6.9 %	4,424	8.2 %
(Loss) gain on early extinguishment of FHLB advances, net	(1,443)	(9.0)%	—	—%	—	— %	(886)	(1.6)%	882	1.6 %
Data processing and fees for other services	—	— %	70	0.5%	500	4.2 %	955	1.7 %	2,517	4.7 %
Securities gains (losses), net	703	4.4 %	906	6.5%	(1,000)	(8.3)%	2,605	4.6 %	(999)	(1.9)%
Other noninterest income (2)	6,577	41.1 %	2,364	17.0%	1,707	14.2 %	12,798	22.3 %	6,625	12.3 %
Total noninterest income	$ 15,971	100.0 %	$ 13,836	100.0%	$ 11,994	100.0 %	$ 57,110	100.0 %	$ 53,875	100.0 %

(1) Changes in cash surrender value of BOLI are not taxable.
(2) Includes $2.8 million gain on the sale of vacant land adjacent to our operations center in Q4 2019, rental income, income from derivative and foreign currency exchange transactions with customers, and valuation income on the investment balances held in the non-qualified deferred compensation plan.

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Exhibit 5 - Noninterest Expense

This table shows the amounts of each of the categories of noninterest expense for the periods presented.

	Three Months Ended						Years Ended December 31,			
	December 31, 2019		September 30, 2019		December 31, 2018		2019		2018	
(in thousands, except percentages)	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%
Salaries and employee benefits	$ 36,024	69.6%	$ 33,862	64.2%	$ 38,861	71.1%	$ 137,380	65.6%	$ 141,801	66.0%
Occupancy and equipment	4,042	7.8%	3,878	7.4%	4,712	8.6%	16,194	7.7%	16,531	7.7%
Professional and other services fees(1)	4,430	8.6%	4,295	8.1%	3,020	5.5%	16,123	7.7%	19,119	8.9%
Telecommunications and data processing	3,396	6.6%	3,408	6.5%	3,261	6.0%	13,063	6.2%	12,399	5.7%
Depreciation and amortization	1,214	2.3%	1,928	3.7%	2,460	4.5%	7,094	3.4%	8,543	4.0%
FDIC assessments and insurance	876	1.7%	597	1.1%	1,722	3.2%	4,043	1.9%	6,215	2.9%
Other operating expenses(2)	1,748	3.4%	4,769	9.0%	612	1.1%	15,420	7.5%	10,365	4.8%
Total noninterest expenses	$ 51,730	100.0%	$ 52,737	100.0%	$ 54,648	100.0%	$ 209,317	100.0%	$ 214,973	100.0%

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(1) Other services fees include expenses on derivative contracts.
(2) Includes advertising, marketing, charitable contributions, community engagement, postage and courier expenses, provisions for possible losses on contingent loans, and debits which mirror the valuation income on the investment balances held in the non-qualified deferred compensation plan in order to adjust the liability to participants of the non-qualified deferred compensation plan.

Exhibit 6 - Loans

Loans by Type

The loan portfolio consists of the following loan classes:

(in thousands)	December 31, 2019	September 30, 2019	June 30, 2019	March 31, 2019	December 31, 2018
Real estate loans					
Commercial real estate					
Nonowner occupied	$ 1,891,802	$ 1,933,662	$ 1,872,493	$ 1,852,903	$ 1,809,356
Multi-family residential	801,626	942,851	968,080	878,239	909,439
Land development and construction loans	278,688	268,312	291,304	291,416	326,644
	2,972,116	3,144,825	3,131,877	3,022,558	3,045,439
Single-family residential	539,102	527,468	535,563	535,306	533,481
Owner occupied	894,060	825,601	836,334	801,856	777,022
	4,405,278	4,497,894	4,503,774	4,359,720	4,355,942
Commercial loans	1,234,043	1,127,484	1,180,736	1,239,525	1,380,428
Loans to financial institutions and acceptances	16,552	24,815	25,006	27,985	68,965
Consumer loans and overdrafts	88,466	101,598	103,239	107,208	114,840
Total loans	$ 5,744,339	$ 5,751,791	$ 5,812,755	$ 5,734,438	$ 5,920,175

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Non-Performing Assets

This table shows a summary of our non-performing assets by loan class, which includes non-performing loans and other real estate owned, or OREO, at the dates presented. Non-performing loans consist of (i) nonaccrual loans; (ii) accruing loans 90 days or more contractually past due as to interest or principal; and (iii) restructured loans that are considered TDRs.

(in thousands)	December 31, 2019	September 30, 2019	June 30, 2019	March 31, 2019	December 31, 2018
Non-Accrual Loans(1)					
Real Estate Loans					
Commercial real estate (CRE)					
Nonowner occupied	$ 1,936	$ 1,936	$ 1,964	$ —	$ —
Multi-family residential	—	—	657	665	—
	1,936	1,936	2,621	665	—
Single-family residential	7,291	9,033	9,432	6,514	6,689
Owner occupied	14,130	11,921	10,528	5,192	4,983
	23,357	22,890	22,581	12,371	11,672
Commercial loans	9,149	9,605	10,032	7,361	4,772
Consumer loans and overdrafts	416	116	114	37	35
Total-Non-Accrual Loans	$ 32,922	$ 32,611	$ 32,727	$ 19,769	$ 16,479
Past Due Accruing Loans(2)					
Real Estate Loans					
Single-family residential	$ —	$ —	$ —	$ —	$ 419
Consumer loans and overdrafts	5	213	23	749	884
Total Past Due Accruing Loans	5	213	23	749	1,303
Total Non-Performing Loans	32,927	32,824	32,750	20,518	17,782
Other Real Estate Owned	42	—	—	—	367
Total Non-Performing Assets	$ 32,969	$ 32,824	$ 32,750	$ 20,518	$ 18,149

(1) Includes loan modifications that meet the definition of TDRs which may be performing in accordance with their modified loan terms. As of December 31, 2019, non-performing TDRs include $9.8 million in a multiple loan relationship to a South Florida borrower.
(2) Loans past due 90 days or more but still accruing.

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Loans by Credit Quality Indicators

This tables shows the Company's loans by credit quality indicators. We have no purchased credit-impaired loans.

(in thousands)	December 31, 2019 Special Mention	December 31, 2019 Substandard	December 31, 2019 Doubtful	December 31, 2019 Total(1)	September 30, 2019 Special Mention	September 30, 2019 Substandard	September 30, 2019 Doubtful	September 30, 2019 Total(1)	December 31, 2018 Special Mention	December 31, 2018 Substandard	December 31, 2018 Doubtful	December 31, 2018 Total(1)
Real estate loans												
Commercial real estate (CRE)												
Nonowner occupied	$ 9,324	$ 762	$ 1,936	$ 12,022	$ 13,056	$ 1,936	$ —	$ 14,992	$ 6,561	$ 222	$ —	$ 6,783
Land development and construction loans	9,955	—	—	9,955	10,184	—	—	10,184	—	—	—	—
	19,279	762	1,936	21,977	23,240	1,936	—	25,176	6,561	222	—	6,783
Single-family residential	—	7,291	—	7,291	—	9,033	—	9,033	—	7,108	—	7,108
Owner occupied	8,138	14,240	—	22,378	5,719	15,307	—	21,026	9,019	9,451	—	18,470
	27,417	22,293	1,936	51,646	28,959	26,276	—	55,235	15,580	16,781	—	32,361
Commercial loans	5,569	8,406	2,669	16,644	5,077	11,541	—	16,618	3,943	6,462	589	10,994
Consumer loans and overdrafts	—	67	357	424	—	2,400	—	2,400	—	6,062	—	6,062
	$ 32,986	$ 30,766	$ 4,962	$ 68,714	$ 34,036	$ 40,217	$ —	$ 74,253	$ 19,523	$ 29,305	$ 589	$ 49,417

(1)There were no loans categorized as "Loss" at any of the dates presented.

