

Q4 and Full Year 2017 Earnings Conference Call

January 24, 2018

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Full Year and December 2017 Quarter Highlights

Strong performance in 2017 with record volumes in adjusted revenues and adjusted net income; significant positive momentum entering 2018

- Completed merger with Astoria Financial Corporation ("Astoria") on October 2, 2017
- Total assets of \$30.4 billion; total portfolio loans, gross of \$20.0 billion; and total deposits of \$20.5 billion at 12/31/2017
- Tangible book value per common share⁽¹⁾ increased to \$10.53 at 12/31/2017; growth of 17.7% over prior quarter
- Q4 2017 GAAP net loss available to common stockholders of \$(35.3) million and diluted EPS of \$(0.16); adjusted net income available to common stockholders⁽¹⁾ of \$87.2 million and adjusted diluted EPS⁽¹⁾ of \$0.39
- Full year 2017 GAAP net income available to common stockholders of \$91.0 million and diluted EPS of \$0.58; adjusted net income available to common stockholders⁽¹⁾ of \$222.0 million and adjusted diluted EPS⁽¹⁾ of \$1.40 (growth of 26.1% over prior year)
- Quarterly GAAP diluted EPS impacted by Astoria merger-related expense of \$30.2 million; other restructuring charges of \$104.5 million; and a write-down to net deferred tax assets of \$40.3 million due to changes in tax laws
- Quarterly total revenue⁽²⁾ of \$257.8 million; total revenue as adjusted⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ of \$265.0 million
- Excluding loans acquired in the Astoria Merger, total commercial loans increased \$543.7 million or 15.4% annualized Q-o-Q
- Average deposits of \$20.5 billion; average cost of total deposits of 43 basis points in Q4 2017
- Declared dividend per common share of \$0.07 on January 23, 2018; paid dividend on preferred shares on January 16, 2018
- (1) Adjusted results exclude certain charges and gains. Refer to pages 16 through 21 for details on Adjusted / non-GAAP financial measures.
- (2) Total revenue is equal to net interest income plus non-interest income. Total revenue as adjusted is equal to tax equivalent net interest income plus non-interest income, excluding securities gains and losses. Adjusted total net revenue is a non-GAAP measure. Refer to page 20 for a reconciliation to GAAP total revenue.

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Summary of Quarterly Financial Performance

(\$ in millions, except per share data)		Quarter Ended			
	12/31/2016	9/30/2017	12/31/2017	Linked Q Δ	ΥΟΥ Δ
Selected Balance Sheet Data: (1)					
Total Assets	\$14,178	\$16,780	\$30,360	80.9%	114.1%
Total portfolio Loans, Gross	9,527	10,494	20,009	90.7%	110.0%
Investment Securities	3,119	4,516	6,475	43.4%	107.6%
Average Earning Assets	12,566	14,471	26,044	80.0%	107.3%
Core Deposits (2)(3)	8,805	9,753	17,101	75.3%	94.2%
Tangible Common Equity ⁽⁴⁾	1,092	1,215	2,368	94.9%	116.8%
Tangible Book Value per Common Share	8.08	8.95	10.53	17.7%	30.3%
Selected Profitability Data: (1)					
Net Interest Income	\$107.2	\$120.1	\$234.0	\$113.9	\$126.8
Provision for Loan Losses	5.5	5.0	12.0	7.0	6.5
Non-interest Income (5)	13.9	14.0	23.8	9.8	9.9
Non-interest Expense	57.1	62.6	250.7	188.1	193.6
Net Income (Loss) Available to Common Stockholders	41.0	44.9	(35.3)	(80.2)	(76.3)
Key Performance Measures: (1)					
GAAP Diluted Earnings (Loss) per Share	\$0.31	\$0.33	(\$0.16)	(\$0.49)	(\$0.47)
Adjusted Diluted Earnings per Share (4)	0.30	0.35	0.39	0.04	0.09
Net Interest Margin (tax equivalent basis)(4)(6)	3.52%	3.42%	3.67%	25 bps	15 bps
Adjusted Operating Efficiency Ratio (4)	43.3	40.6	41.4	80 bps	(190) bps
Adjusted ROATA ⁽⁴⁾	1.23	1.27	1.25	(2) bps	2 bps
Adjusted ROATE (4)	15.27	15.85	14.49	(136) bps	(78) bps

⁽¹⁾ See earnings release dated January 23, 2018.

