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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

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**FORM 8-K**

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

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): June 15, 2023**

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**Amerant Bancorp Inc.**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Florida**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**001-38534**  
(Commission  
file number)

**65-0032379**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification Number)

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

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

**33134**  
(Zip 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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- 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  
Class A Common Stock

Trading Symbols  
AMTB

Name of exchange on which registered  
NASDAQ

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

Emerging growth company

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.

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**Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.**

The slide presentation attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1, and incorporated herein by reference, will be presented to certain existing investors and prospective investors of Amerant Bancorp Inc. (the “Company”) on June 15, 2023, and may be used by the Company in various other presentations to existing and prospective investors and to analysts on or after such date.

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 99.1 attached hereto, shall not be deemed “filed” for 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**

<u>Number</u>	<u>Exhibit</u>
99.1	<a href="#">Investor Presentation to be used beginning June 15, 2023</a>
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document)

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**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: June 15, 2023

Amerant Bancorp Inc.

By: /s/ Julio V. Pena  
Name: Julio V. Pena  
Title: Senior Vice President, Securities Counsel and  
Corporate Secretary

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**Investor Update**

June 14, 2023

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# Important Notices and Disclaimers

## Forward-Looking Statements

This presentation contains "forward-looking statements" including statements with respect to the Company's 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, which forward looking statements include information in this presentation regarding the Company's estimates for certain financial/operational measures through May 31, 2023 and the Company's outlook for certain financial/operational measures for the second quarter of 2023, including, without limitation, estimates and outlook for provision for loan losses and net interest margin. 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," "dedicated," "create," and other similar words and expressions of the future.

Forward-looking statements, including those relating 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, except as required by law. 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, 2022, our quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2023, 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](http://www.sec.gov).

## Interim and Annual Financial Information

The financial/operational information included in this presentation as of May 31, 2023 is based on information available as of such date and management's initial review of operations for the second quarter of 2023 through May 31, 2023. Such information remains subject to change based on the completion of the second quarter 2023 and the Company's customary closing and review procedures. Further, the Company's independent auditor has not reviewed or performed any procedures on such financial/operational information. Such financial/operational information may not reflect our results of operations for our fiscal year ending, or financial condition as of December 31, 2023, or any other period of time or date.

Unaudited financial information as of and for interim periods, including the three months periods ended December 31, 2022 and March 31, 2023 and audited financial information for the twelve-month period ended December 31, 2022, may not reflect our results of operations for our fiscal year ending, or financial condition as of December 31, 2023, or any other period of time or date.

## Non-GAAP Financial Measures

The Company supplements its financial results that are determined in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP") with non-GAAP financial measures, such as "core noninterest income", and "core operating expenses". This supplemental information is not required by, or is not presented in accordance with GAAP. The Company refers to these financial measures and ratios as "non-GAAP financial measures" and they should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for the GAAP measures presented herein.

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 have incurred in connection with the Company's restructuring activities that began in 2018 and continued in 2022, including the effect of non-core banking activities such as the sale of loans and securities, the valuation of securities, derivatives, loans held for sale and other real estate owned, the sale of our corporate headquarters in the fourth quarter of 2021, and other non-routine actions intended to improve customer service and operating performance. 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.

Appendix I reconciles these non-GAAP financial measures to reported results.

# Executive Summary (as of May 31, 2023)

The purpose of this presentation is to provide investors and analysts with key updates regarding the Company's current performance and outlook for the second quarter of 2023.

Areas covered include:

- Deposits - results to date show continued organic growth, further reduction in uninsured deposits and a significant reduction in institutional deposits
- Branch optimization - new consolidation in 4Q 2023 to coincide with upcoming opening in Downtown Miami, and new office in Houston to support the build out of private banking
- Stock repurchase program - the Company resumed prudent, low volume daily repurchases in May
- Actions taken by management regarding one time/non-recurring items, including staffing optimization to reduce expense run rate in upcoming quarters
- Credit update, with a focus on CRE performance, indirect consumer lending and on factors impacting provision for 2Q 2023
- Updated outlook on projected 2Q 2023 results, driven by market factors, credit and management actions

# 2023 Investor Update (as of May 31, 2023)

## Loans:

- Growth YTD of \$243 million and QTD of \$47 million
- Increase primarily in commercial loans, partially offset by continued reduction in indirect consumer loans outstanding given termination of program last year