Exhibit 7 - Deposits by Country of Domicile

This tables shows the Company's deposits by country of domicile of the depositor as of the dates presented.

(in thousands)	December 31, 2019	September 30, 2019	June 30, 2019	March 31, 2019	December 31, 2018
Domestic	$ 3,121,827	$ 2,999,687	$ 3,014,269	$ 2,963,098	$ 3,001,366
Foreign:					
Venezuela	2,270,970	2,345,938	2,465,718	2,587,879	2,694,690
Others	364,346	347,223	339,394	337,211	336,630
Total foreign	2,635,316	2,693,161	2,805,112	2,925,090	3,031,320
Total deposits	$ 5,757,143	$ 5,692,848	$ 5,819,381	$ 5,888,188	$ 6,032,686

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Earnings Call

January 30, 2020

Important Notices and Disclaimers

Forward-Looking Statements

This presentation contains "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, including, without limitation, future financial and operating results; costs and revenues; economic conditions generally and in our markets and among our customer base; loan demand; mortgage lending activity; changes in the mix of our earning assets and our deposit and wholesale liabilities; net interest margin; yields on earning assets; interest rates (generally and those applicable to our assets and liabilities); credit quality, including loan performance, nonperforming assets, provisions for loan losses, charge-offs, rebranding and staff realignment costs and expected savings, other-than-temporary impairments and collateral values; market trends; and customer preferences, as well as statements with respect to our objectives, expectations and intentions and other statements that are not historical facts. All statements other than statements of historical fact are statements that could be forward-looking statements. You can identify these forward-looking statements through our use of words such as "may," "will," "anticipate," "assume," "should," "indicate," "would," "believe," "contemplate," "expect," "estimate," "continue," "plan," "point to," "project," "could," "intend," "target," "goals," "outlook", "modeled" and other similar words and expressions of the future.

Forward-looking statements, including those as to our beliefs, plans, objectives, goals, expectations, anticipations, estimates and intentions, involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors, which may be beyond our control, and which may cause the Company's actual results, performance, achievements, or financial condition to be materially different from future results, performance, achievements, or financial condition expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. You should not rely on any forward-looking statements as predictions of future events. You should not expect us to update any forward-looking statements. All written or oral forward-looking statements attributable to us are expressly qualified in their entirety by this cautionary notice, together with those risks and uncertainties described in "Risk factors" in our annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018 and in our other filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), which are available at the SEC's website www.sec.gov.

Interim Financial Information

Unaudited financial information as of and for interim periods, including the three and twelve month periods ended December 31, 2019 and the three month period ended December 31, 2018, may not reflect our results of operations for our fiscal year ended, or financial condition as of December 31, 2019, or any other period of time or date.

Non-GAAP Financial Measures

The Company supplements its financial results that are determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America ("GAAP") with non-GAAP financial measures, such as Adjusted Net Income per Share (Basic and Diluted), Adjusted Noninterest Expense, Adjusted Return on Equity (ROE), Adjusted Return on Assets (ROA), and other ratios. This supplemental information should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for the GAAP measures presented herein.

We use certain non-GAAP financial measures, including these, both to explain our results to shareholders and the investment community and in the internal evaluation and management of our business. Our management believes that these non-GAAP financial measures and the information they provide are useful to investors since these measures permit investors to view our performance using the same tools that our management uses to evaluate our past performance and prospects for future performance, especially in light of the additional costs we incurred in 2018 in connection with the Spin-off and related transactions, the rebranding and restructuring expenses which began in 2018 and continued in 2019, and the one-time gain on sale of vacant land in Florida in the fourth quarter of 2019. While we believe that these non-GAAP financial measures are useful in evaluating our performance, this information should be considered as supplemental and not as a substitute for or superior to the related financial information prepared in accordance with GAAP. Additionally, these non-GAAP financial measures may differ from similar measures presented by other companies. See Appendix 1 "Non-GAAP Financial Measures Reconciliations" for a reconciliation of these non-GAAP financial measures to their GAAP counterparts.

Performance Highlights FYE 2019 and 4Q19

Strategy-Driven Achievements

Profitability

- Full-year net income increased 12.0% or $5.5 million; diluted EPS reached $1.20 from $1.08. In 4Q19, net income increased 12.9%, or $1.5 million from 3Q19; diluted EPS reached $0.31 from $0.28
- Noninterest income increased 15.4% over 3Q19 driven by higher income from derivatives sold to customers as well as a one time gain on the sale of vacant land adjacent to our operations center and a benefit from the adoption of a new accounting standard on financial instruments
- Reduction of 82 FTEs from 4Q18, primarily in back-office positions, in line with efficiency improvement strategy

Balance Sheet Optimization

- Total loans, excluding non-relationship SNCs and foreign financial institution (FI) loans, increased $137.4 million, or 2.5% year over year following our domestic relationship driven strategy
- New composition of FHLB advances resulted in savings of $0.7 million during 4Q19 and $3.5 million YTD
- Completed $25 million TruPs redemption in 2019 and announced redemption of 8.90% TruPs to take place on January 30, 2020

Credit Quality

- Credit quality remained strong in Q4 2019; Allowance for Loan Losses (ALL) release of $0.3 million; recovery of $0.9 million on a C&I loan
- ALL coverage continued to be strong in Q4 2019 at 0.91%

Domestic Expansion

- Opened three new banking centers in South Florida during 2019 and expect to open a new one during 1Q20, expanding our retail footprint and continuing our focus on domestic growth
- Embarked on our digital evolution; engaged Salesforce for its Customer Relationship Management ("CRM") system and nCino for its loan origination solution

Fourth Quarter 2019 Results

(in millions, except per share items and percentages)	4Q18	3Q19	4Q19
Net Interest Income	$ 56.8	$ 52.6	$ 51.3
Net Interest Margin (NIM)	2.95%	2.80%	2.74%
Reversal of Provision for Loan Losses	(1.4)	(1.5)	(0.3)
Noninterest Income	12.0	13.8	16.0
Noninterest Expense	54.6	52.7	51.7
Adjusted Noninterest Expense(1)	47.9	51.5	51.6
Net Income	14.4	11.9	13.5
Adjusted Net Income(1)	19.9	12.9	11.4
Earnings per Share - Basic	$0.34	$0.28	$0.32
Adjusted Earnings per Share - Basic(1)	$0.47	$0.30	$0.27
Earnings per Share - Diluted(2)	$0.34	$0.28	$0.31
Adjusted Earnings per Share - Diluted(1)	$0.47	$0.30	$0.26
Credit Quality			
Non-performing Assets / Total Assets(3)	0.22%	0.42%	0.41%
Net Charge-Offs / Average Total Loans(4)	0.43%	0.16%	0.08%