⁽²⁾ Core deposits include retail, commercial and municipal transaction, money market and savings accounts and exclude certificates of deposit and brokered deposits except for reciprocal CDARs.

⁽³⁾ See page 9 for details on core deposits.

⁽⁴⁾ See pages 16 through 21 for a reconciliation of non-GAAP / adjusted financial measures.

⁽⁵⁾ Non-interest income excludes gain or loss on sale of securities and Q4 2016 gain on sale of trust division.

⁽⁶⁾ Tax equivalent basis represents interest income earned on tax exempt securities divided by the applicable Federal tax rate of 35%.

Reconciliation of GAAP Earnings to Adjusted Earnings

- GAAP results were impacted by Astoria merger-related expense, other restructuring charges and writedown of net deferred tax assets
- Adjusted earnings based on effective tax rate of 31.5% for Q4 and full year 2017; increase in proportion of tax-exempt income given strong performance in public sector finance business and municipal securities

	Quarter Ended							Calendar Year Ended					
(\$ in thousands, except per share data)	1	2/31/2016		9/30/2017		12/31/2017	1	12/31/2016	1	.2/31/2017			
Reported income (loss) before income tax	\$	60,733	\$	66,444	\$	(4,960)	\$	207,354	\$	180,970			
Adjustments to reported income (loss) (pre-tax):													
Net loss on sale of securities		102		21		70		(7,522)		344			
Net (gain) on sale of trust division		(2,255)		_		_		(2,255)		_			
Merger-related expense		_		4,109		30,230		265		39,232			
Charge for asset write-downs, systems integration, retention and severance		_		_		104,506		4,485		105,110			
Loss on extinguishment of borrowings		_		_		_		9,729		_			
Amortization of non-compete agreements		610		333		333		3,514		1,411			
Total Adjusted pre-tax Income		59,190		70,907		130,179		215,570		327,067			
Income tax expense at adjusted effective tax rate		(19,236)		(23,042)		(41,006)		(70,052)		(103,026)			
Adjusted Net Income (non-GAAP)		39,954		47,865		89,173		145,518		224,041			
Preferred stock dividend						2,002				2,002			
Adjusted net income available to common stockholders (non-GAAP)	\$	39,954	\$	47,865	\$	87,171	\$	145,518	\$	222,039			
Adjusted Diluted EPS (non-GAAP)	\$	0.30	\$	0.35	\$	0.39	\$	1.11	\$	1.40			
GAAP Reported Diluted EPS	\$	0.31	\$	0.33	\$	(0.16)	\$	1.07	\$	0.58			
Weighted average diluted shares outstanding		132,995,762		135,950,160		224,055,991		131,234,462		158,124,270			
Adjusted effective tax rate		32.5%		32.5%		31.5%		32.5%		31.5%			

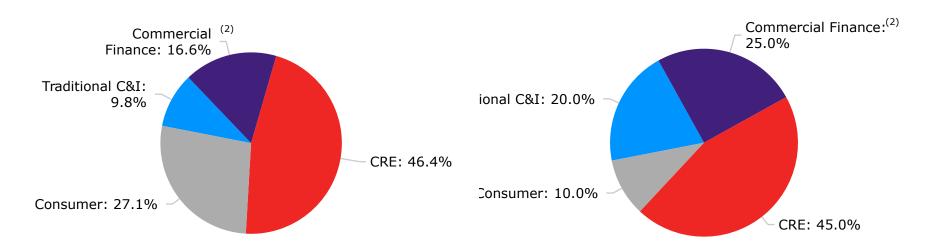
Note: See pages 16 through 21 for a reconciliation of non-GAAP financial measures.