## Deposits:

- Growth YTD of \$447 million and QTD of \$204 million
- Loan to Deposit ratio is now 95.6% compared to 97.6% for 1Q 2023 and 98.2% for 4Q 2022
- June month to date continues to show strong **organic** deposit growth; focused on improving deposit mix

## Banking Center Rationalization continues:

- Additions:
  - Key Biscayne, FL on track to open by June 30, 2023
  - Downtown Miami, Tampa and Ft. Lauderdale, FL locations expected in 4Q 2023
  - **New in 2Q23** - San Felipe/River Oaks location in Houston, TX under letter of intent; application filed with OCC
- Consolidations:
  - FM 1960 location in Houston, TX – completed on June 2, 2023. Merged with Champions banking center.
  - **New in 2Q23** – Edgewater, FL location – expected in 4Q 2023 to coincide with Downtown Miami opening

# 2023 Investor Update – Continued (as of May 31, 2023)

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## **Stock Repurchase** - \$25 million Class A common stock share repurchase program in place

- Previously repurchased in 1Q 2023 22,403 shares for \$0.6 million (pre mid-March)
- Repurchased 73,720 shares for \$1.3 million in 2Q 2023 (average price of \$17.19 per share or 0.8X Price to Book Value) (During May 2023)

## **People** – Finalized executive team moves and further optimized structure

- New Head of Commercial Banking and Houston market president onboarded in April and May 2023, respectively
- New Chief Financial Officer announced in May 2023 and started in role June 1, 2023. This completes executive level changes as former CFO has now assumed new COO role
- Merged retail and business banking into one unit to gain synergies between the two lines of business under one leader
- Rationalized organization in several other support areas; will result in future period efficiency and personnel expense savings, improved ratio of customer facing vs. support positions
- Continuing to selectively add key business development personnel in all three markets we serve, including the hire of the private banking leader in Houston, TX who starts in 3Q 2023



# Deposit Update (by line of business)

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(\$ in millions, except %)

	4Q22	1Q23	5/31/23	Growth QTD		Growth YTD	
				\$	%	\$	%
Commercial Real Estate	211	263	259	(4)	(1.7)	48	22.9
Commercial & Industrial	819	918	1,005	87	9.5	186	22.7
Specialty Finance	123	123	188	65	52.9	65	52.4
Government and Municipalities	283	279	274	(5)	(1.7)	(9)	(3.3)
Retail and Business Banking	1,514	1,459	1,616	157	10.8	101	6.7
Private Banking	285	348	428	80	23.1	143	50.4
International Banking	2,423	2,395	2,419	24	1.0	(3)	(0.1)
Institutional Deposits	757	765	580	(184)	(24.1)	(176)	(23.3)
Brokered Deposits	630	738	722	(16)	(2.1)	92	14.7
<b>Total Deposits</b>	<b>7,044</b>	<b>7,287</b>	<b>7,491</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>447</b>	<b>6.3</b>
<b>Total Gross Loans</b>	<b>6,920</b>	<b>7,115</b>	<b>7,162</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>3.5</b>
Loan to Deposit Ratio	98.2%	97.6%	95.6%				
Brokered Deposits/Total Deposits	8.9%	10.1%	9.6%				
Non-interest Bearing Deposits/Total Deposits	19.4%	18.6%	18.4%				

Strong organic deposit inflows have allowed reductions of institutional deposits

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# Deposit Update (by type)

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(\$ in millions, except %)

By Type	4Q22	1Q23	5/31/2023	Growth QTD		Growth YTD	
				\$	%	\$	%
Noninterest Bearing Demand	1,368	1,361	1,376	15	1	8	1
Interest Bearing Demand	2,300	2,490	2,563	73	3	263	11
Savings and Money Market	1,648	1,507	1,447	(60)	(4)	(201)	(12)
Time	1,728	1,929	2,105	176	9	377	22
<b>Total Deposits</b>	<b>7,044</b>	<b>7,287</b>	<b>7,491</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>447</b>	<b>6</b>

Consumer preference remains strong for higher yielding 12- and 15-month CDs

# Financial Update (as of May 31, 2023)

## Liquidity position:

- Strong level of cash on hand: \$360 million at the Federal Reserve Bank account
- Continued efforts to increase FDIC insurance through ICS reciprocal accounts