(1) See Appendix 1 "Non-GAAP Financial Measures Reconciliations" for a reconciliation of these non-GAAP financial measures to their GAAP counterparts
(2) See Appendix 1 "Non-GAAP Financial Measures Reconciliations" footnote 4 for more detail on diluted shares
(3) Non-performing assets include all accruing loans past due by more than 90 days, and all nonaccrual loans, OREO properties acquired through or in lieu of foreclosure, and restructured loans that are considered "troubled debt restructurings" or "TDRs". Non-performing assets were $33.0 million, $32.8 million, and $29.7 million as of December 31, 2019, September 30, 2019, and December 31, 2018, respectively
(4) Calculated based upon the average daily balance of outstanding loan principal balance net of deferred loan fees and costs, excluding the allowance for loan losses
(5) Calculated based upon the average daily balance of stockholders' equity
(6) Calculated based upon the average daily balance of total assets
(7) Efficiency ratio is the result of noninterest expense divided by the sum of noninterest income and net interest income
(8) Adjusted efficiency ratio is the efficiency ratio less the effect of restructuring and spin-off costs and other adjustments management believes are useful to understand the Company's performance, described in Appendix 1 - "Non-GAAP Financial Measures Reconciliation"

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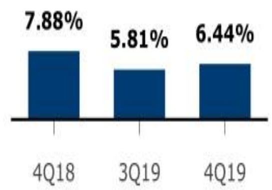
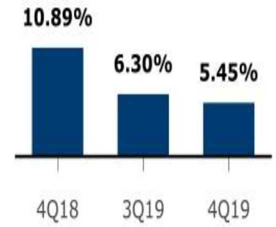


Adjusted ROE(1)(5)



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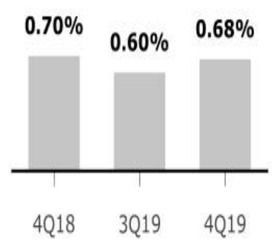

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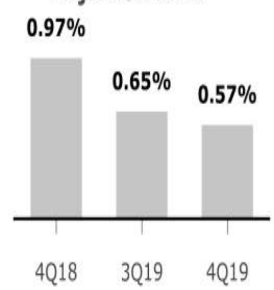

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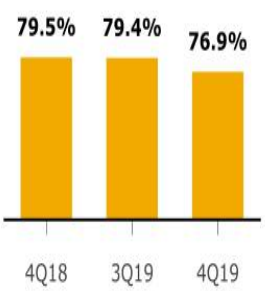

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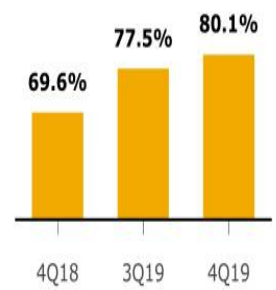
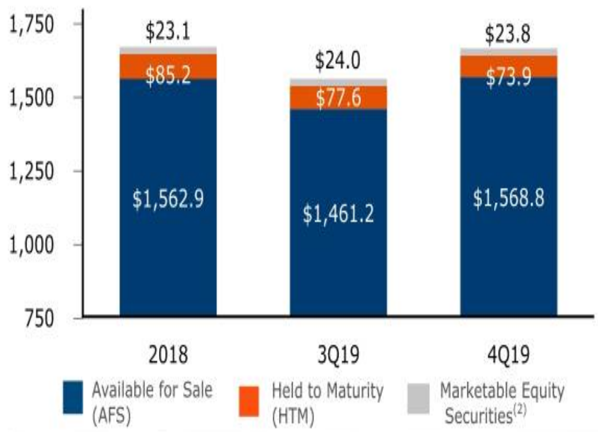


Investment Portfolio

Investment Securities Balances and Yields[1]

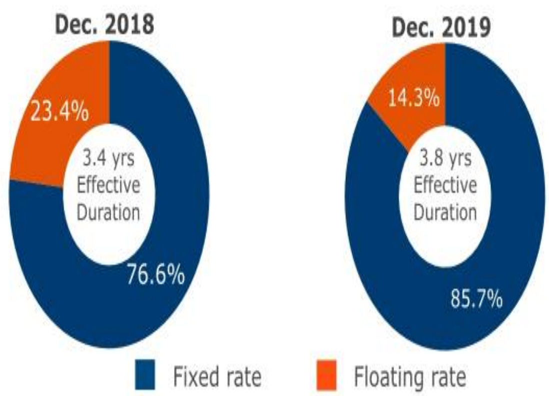
(in millions)



Highlights

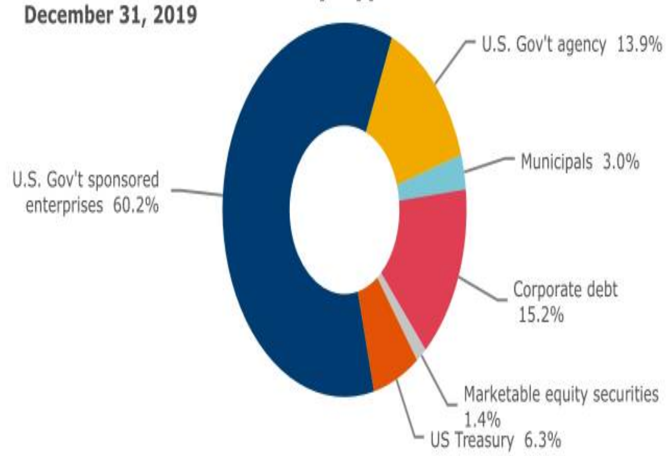
- Effective duration increased to 3.8 years as we prepared for continued rate decline by purchasing 20-year U.S. Treasuries and collateralized mortgage obligations (CMOs) with prepayment protection
- Floating rate portfolio declined to 14% by the end of 4Q 2019 compared to 4Q 2018
- Recognized YTD marketable equity securities gain through income as a result of the adoption of new accounting standard

Investments Securities Fixed vs. Floating



Investment Securities by Type

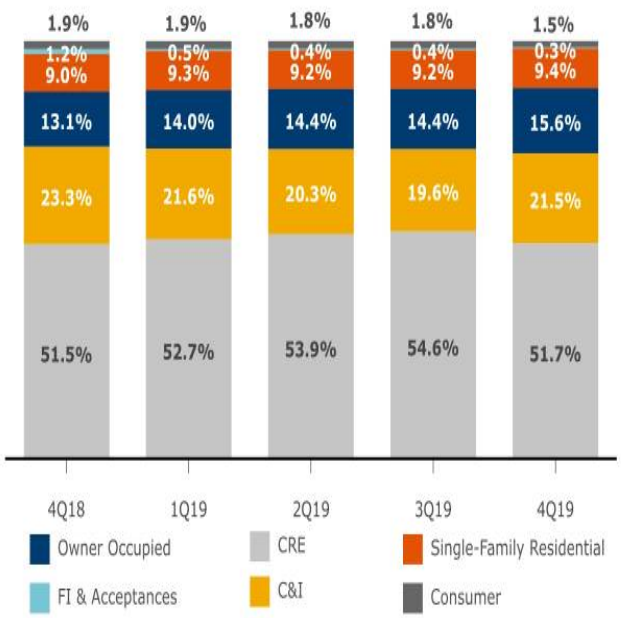
December 31, 2019



(1) Excludes Federal Reserve Bank and FHLB stock
(2) The Company adopted ASU 2016-01 on December 31, 2019. Marketable Equity Securities shown for prior quarters only for comparative purposes