Loan Composition Impacted by Astoria Merger

- Multi-family loans increased to 24.3% of portfolio loans from 9.7% in linked quarter
- Residential mortgage loans increased to 25.3% of portfolio from 6.5% in linked quarter
- Total average commercial loans were \$14.0 billion, or 71.6% of portfolio loans for Q4 2017 (1)

Loan Portfolio at 12/31/17

Target Loan Portfolio



Total Gross Portfolio Loans: \$20.0 B Yield on Loans: 4.77%⁽³⁾ Yield on Loans Excluding Accretion Income: 4.08%⁽³⁾

Targeted Annual Portfolio Loan Growth of 8-10%

- (1) Commercial loans include traditional commercial and industrial ("C&I"), commercial finance, commercial real estate ("CRE"), multi-family and acquisition development and construction ("ADC"). See page 7.
- (2) Includes asset-based lending, payroll finance, warehouse lending, factored receivables, equipment financing and public sector finance loans.
- (3) Represents loan portfolio yield for the three months ended December 31, 2017. Yield on loans excluding accretion income excludes \$33.7 million of accretion income on acquired loans.

Transitioning Combined Loan Portfolio

- Traditional C&I and Commercial Finance loans grew \$368 million, or 29.6% annualized in Q4 2017 and had a weighted average yield of 4.71% (excluding accretion income)
- Total commercial loan growth of \$543 million, or 15.4% annualized in Q4 2017
- Strategy is to replace run-off of acquired multi-family and residential mortgage loans with commercial asset classes
- Augment organic loan growth with portfolio acquisitions

(\$ in millions)	Loan Portfo	lio Balances	Gro	wth	Yield on loans			
Line of Business	Pro Forma at Close ⁽¹⁾	12/31/17	Amount \$	Annualized %	With Accretion	Excluding Accretion		
Commercial:								
Traditional C&I and Commercial Finance (2)	\$ 4,939	\$ 5,307	\$ 368	29.6 %	4.96 %	4.71 %		
Commercial Real Estate	4,079	4,139	60	5.9	4.59	4.28		
Multi-Family	4,791	4,860	69	5.7	4.64	3.74		
ADC	236	283	46	77.7	6.01	6.01		
Total Commercial	14,045	14,589	543	15.4	4.74%	4.27%		
Residential Mortgage	5,282	5,055	(227)	(17.1)	4.83	3.56		
Other Consumer	377	366	(10)	(10.9)	5.43	4.64		
Gross Portfolio Loans	\$ 19,703	\$ 20,009	\$ 306	6.2	4.77	4.08		

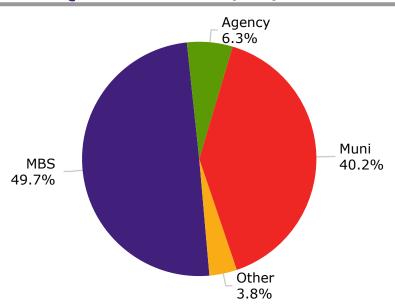
⁽¹⁾ Pro forma at close data includes fair value adjustments on Astoria's loan portfolio.

⁽²⁾ Commercial finance loans include: asset-based lending, payroll finance, warehouse lending, factored receivables, equipment finance, and public sector finance loans.

Securities Portfolio Repositioning Is Complete

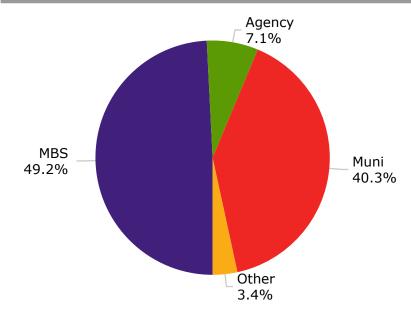
- Increase of \$2.0 billion (EOP balances) and \$2.0 billion (average balances) Q-o-Q
- Long-term target of ~22.5% securities to earning assets
- Change in tax laws will decrease tax equivalent yield on securities by ~15-20 basis points

Quarter Ended 9/30/2017



Total Portfolio: \$4.5 billion⁽¹⁾
% of Total Earning Assets: 29.4%⁽¹⁾
Tax Equivalent Yield on Securities: 2.87%⁽²⁾
Weighted Average Duration: 5.54⁽¹⁾