	ICS Number of Accounts	ICS Balance (\$MM)
5/31/2023	145	797.8
3/31/2023	79	540.8

- 79% of the \$1.24 billion investment portfolio's holdings have direct or indirect US government guarantee
- We have \$2.1 billion of remaining credit availability with the FHLB
- Based on current collateral availability, our borrowing capacity with the FHLB is approximately \$1.1 billion
- In addition, we have identified almost \$1.2 billion in additional loans eligible as collateral for FHLB advances
- Liquidity management includes periodic testing of lines of credit. Satisfactory results have been obtained
- No need to use liquidity facilities with Federal Reserve Bank

# Financial Update – Continued (as of May 31, 2023)

## Key actions taken / non-recurring items impacting 2Q23:

- FIS statement of work for core conversion
- Other contract termination charges related to core conversion
- Decline in valuation of a specific fintech investment given current capital raising
- Sale of select corporate debt security to reduce single point exposure
- Valuation charges for repossessed equipment (related to 1Q 2023 credit event)
- Severance expense related to organization rationalization/ includes 2 executive positions (not being replaced)
- Branch closure related charges (Edgewater location in Miami, FL) by end of 4Q 2023
- Gains from early repayment in advances from the FHLB

**- Net impact of (\$0.4 million) -**

Total one-time expenses of \$12.6 million mostly offset by total one-time income of \$12.2 million

# Financial Update – Continued (as of May 31, 2023)

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## 2Q 2023 Outlook:

- Net Interest Margin ("NIM"): projected 3.75% - 3.80%
  - Higher cost of funds to substitute terminated FHLB advances; higher cost of deposits
- Core Noninterest Income\*: \$14.7 to \$15.2 million for 2Q 2023 vs. \$15.9 million for 1Q 2023 mainly due to slightly lower derivative income in 2Q 2023
- Core Operating Expenses\*: Slightly lower at \$60.1 – \$61.0 million for 2Q 2023 vs. \$61.4 million for 1Q 2023 mainly due to lower personnel expenses
- Provision for Loan Losses (Details on next slide)

*\*Non-GAAP financial measure. "Core" excludes non-routine noninterest income and noninterest expense items. See Appendix I for a reconciliation to GAAP.*

# Credit Update

- Increased provision for Loan Losses - currently estimated at \$25 - \$30 million for 2Q 2023 quarter-end\*
  - \$9-10 million due to *updated* macro-economic factors, mainly on the CRE and consumer portfolios. Factors on CRE indicate deteriorating price index and lower prepayment speeds
  - \$7-9 million for a New York CRE loan that further deteriorated in late 2Q 2023 (to be recorded in June 2023)\*
  - \$6-7 million due to indirect consumer loans charge-offs
  - \$2 million (in aggregate) due to other smaller loan charge-offs
  - \$1-2 million due to projected loan growth

*\* Estimate is a forward-looking statement based on the portfolio's results as of May 31, 2023. See Forward Looking Statement disclaimer on page 2 of this presentation regarding factors that could affect expectations and results in future periods. Further updates through the end of 2Q 2023 may impact the level of provision recorded.*

## Credit Update – Continued (as of May 31, 2023)

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- **Loans increased** by \$47 million in 2Q 2023 quarter to date to \$7.16B from \$7.11B in 2Q 2022
- **Net Charge-offs are** \$7.8 million for 2Q 2023 quarter to date vs. \$10.8 million in 1Q23 (2Q 2023 primarily related to purchased consumer loans and other business banking loans).
- **Non-performing\* loans (NPL) are** \$22.7 million (0.32% of total loans) in 2Q 2023 quarter to date compared to \$22.1 million (0.31% of total loans) in 1Q 2023 due to downgrades of small balance commercial and residential loans offset by repayments.
- **Non-performing\* assets (NPA) are** \$43.9 million (0.47% of total assets) in 2Q 2023 quarter to date compared to \$48.6 million (0.51% of total assets) in 1Q 2023 mainly due to partial sales and charge-offs of repossessed assets.

*\*Non-performing balances are based on the portfolios' results as of May 31, 2023.  
Further updates through the end of 2Q 2023 may impact the level of NPLs and NPAs.*

# Indirect Consumer Loans

(\$ in millions, except %)

	4Q22	1Q23	5/31/23	QTD Change		YTD Change	
				\$	%	\$	%
SOFI	267	221	193	(28)	(12.7)	(75)	(27.9)
Upgrade	140	130	120	(9)	(7.3)	(20)	(14.3)
<b>Total</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>(38)</b>	<b>(10.7)</b>	<b>(95)</b>	<b>(23.2)</b>

- Determined in 4Q 2022 to exit our indirect consumer lending programs
- Portfolio has decreased \$95 million YTD as of May 31, 2023
- Charge-offs recorded on both programs YTD as of May 31, 2023 amount to \$11.3 million