Loan Portfolio Highlights

Loan Composition



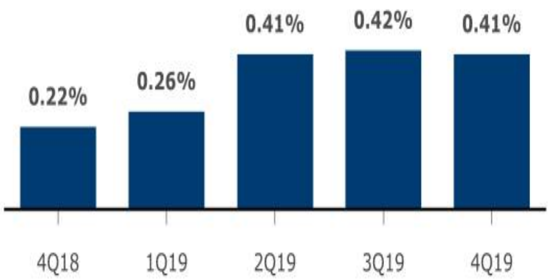
Geographic Mix (Domestic)[1]

- Continued focus on domestic lending activities, with net domestic growth of $17 million during 4Q19, driven by higher volumes in Florida
- $12 million increase in our 1-4 residential loan portfolio, as customers took advantage of lower rates
- Slight decline in loan portfolio compared to 3Q19 primarily due to a high level of prepayments mainly in CRE, across all markets, which more than offset new production

(1) Includes loans held for sale and excludes certain loans based on U.S. country of risk

Credit Quality

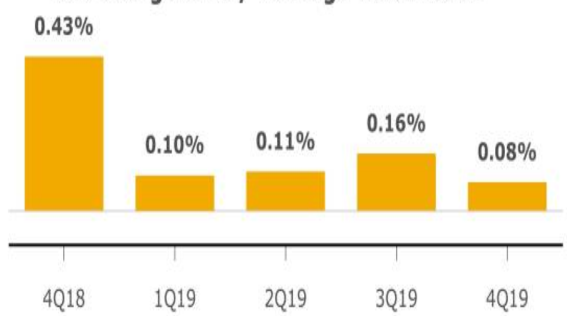
Non-Performing Assets [1] / Total Assets



Allowance for Loan Losses (in millions)

Allowance for Loan Losses / Total NPL [2]

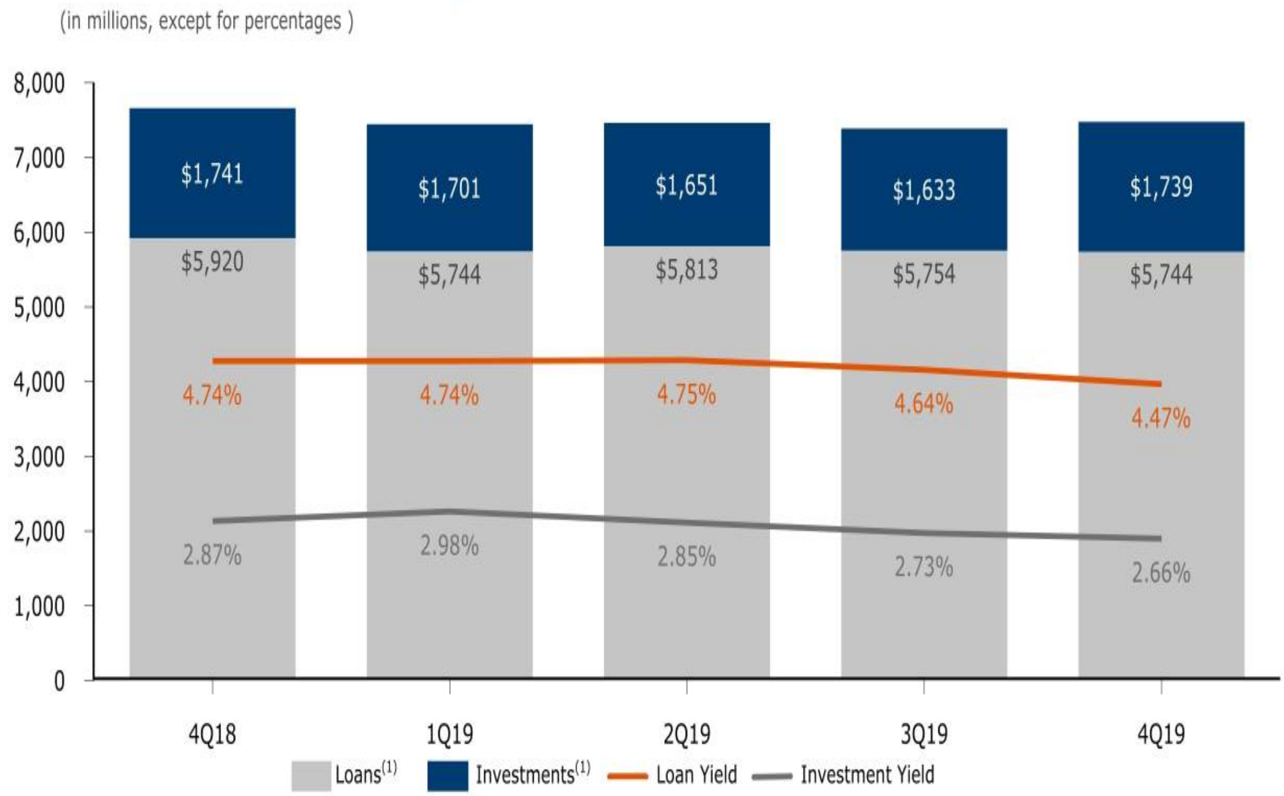
Net Charge-Offs / Average Total Loans [3]



- Credit quality and reserve coverage remains strong
- ALL release of $0.3 million resulting from a lower ending loan balance and a commercial loan recovery of $0.9 million, partially offset by loss factor adjustments and a $0.9 million increase in specific reserves
- 4Q2019 includes charge-offs for the sunsetting credit card products; otherwise we had a net recovery of 0.08% of average loans
- Outstanding credit cards at Dec 31, 2019 were $11.1 million with $1.8 million, or 16.2%, in allocated reserves

(1) Non-performing assets include all accruing loans past due 90 days or more, all nonaccrual loans, restructured loans that are considered "troubled debt restructurings" or "TDRs", and OREO properties acquired through or in lieu of foreclosure. Non-performing assets were $33.0 million, $32.8 million and $18.1 million as of December 31, 2019, September 30, 2019 and December 31, 2018, respectively
(2) Non-performing loans include all accruing loans 90 days or more past due, all nonaccrual loans and restructured loans that are considered TDRs. Non-performing loans were $32.9 million, $32.8 million, and $17.8 million as of December 31, 2019, September 30, 2019, and December 31, 2018, respectively
(3) Calculated based upon the average daily balance of outstanding loan principal balance net of deferred loan fees and costs, excluding the allowance for loan losses