Quarter Ended 12/31/2017



Total Portfolio: \$6.5 billion⁽¹⁾
% of Total Earning Assets: 23.9%⁽¹⁾
Tax Equivalent Yield on Securities: 3.03%⁽²⁾
Weighted Average Duration: 5.53⁽¹⁾

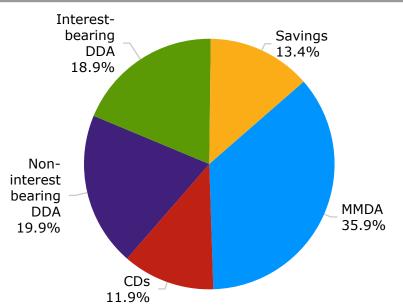
- (1) Represents end of period balance, percentage or duration.
- (2) Represents yield for the quarter.

Attractive Deposit Base to Support Further Growth

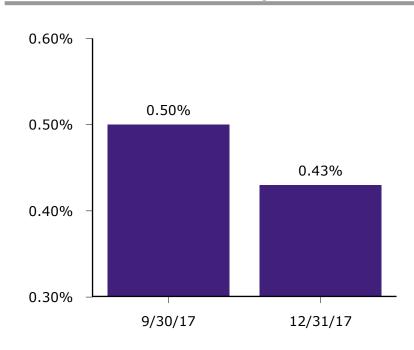
- 83.3% core deposits⁽¹⁾; total deposits had a cost of 43 basis points⁽²⁾
- Retail and commercial⁽³⁾: 86.2%; municipal: 7.7%; wholesale and other⁽⁴⁾: 6.1%
- Loans to deposits ratio of 97.4% as of December 31, 2017

Deposit Composition

Total Cost of Deposits(2)







- (1) Core deposits include retail, commercial and municipal transaction, money market and savings accounts and exclude certificates of deposit and brokered deposits except for reciprocal CDARs.
- (2) Represents total cost of deposits for the three months ended September 30, and December 31, 2017.
- (3) Retail and commercial includes \$2.3 billion of certificates of deposit.
- (4) Wholesale and other deposits include one-way brokered deposits and other wholesale deposits.

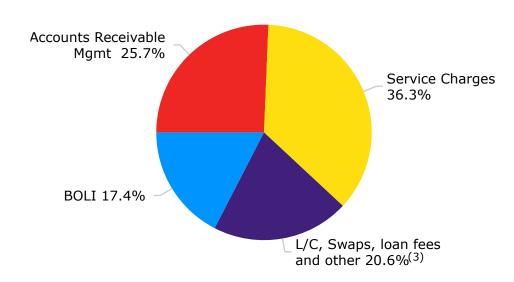
Diversified Non-Interest Income

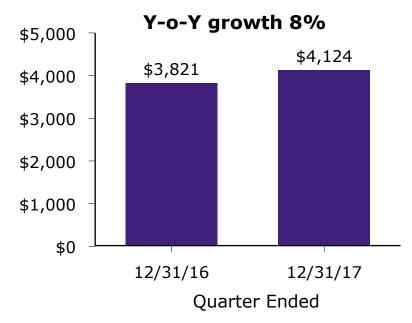
- Adjusted non-interest income⁽¹⁾ of \$23.8 million; represents 9.0% of adjusted total net revenue⁽²⁾
- New products are delivering results swaps, cash management, loan syndications and public sector finance

Non-Interest Income Composition(1)

Letter of credit commissions, SWAP fees, other loan fees and income (3)

(\$ in thousands)