# Commercial Real Estate (NYC) -Detail

Outstanding as of May 31, 2023  
(\$ in millions, except %)

CRE Type	Income Producing	Land and Construction	Total	% Property Type
Retail	83	0	83	12%
Multifamily	122	0	122	13%
Office	39	0	39	11%
Hotels	49	0	49	15%
Industrial	15	0	15	11%
Specialty	0	0	0	0%
Land	0	0	0	0%
<b>Total CRE NY</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>11%</b>

- We continue our exit strategy of the NYC CRE portfolio
- Provision for the quarter incorporates updated macroeconomic factors, which deteriorated for the hotels and office segments
- \$24 million CRE credit referenced on slide 11 of this presentation (previously rated Special Mention) has been further downgraded in June 2023 and additional reserves are projected to be recorded as part of 2Q 2023\*

\* See Forward Looking Statement disclaimer on page 2 of this presentation regarding factors that could affect expectations and results in future periods. Further updates through the end of 2Q 2023 may impact results.

# Commercial Real Estate (CRE) -Detail

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Outstanding as of May 31, 2023  
(\$ in millions, except %)

CRE Type	FL	TX	NY	Other	Total	% Total CRE	% Total Loans	Income Producing <sup>(1)</sup>	Land and Construction
Retail	\$ 464	\$ 163	\$ 83	\$ 1	\$ 711	26.2 %	9.9 %	\$ 699	\$ 12
Multifamily	336	485	122	—	\$ 943	34.7 %	13.2 %	776	167
Office	272	46	39	—	\$ 356	13.1 %	5.0 %	353	3
Hotels	255	—	49	19	\$ 323	11.9 %	4.5 %	323	—
Industrial	61	61	15	4	\$ 141	5.2 %	2.0 %	134	6
Specialty	162	—	—	7	\$ 169	6.2 %	2.4 %	141	28
Land	75	—	—	—	\$ 75	2.8 %	1.1 %	—	75
<b>Total CRE</b>	<b>\$ 1,624</b>	<b>\$ 755</b>	<b>\$ 308</b>	<b>\$ 31</b>	<b>\$ 2,718</b>	<b>100.0 %</b>	<b>38.0 %</b>	<b>\$ 2,426</b>	<b>\$ 292</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Income producing properties include non-owner occupied and multifamily residential loans

- Conservative weighted average loan-to-value (LTV) 59% and debt service coverage (DSC) 1.4x
- Strong sponsorship profile: 31% top-tier borrowers (top-tier borrowers represent 26% in multifamily, 39% in retail, 38% in office and 59% in hotel, respectively within each sub-portfolio)
- No significant tenant concentration in CRE retail loan portfolio, where the top 15 tenants represent 22% of the total. Major tenants include recognized national and regional grocery, pharmacy, food and clothing retailers and banks
- 41% of CRE loans have interest rate protection in the form of interest rate caps or swaps

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## Concluding Comments

- Deposits First – intend to remain focused on progressive **organic** growth and continued reduction in uninsured deposits via ICS program. Focused also on further improving type of deposits and expanding international growth
- Executive team is now in place. Staffing optimization that occurred in 2Q will reduce personnel run rate expense in upcoming quarters. However, will continue to look to selectively add business development team members, such as for the Houston private banking team
- Credit will continue to be a primary focus given current market conditions. Going forward, similar to deposits, moving towards only organic, full relationship lending in the three markets we serve
- Management focused on eliminating one time / non-recurring items “noise” in future quarters to the extent possible
- Results show continued progress in our transformation to be “the bank of choice in the markets we serve”

# Appendix I

## Non-GAAP Financial Measures Reconciliation\*

<i>\$ in thousands</i>	Range of Projections for the Three Months Ending on 6/30/2023*	
Total noninterest income	26,944	27,444
<u>Total non-routine noninterest income items</u>	<u>(12,205)</u>	<u>(12,205)</u>
<u>Core noninterest income</u>	<u>14,739</u>	<u>15,239</u>
Total noninterest expenses	72,662	73,662
<u>Total non-routine noninterest expense items</u>	<u>(12,600)</u>	<u>(12,600)</u>
<u>Core noninterest expenses</u>	<u>60,062</u>	<u>61,062</u>

\* Projections for 2Q 2023 are forward-looking. See Forward Looking Statement disclaimer on page 2 of this presentation regarding factors that could affect expectations and results in future periods.

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