Interest-Earning Assets(1)

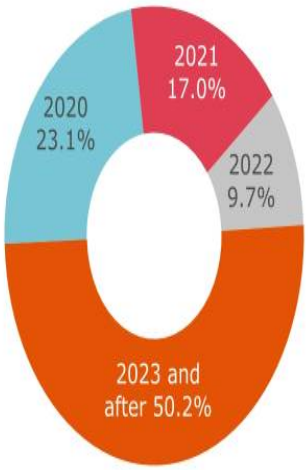


- Loan yield decreased versus previous quarter and year-ago quarter, primarily driven by lower market interest rates, accelerated prepayments of fixed-rate CRE loans, and new loan production favoring floating rates, partially offset by prepayment penalties
- Investment yield decline primarily attributed to higher prepayments on securities backed by the Small Business Administration (SBA) loans, the repricing of investment securities as conditional prepayment rates, and the investments in lower yielding U.S. Treasuries

(1) Balances represent period-end outstanding amounts

Wholesale Funding

FHLB and Other Borrowings by Maturity
December 31, 2019



Advances from the Federal Home Loan Bank and Other Borrowings
(in millions)

Year of Maturity	Interest Rate	2018	3Q19	4Q19	
2019	1.80% to 3.86%	440	195	—	
2020	1.50% to 2.74%	306	325	285	
2021	1.75% to 3.08%	210	240	210	
2022	1.14% to 2.80%	120	320	120	(1)
2023 and after	0.71% to 3.23%	90	90	620	(2)
Total		**$ 1,166**	**$ 1,170**	**$ 1,235**	

(1) Callable advances of $200 million were called during 4Q19
(2) Includes $530 million in callable advances (fixed interest rates from 0.77% to 0.97%)

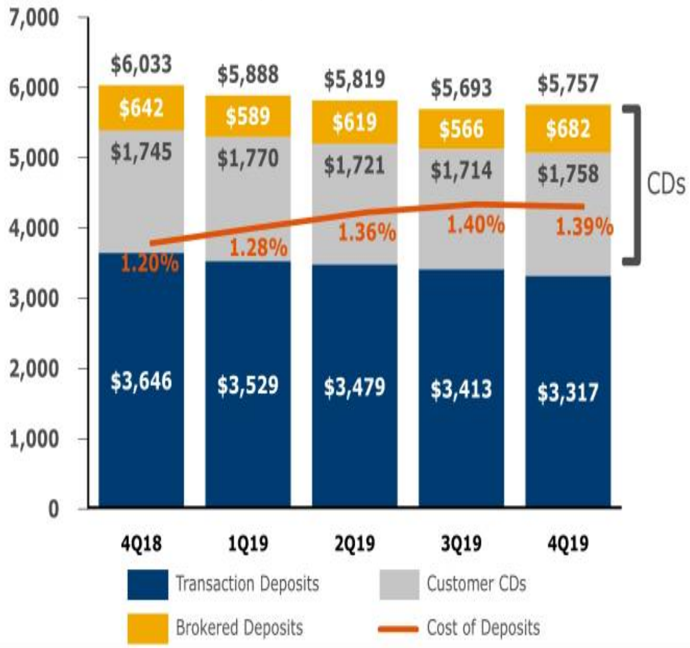
Highlights

- Took advantage of the yield curve by replacing funding with fixed-rate longer-term advances with callable features, resulting in 25 bps overall funding cost savings in 4Q19
- We expect to continue taking FHLB funding as needed with short duration maturities or advances structured to allow us drive down funding costs

Deposit Highlights

Deposit Composition

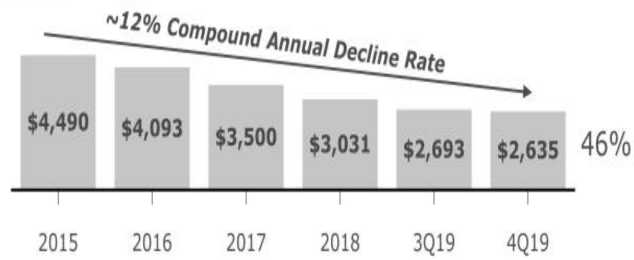
(in millions, except for percentages)



Mix by Country of Domicile

International Deposits

(in millions)



Domestic Deposits

(in millions)

Highlights

- Total deposits down on lower core balances from international customers
- 4Q19 annualized international deposit run-off rate at 8.6%. FY 2019 decline of 13.1%
- Cost of interest bearing deposits down slightly by 1bps in 4Q19 versus 3Q19 due to the lowering of rates on relationship money market and tiered products
- Ramped up our online CD offering resulting in $86 million growth YTD

Net Interest Income and NIM

Net Interest Income (NII) and NIM (%)

(in millions, except for percentages)

Commentary

- NIM down primarily on:
  - Yields on new loan production and floating interest earning assets due to lower market rates
  - Higher prepayments on fixed rate loans and heightened competition on C&I loans
  - Higher prepayments on SBA and commercial mortgage-backed securities (CMBS) securities
  - Declining international deposits partially replaced with higher cost domestic deposits including brokered CDs
- Proactive steps taken in 2019 to drive up:
  - Redeemed $25 million TruPs (average cost of 10.43%), and announced redemption of $26.8 million (8.9%) in January 2020, reducing annual cost by $5.0 million
  - Executed interest rate hedges on remaining $64.2 million Debentures that effectively lowered the interest rate by 38bps and fixed it for three years
  - More actively included rate floors in new loan agreements
  - Strategic deposit rate cuts on time deposits, relationship money market accounts and tier pricing for top commercial customers
  - Focused on relationship accounts to enhance demand deposit account (DDA) balances and online CDs as a lower cost alternative to brokered deposits
  - Executed fixed-rate and longer-term FHLB advances in 4Q19 with callable features reducing the cost of professional funding by 25 bps

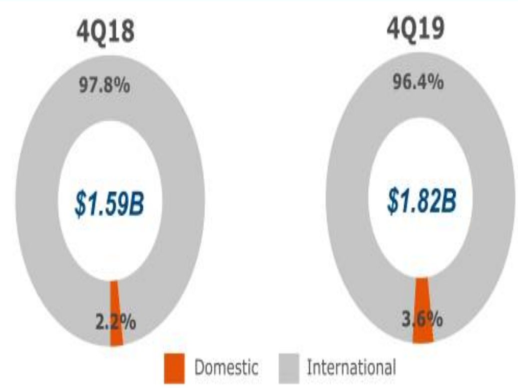
Noninterest Income Mix

Noninterest Income Mix

Commentary

- Noninterest income FY 2019 includes:
  - $5.1 million income from derivatives sold to customers, including $2.5 million in 4Q19
  - $2.8 million gain on sale of vacant land adjacent to our operations center in 4Q19
  - $2.6 million net gain on securities, including $1.9 million gain on the sale of municipal and floating-rate corporate securities earlier this year and a $0.7 million unrealized gain adjustment related to the adoption during 4Q19 of a new accounting standard applicable to marketable equity securities
  - FHLB early prepayment costs of $1.4 million YTD