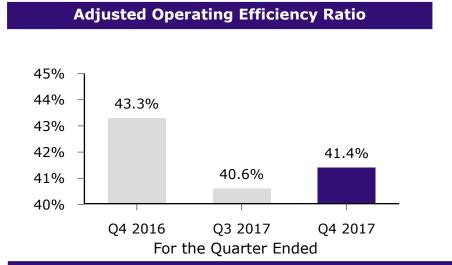


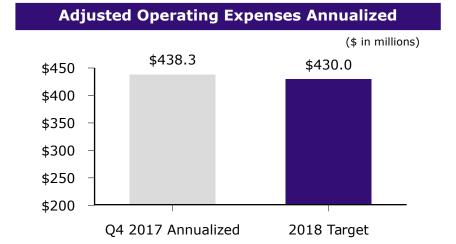


Adjusted Non-Interest Income Q4 2017: \$23.8 M⁽¹⁾ % of Total Net Revenue: 9.0%

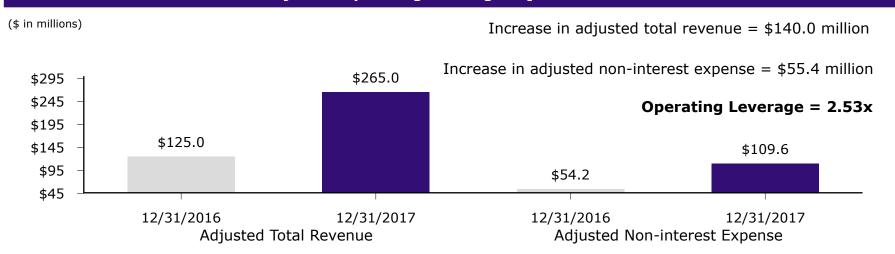
- (1) Excludes net (losses) gains on sale of securities.
- (2) Adjusted total net revenue is a non-GAAP / adjusted measure. Refer to page 18 for a reconciliation to GAAP.
- (3) Includes loan swap fees, letter of credit fees, gain on sale of loans and loan syndication/participations.

Significant Positive Operating Leverage Driving Results





Adjusted Operating Leverage - Quarter Ended



Note: See pages 16 through 21 for a reconciliation of non-GAAP / adjusted financial measures.

Strong Asset Quality and Capital Ratios

(\$ in millions)			1	As of or	r for tl	he quart	er e	ended			
Ratios and Balances	12	/31/2016	3/31/	3/31/2017		0/2017	g	9/30/2017	12/31/2017		
Asset Quality Data:											
Non-performing loans to total loans		0.83%		0.75%	ı	0.70%)	0.66%		0.94%	
Net charge-offs to average loans (annualized)		0.06		0.05		0.05		0.12		0.13	
Allowance for loan losses to:											
Total loans		0.67		0.69		0.69		0.69		0.39	
Non-performing loans		80.7		91.8		98.3		103.9		41.6	
Non-performing assets to total assets		0.65		0.56		0.53		0.48		0.71	
Special Mention	\$	104.6	\$	110.8	\$	103.0	\$	118.0	\$	136.6	
Substandard		95.2		101.5		97.5		104.2		232.5	
Doubtful		0.4		0.9		0.9		0.8		0.8	
Total Criticized / Classified		200.2	:	213.2		201.4		223.0		369.8	
Loans 30 to 89 days past due		15.1		15.6		15.1		21.5		53.5	
Non-accrual and 90 days past due & still accruing		78.9		72.9		71.4		69.5		187.2	
Capital Ratio Data:											
Tangible Equity to Tangible Assets		8.14%		8.12%	ı	8.02%)	7.58%		8.27%	
Tier 1 Leverage Ratio (STL)		8.95		8.89		8.72		8.42		9.40	
Tier 1 Leverage Ratio (SNB)		9.08		8.99		8.89		8.49		10.08	

Significant Momentum Heading into 2018

Metric	Target Range	Analysis
Loan growth	8% - 10%	 Grow loans ~\$1.8 billion through combination of organic growth and opportunistic portfolio acquisitions
Loans to deposits ratio	95 - 100%	 Balanced growth of commercial and retail banking Replace wholesale deposits / borrowings over time
Net interest margin (excluding accretable yield)	3.05 - 3.15%	 All-in NIM estimate of 3.50% - 3.60% including accretion income Reflects ~10 basis point reduction in tax equivalent NIM due to tax law change
Fee income	\$100 - \$110mm	 Continue to grow swaps, cash management and syndication businesses Focus on commercial finance acquisitions that are also fee income heavy
Operating expenses (excluding amortization of intangibles)	~\$425mm	 Decreasing expense base as cost savings are realized over next 2 years Invest in commercial banking and specialty businesses
Excess tangible equity / capital position	8.3% TCE ratio	 Strong capital position results in no concentration issues; flexibility to grow all asset classes Internal capital generation will continue to be utilized to support balance sheet growth
Effective tax rate	23-25%	Reflects reduction due to change in tax laws