Assets Under Management/Custody



Noninterest Expense

Noninterest Expense Mix

(in millions, except for FTEs)

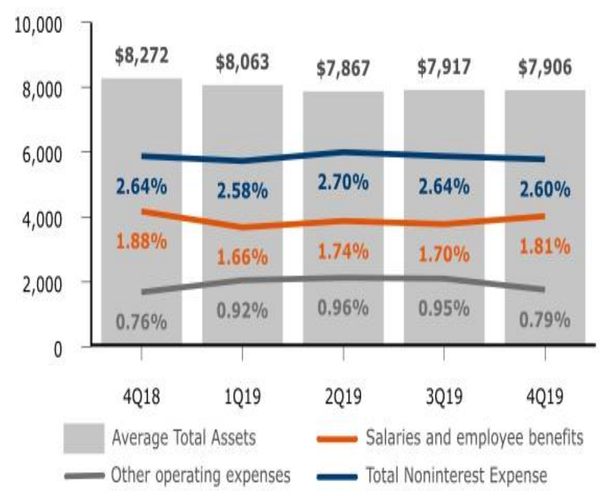
(1) Calculated based upon the average daily balance of total assets. Noninterest expense for the three months presented have been annualized

Commentary

- Salaries and employee benefits FY 2019 includes:
  - $5.9 million of amortization of IPO restricted stock grant
  - $1.5 million in staff reduction costs related to the restructuring plan
- Other operating expenses FY 2019 includes:
  - $3.6 million of rebranding expenses
  - $0.8 million amortization of IPO restricted stock units granted to directors

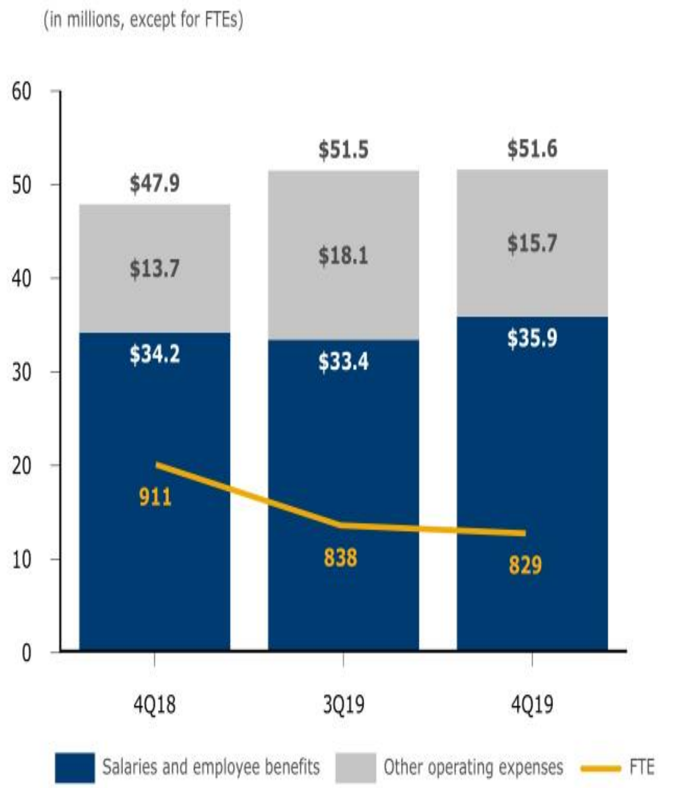
Noninterest Expenses / Average Total Assets(1)

(in millions, except for percentages)



Adjusted Noninterest Expense[1]

Adjusted Noninterest Expense Mix



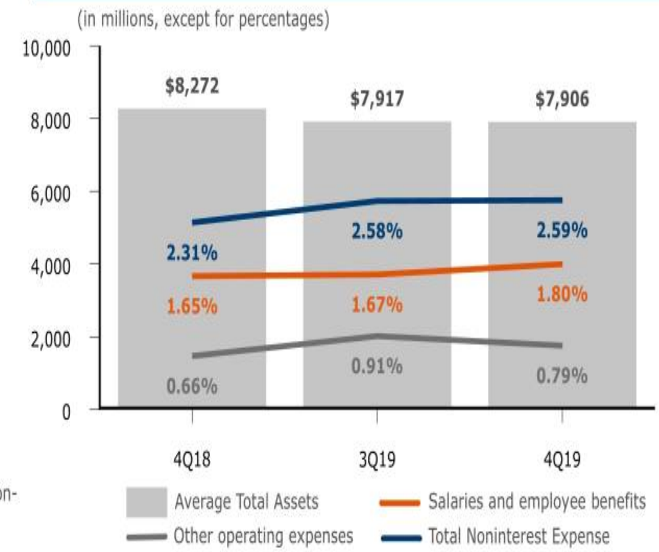
(1) See Appendix 1 "Non-GAAP Financial Measures Reconciliations" for a reconciliation of these non-GAAP financial measures to their GAAP counterparts.

(2) Calculated based upon the average daily balance of total assets. Noninterest expense for the three months presented have been annualized

Commentary

- Since 4Q18, staffing has been reduced by 82 FTEs or 9.0% YTD
- Salaries and employee benefits expense higher than last year due to cost of living adjustments of 1.8% effective July 1st (vs. 3.2% in 2018) and increases in long-term incentive compensation tied to performance against strategic targets established for the year 2016-2019 period
- $1.5 million quarterly amortization of IPO restricted stock grant to employees
- $0.8 million IPO restricted stock units granted to directors

Adjusted Noninterest Expenses /Avg. Total Assets[2]



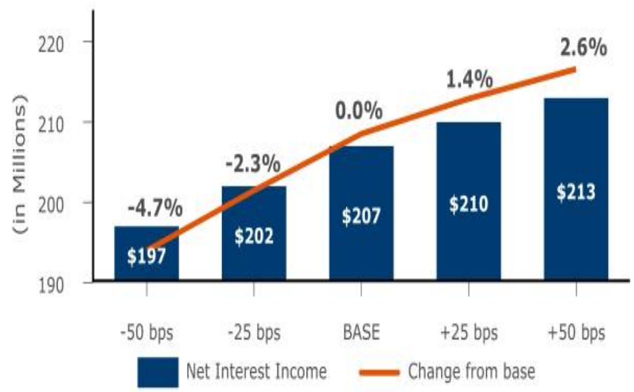
Interest Rate Sensitivity

Commentary

- The Company continues to be asset sensitive driven by floating rate loans and loans maturing in less than a year
- Given more recent market interest rate expectations, management has been taking steps to create protection if interest rates decline further
- In line with these efforts, the duration of the investment portfolio increased to 3.8 years in 4Q19 compared to 2.6 years in 3Q19 with the strategic purchase of 20-year U.S. Treasuries and CMOs with prepayment protection

Impact on NII from Interest Rate Change[1]