Another Strong Year in the Evolution of Sterling Bancorp

- Successful transformation from thrift business model to diversified commercial bank
- Focus on executing commercial team strategy and generating higher levels of productivity
- Building a larger, more diversified and more profitable company

	Twelve Months Ended				2017 vs 2016	2017 vs 2011	
Metric		9/30/11		12/31/16	12/31/17	Growth % / Change bps	Growth % / Change bps
Balance Sheet Growth:							
Total assets	\$	3,137	\$	14,178	\$ 30,359	114.1%	867.8%
Total loans		1,704		9,527	20,009	110.0%	1,074.2%
Total deposits		2,297		10,068	20,538	104.0%	794.1%
Improving Efficiency and Rising Profitability:							
Net Income, as adjusted	\$	9.4	\$	145.5	\$ 222.0	52.6%	2,262%
Diluted EPS, as adjusted		0.25		1.11	1.40	26.1%	460%
ROATA, as adjusted		0.28%		1.23%	1.27%	0.04	0.99
ROATE, as adjusted		3.00%		14.90%	15.17%	0.27	12.17
Efficiency ratio, as adjusted		76.30%		46.20%	41.80%	(440)	(3,450)
Shareholder Impact:							
Market capitalization	\$	220	\$	3,165	\$ 5,530	74.7%	2,414%
Stock price		5.82		23.40	24.60	5.1%	323%

Note: Adjusted results exclude certain charges and gains. Refer to pages 16 through 21 for details on adjusted / non-GAAP financial measures.

Full Year 2017 Summary

- Strong momentum in adjusted revenue, earnings and profitability metrics
- Operating efficiencies continue to be realized through multiple strategies
- Revenue growth opportunities are significant
- · Continued investment in commercial banking, commercial finance, and fee-based businesses
- Focus on deposit growth opportunities to allow continued consolidation of financial centers
- Strong credit quality
- Astoria Merger completed October 2, 2017; significant cost savings and revenue enhancements to be realized
- Strong combined balance sheet with robust capital and excess liquidity
- Strategic actions position us for continued high performance
- Execution is the key

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Adjusted Information (non-GAAP financial information)

- In this presentation, we have referred to non-GAAP/adjusted results to help illustrate the impact of certain types of items, such as the following:
 - † The impact of the securities gains and losses, the net gain on the sale of our trust division, non-taxable income, merger-related expenses and charge for asset write-downs, systems integration, retention and severance, loss on extinguishment of borrowings and amortization of non-compete agreements and acquired customer list intangible assets to our net income.
 - † Our tangible equity (common stockholders' equity, less intangible assets, other than servicing rights).

These measures are used by management and the Board of Directors on a regular basis, in addition to our GAAP results, to facilitate the assessment of our financial performance and to assess our performance compared to our budgets and strategic plans. These non-GAAP financial measures complement our GAAP reporting and are presented below to provide investors, analysts, regulators and others information and reconciliations that we use to manage and evaluate our business each period.

This information supplements our results as reported in accordance with GAAP, and should not be viewed in isolation from, or as a substitute for, our GAAP results.