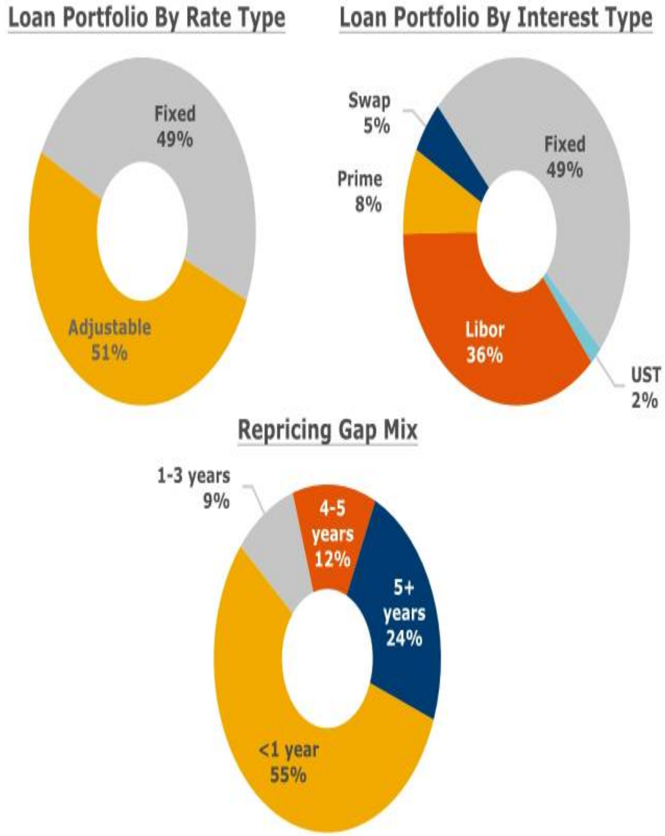
As of December 31, 2019



(1) NII and percentage change represents the base scenario of net interest income. The base scenario assumes (i) flat interest rates over the next 12 months, (ii) that total financial instrument balances are kept constant over time and (iii) that interest rate shocks are instant and parallel to the yield curve

Loan Portfolio & Repricing Detail

(As of December 31, 2019)



2020 Goals

Net Interest Income

- Improve loan portfolio yield while driving down deposit costs to drive up NIM

Noninterest Income

- Continue expansion of wealth management client acquisition and fee income initiatives, for both domestic and international customers

Noninterest Expenses

- Continue simplification of operations to drive expense reduction initiatives
- Capture full annual savings from rationalization efforts

Credit Quality

- Maintain strong asset quality

Deposits

- Continue focus on domestic commercial deposit growth by targeting new verticals/ niches for deposits
- Increase domestic deposits and share of wallet from higher net worth international customers

Loans

- Continue growth of domestic loans by targeting selected customers and verticals/ niches for loans
- Continue diversification between C&I and CRE throughout our markets

Capital Management

- Continue earnings accretion to support future activities
- Complete redemption of remaining high cost, fixed rate TruP
- Evaluate other capital deployment opportunities including share repurchases, dividends and strategic business acquisitions

Committed to driving shareholder value

Appendices

Appendix 1
Non-GAAP Financial Measures Reconciliations

The following table sets forth selected financial information derived from the Company's interim unaudited consolidated financial statements, adjusted for certain costs incurred by the Company in the periods presented related primarily to non-deductible spin-off, tax deductible restructuring costs and the gain on sale of vacant Beacon land in 2019. The Company believes these adjusted numbers are useful to understand the Company's performance absent these transactions and events.

(in thousands, except per share amounts and percentages)	Three Months Ended,			Years Ended December 31,	
	December 31, 2019	September 30, 2019	December 31, 2018	2019	2018
Total noninterest income	$ 15,971	$ 13,836	$ 11,994	$ 57,110	$ 53,875
Less: gain on sale of vacant Beacon land	(2,795)	—	—	(2,795)	—
Adjusted noninterest income	$ 13,176	$ 13,836	$ 11,994	$ 54,315	$ 53,875
Total noninterest expenses	$ 51,730	$ 52,737	$ 54,648	$ 209,317	$ 214,973
Less: Restructuring costs[1]:					
Staff reduction costs	114	450	4,709	1,471	4,709
Legal and strategy advisory costs	—	—	1,176	—	1,176
Rebranding costs	—	813	400	3,575	400
Other costs	—	—	110	—	110
Total restructuring costs	$ 114	$ 1,263	$ 6,395	$ 5,046	$ 6,395
Less spin-off costs:					
Legal fees	—	—	353	—	3,539
Additional contribution to non-qualified deferred compensation plan on behalf of participants to mitigate tax effects of unexpected early distribution due to spin-off[2]	—	—	—	—	1,200
Accounting and consulting fees	—	—	—	—	1,384
Other expenses	$ —	—	—	—	544
Total spin-off costs	$ —	$ —	$ 353	$ —	$ 6,667
Adjusted noninterest expenses	$ 51,616	$ 51,474	$ 47,900	$ 204,271	$ 201,911

Appendix 1
Non-GAAP Financial Measures Reconciliations (cont'd)

(in thousands, except per share amounts and percentages)	Three Months Ended, December 31, 2019	Three Months Ended, September 30, 2019	Three Months Ended, December 31, 2018	Years Ended December 31, 2019	Years Ended December 31, 2018
Net income	$ 13,475	$ 11,931	$ 14,430	$ 51,334	$ 45,833
Plus after-tax restructuring costs:					
Restructuring costs before income tax effect	114	1,263	6,395	5,046	6,395
Income tax effect[3]	59	(271)	(1,303)	(1,001)	(1,303)
Total after-tax restructuring costs	173	992	5,092	4,045	5,092
Plus after-tax total spin-off costs:					
Total spin-off costs before income tax effect	—	—	353	—	6,667
Income tax effect[3]	—	—	60	—	331
Total after-tax spin-off costs	—	—	413	—	6,998
Less after-tax gain on sale of vacant Beacon land:					
Gain on sale of vacant Beacon land before income tax effect	(2,795)	—	—	(2,795)	—
Income tax effect[3]	554	—	—	554	—
Total after-tax gain on sale of vacant Beacon land	(2,241)	—	—	(2,241)	—
Adjusted net income	$ 11,407	$ 12,923	$ 19,935	$ 53,138	$ 57,923
Basic earnings per share	$ 0.32	$ 0.28	$ 0.34	$ 1.21	$ 1.08
Plus: after tax impact of restructuring costs	—	0.02	0.12	0.09	0.12
Plus: after tax impact of total spin-off costs	—	—	0.01	—	0.16
Less: after tax gain on sale of vacant Beacon land	(0.05)	—	—	(0.05)	—
Total adjusted basic earnings per common share	$ 0.27	$ 0.30	$ 0.47	$ 1.25	$ 1.36

Appendix 1
Non-GAAP Financial Measures Reconciliations (cont'd)

(in thousands, except per share amounts and percentages)	Three Months Ended, December 31, 2019	September 30, 2019	December 31, 2018	Years Ended December 31, 2019	2018
Diluted earnings per share (4)	$ 0.31	$ 0.28	$ 0.34	$ 1.20	$ 1.08
Plus: after tax impact of restructuring costs	—	0.02	0.12	0.09	0.12
Plus: after tax impact of total spin-off costs	—	—	0.01	—	0.16
Less: after tax gain on sale of vacant Beacon land	(0.05)	—	—	(0.05)	—
Total adjusted diluted earnings per common share	$ 0.26	$ 0.30	$ 0.47	$ 1.24	$ 1.36
Net income / Average total assets (ROA)	0.68 %	0.60 %	0.70 %	0.65 %	0.55 %
Plus: after tax impact of restructuring costs	0.01 %	0.05 %	0.25 %	0.05 %	0.06 %
Plus: after tax impact of total spin-off costs	— %	— %	0.02 %	— %	0.08 %
Less: after tax gain on sale of vacant Beacon land	(0.12)%	— %	— %	(0.03)%	— %
Adjusted net income / Average total assets (Adjusted ROA)	0.57 %	0.65 %	0.97 %	0.67 %	0.69 %
Net income / Average stockholders' equity (ROE)	6.44 %	5.81 %	7.88 %	6.43 %	6.29 %
Plus: after tax impact of restructuring costs	0.08 %	0.49 %	2.78 %	0.51 %	0.70 %
Plus: after tax impact of total spin-off costs	— %	— %	0.23 %	— %	0.96 %
Less: after tax gain on sale of vacant Beacon land	(1.07)%	— %	— %	(0.28)%	— %
Adjusted net income / Average stockholders' equity (Adjusted ROE)	5.45 %	6.30 %	10.89 %	6.66 %	7.95 %
Noninterest expense / Average total assets	2.60 %	2.64 %	2.64 %	2.64 %	2.57 %
Less: impact of restructuring costs	(0.01)%	(0.06)%	(0.31)%	(0.07)%	(0.08)%
Less: impact of total spin-off costs	— %	— %	(0.02)%	— %	(0.08)%
Adjusted noninterest expense / Average total assets	2.59 %	2.58 %	2.31 %	2.57 %	2.41 %

Appendix 1
Non-GAAP Financial Measures Reconciliations (cont'd)

(in thousands, except per share amounts and percentages)	Three Months Ended, December 31, 2019	Three Months Ended, September 30, 2019	Three Months Ended, December 31, 2018	Years Ended December 31, 2019	Years Ended December 31, 2018
Salaries and employee benefits / Average total assets	1.81 %	1.70 %	1.88 %	1.73 %	1.69 %
Less: impact of restructuring costs	(0.01)%	(0.03)%	(0.23)%	(0.02)%	(0.06)%
Less: impact of total Spin-off costs	— %	— %	— %	— %	(0.01)%
Adjusted salaries and employee benefits / Average total assets	1.80 %	1.67 %	1.65 %	1.71 %	1.62 %
Other operating expenses / Average total assets	0.79 %	0.95 %	0.76 %	0.91 %	0.87 %
Less: impact of restructuring costs	— %	(0.04)%	(0.08)%	(0.05)%	(0.02)%
Less: impact of total Spin-off costs	— %	— %	(0.02)%	— %	(0.07)%
Adjusted other operating expenses / Average total assets	0.79 %	0.91 %	0.66 %	0.86 %	0.78 %
Efficiency ratio	76.94 %	79.38 %	79.46 %	77.47 %	78.77 %
Less: impact of restructuring costs	(0.17)%	(1.90)%	(9.30)%	(1.89)%	(2.34)%
Less: impact of total spin-off costs	— %	— %	(0.52)%	— %	(2.44)%
Plus: gain on sale of vacant Beacon land	3.33 %	—%	—%	0.81 %	—%
Adjusted efficiency ratio	80.10 %	77.48 %	69.64 %	76.39 %	73.99 %
Stockholders' equity	$ 834,701	$ 825,751	$ 747,418	$ 834,701	$ 747,418
Less: goodwill and other intangibles	(21,744)	(20,933)	(21,042)	(21,744)	(21,042)
Tangible common stockholders' equity	$ 812,957	$ 804,818	$ 726,376	$ 812,957	$ 726,376
Total assets	7,985,399	7,864,260	8,124,347	7,985,399	8,124,347
Less: goodwill and other intangibles	(21,744)	(20,933)	(21,042)	(21,744)	(21,042)
Tangible assets	$ 7,963,655	$ 7,843,327	$ 8,103,305	$ 7,963,655	$ 8,103,305
Common shares outstanding	43,146	43,205	43,183	43,146	43,183
Tangible common equity ratio	10.21 %	10.26 %	8.96 %	10.21 %	8.96 %
Stockholders' book value per common share	$ 19.35	$ 19.11	$ 17.31	$ 19.35	$ 17.31
Tangible stockholders' book value per common share	$ 18.84	$ 18.63	$ 16.82	$ 18.84	$ 16.82

Appendix 1
Non-GAAP Financial Measures Reconciliations (cont'd)

(1) Expenses incurred for actions designed to implement the Company's strategy as a new independent company. These actions include, but are not limited to reductions in workforce, streamlining operational processes, rolling out the Amerant brand, implementation of new technology system applications, enhanced sales tools and training, expanded product offerings and improved customer analytics to identify opportunities.

(2) The spin-off caused an unexpected early distribution for U.S. federal income tax purposes from our deferred compensation plan. This distribution was taxable to plan participants as ordinary income during 2018. We partially compensated plan participants, in the aggregate amount of $1.2 million, for the higher tax expense they incurred as a result of the distribution increasing the plan participants' estimated effective federal income tax rates by recording a contribution to the plan on behalf of its participants. The after tax net effect of this $1.2 million contribution for the twelve months ended 2018, was approximately $952,000. As a result of the early taxable distribution to plan participants, we expensed and deducted for federal income tax purposes, previously deferred compensation of approximately $8.1 million, resulting in an estimated tax credit of $1.7 million, which exceeded the amount of the tax gross-up paid to plan participants.

(3) Calculated based upon the estimated annual effective tax rate for the periods, which excludes the tax effect of discrete items, and the amounts that resulted from the permanent difference between spin-off costs that are non-deductible for Federal and state income tax purposes, and total spin-off costs recognized in the consolidated financial statements. The estimated annual effective rate applied for the calculation differs from the reported effective tax rate since it is based on a different mix of statutory rates applicable to these expenses and to the rates applicable to the Company and its subsidiaries.

(4) As of December 31, 2019, September 30, 2019, June 30, 2019 and March 31, 2019 potential dilutive instruments consisted of unvested shares of restricted stock and restricted stock units mainly related Company's IPO in 2018. As of December 31, 2019, and March 31, 2019 unvested shares of restricted stock and restricted stock units totaled 530,620 and 786,213, respectively, and 789,652 as of September 30, 2019 and June 30, 2019. These potential dilutive instruments were included in the diluted earnings per share computation because, when the unamortized deferred compensation cost related to these shares was divided by the average market price per share at those dates, fewer shares would have been purchased than restricted shares assumed issued. Therefore, at those dates, such awards resulted in higher diluted weighted average shares outstanding than basic weighted average shares outstanding, and had a dilutive effect in per share earnings for the year ended December 31, 2019. We had no outstanding dilutive instruments as of any period prior to December 2018.

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