Quarterly Non-GAAP/Adjusted to GAAP Reconciliation

(\$ in thousands except share and per share data)				As of	or 1	for the quarter	end	ed		
	1	.2/31/2016		3/31/2017		6/30/2017		9/30/2017		12/31/2017
The following table shows the reconciliation of stockholders' equity to tangit	ble c	common equity	and	I the tangible c	omi	mon equity rati	0:			
Total assets	\$	14,178,447	\$	14,659,337	\$	15,376,676	\$	16,780,097	\$	30,359,541
Goodwill and other intangibles		(762,953)		(760,698)	_	(758,484)	_	(756,290)	_	(1,733,082)
Tangible assets		13,415,494		13,898,639		14,618,192		16,023,807		28,626,459
common stockholders' equity		1,855,183		1,888,613		1,931,383		1,971,480		4,240,178
Preferred stock		_		_		_		_		(139,220)
Goodwill and other intangibles		(762,953)		(760,698)	_	(758,484)		(756,290)		(1,733,082)
Tangible common stockholders' equity	\$	1,092,230	\$	1,127,915	\$	1,172,899	\$	1,215,190	\$	2,367,876
Common stock outstanding at period end		135,257,570		135,604,435		135,658,226		135,807,544		224,782,694
Common stockholders' equity as a % of total assets		13.08%		12.88%		12.56%		11.75%		13.97%
Book value per common share	\$	13.72	\$	13.93	\$	14.24	\$	14.52	\$	18.24
Tangible common equity as a % of tangible assets		8.14%		8.12%		8.02%		7.58%		8.27%
Tangible book value per common share	\$	8.08	\$	8.32	\$	8.65	\$	8.95	\$	10.53
The following table shows the reconciliation of reported return on average to	angi	ble common ec	uity	and adjusted	retu	ırn on average	tan	gible common e	qui	t <u>y</u> :
Average stockholders' equity	\$	1,805,790	\$	1,869,085	\$	1,913,933	\$	1,955,252	\$	4,235,739
Average preferred stock		_		_		_		_		(139,343)
Average goodwill and other intangibles		(764,543)		(762,076)	_	(759,847)		(757,498)	_	(1,710,151)
Average tangible common stockholders' equity	\$	1,041,247	\$	1,107,009	\$	1,154,086	\$	1,197,754	\$	2,386,245
Net income (loss) available to common		40,996		39,067		42,400		44,852		(35,281)
Net income (loss) available to common, if annualized		163,093		158,438		170,066		177,945		(139,974)
Reported return on average tangible common equity		15.66%		14.31%		14.74%		14.86 %		(5.87)%
Adjusted net income available to common (see reconciliation on page 18)	\$	39,954	\$	41,461	\$	44,393	\$	47,865	\$	87,171
Annualized adjusted net income available to common		158,947		168,147		178,060		189,899		345,841
Adjusted return on average tangible common equity		15.27%		15.19%		15.43%		15.85%		14.49 %

Quarterly Non-GAAP/Adjusted to GAAP Reconciliation

(\$ in thousands except share and per share data)	As of or for the quarter ended											
	1	2/31/2016		3/31/2017	(6/30/2017	9/30/2017			12/31/2017		
The following table shows the reconciliation of the reported operating eff	icien	cy ratio and the	adj	justed operating	g effi	ciency ratio:						
Net interest income	\$	107,248	\$	108,790	\$	113,258	\$	120,073	\$	234,024		
Non-interest income		16,057		12,836		13,618		13,988		23,762		
Total net revenue		123,305		121,626		126,876		134,061		257,786		
Tax equivalent adjustment on securities		3,860		4,102		4,195		4,599		7,158		
Net loss on sale of securities		102		23		230		21		70		
Net (gain) on sale of trust division		(2,255)		_		_		_		_		
Adjusted total net revenue		125,012		125,751		131,301		138,681		265,014		
Non-interest expense		57,072		60,350		59,657		62,617		250,746		
Merger-related expense		_		(3,127)		(1,766)		(4,109)		(30,230)		
Charge for asset write-downs, systems integration, retention and severance		_		_		(603)				(104,506)		
Amortization of intangible assets		(2,881)		(2,229)		(2,187)		(2,166)		(6,426)		
Adjusted non-interest expense	\$	54,191	\$	54,994	\$	55,101	\$	56,342	\$	109,584		
Reported operating efficiency ratio		46.3%		49.6%	·	47.0%	·	46.7%	·	97.3 ^c		
Adjusted operating efficiency ratio		43.3		43.7		42.0		40.6		41.4		
Income (loss) before income tax expense	\$	60,733	\$	56,776	\$	62,719	\$	66,444	\$	(4,96		
Income tax expense	Ψ	19,737	Ψ	17,709	Ψ	20,319	Ψ	21,592	Ψ	28,319		
Net income (loss) (GAAP)		40,996		39,067		42,400		44,852		(33,279		
Adjustments:		,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,		,		,		,		(,		
Net loss on sale of securities		102		23		230		21		7		
Net (gain) on sale of trust division		(2,255)		_		_		_		-		
Merger-related expense		_		3,127		1,766		4,109		30,230		
Charge for asset write-downs, systems integration, retention and severance		_		_		603		_		104,506		
Amortization of non-compete agreements and acquired customer list intangible assets		610		396		354		333		333		
Total pre-tax adjustments		(1,543)		3,546		2,953		4,463		135,139		
Adjusted pre-tax income		59,190		60,322		65,672		70,907		130,179		
Adjusted income tax expense		(19,236)		(18,861)		(21,279)		(23,042)		(41,000		
Adjusted net income (non-GAAP)		39,954		41,461		44,393		47,865		89,173		
Preferred stock dividend										2,002		
Adjusted net income available to common stockholders (non-GAAP)	\$	39,954	\$	41,461	\$	44,393	\$	47,865	\$	87,17		
Weighted average diluted shares		132,995,762		135,811,721		135,922,897		135,950,160		224,055,991		
Reported diluted EPS (GAAP)	\$	0.31	\$	0.29	\$	0.31	\$	0.33	\$	(0.16		
Adjusted diluted EPS (non-GAAP)		0.30		0.31		0.33		0.35		0.39		

Quarterly Non-GAAP/Adjusted to GAAP Reconciliation

(\$ in thousands except share and per share data)					For	the quarter ended		
	1	.2/31/2016		3/31/2017		6/30/2017	9/30/2017	12/31/2017
The following table shows the reconciliation of reported retu	ırn on	average tangibl	e ass	sets and adjusted	retu	rn on average tangib	le assets:	
Average assets	\$	13,671,676	\$	14,015,953	\$	14,704,793 \$	15,661,514	\$ 29,277,502
Average goodwill and other intangibles		(764,543)		(762,076)		(759,847)	(757,498)	 (1,710,151)
Average tangible assets		12,907,133		13,253,877		13,944,946	14,904,016	27,567,351
Net income (loss) available to common stockholders		40,996		39,067		42,400	44,852	(35,281)
Net income (loss) available to common stockholders, if annualized		163,093		158,438		170,066	177,945	(139,974)
Reported return on average tangible assets		1.26%		1.20%		1.22%	1.19%	(0.51)%
Adjusted net income available to common stockholders (see reconciliation on page 18)	\$	39,954	\$	41,461	\$	44,393 \$	47,865	\$ 87,171
Annualized adjusted net income available to common stockholders		158,947		168,147		178,060	189,899	345,841
Adjusted return on average tangible assets		1.23%		1.27%		1.28%	1.27%	1.25 %

Annual Non-GAAP/Adjusted to GAAP Reconciliation

(\$ in thousands except share and per share data)		For the y	year ended			
				12/31/2017		
The following table shows the reconciliation of reported net income (GAAP) and earnings per share to adjusted	net income availabl	e to common sto	ockho	olders (non-		
GAAP) and adjusted diluted earnings per share 5: Income before income tax expense	\$	207,354	\$	180,970		
Income tax expense	Ψ	67,382	Ψ	87,939		
Net income (GAAP)		139,972		93,031		
Adjustments:						
Net (gain) loss on sale of securities		(7,522)		344		
Net (gain) on sale of trust division		(2,255)		_		
Merger-related expense		265		39,232		
Charge for asset write-downs, systems integration, retention and severance		4,485		105,110		
Loss on extinguishment of borrowings		9,729		_		
Amortization of non-compete agreements and acquired customer list intangible assets		3,514		1,411		
Total pre-tax adjustments		8,216		146,097		
Adjusted pre-tax income		215,570		327,067		
Adjusted income tax expense		(70,052)		(103,026)		
Adjusted net income (non-GAAP)		145,518		224,041		
Preferred stock dividend		_		2,002		
Adjusted net income available to common stockholders (non-GAAP)	\$	145,518	\$	222,039		
Weighted average diluted shares		131,234,462		158,124,270		
Reported diluted EPS (GAAP)	\$	1.07	\$	0.58		
Adjusted diluted EPS (non-GAAP)		1.11		1.40		
The following table shows the reconciliation of reported return on average tangible common equity and adjusted	d return on average	tangible commo	on eq	uity:		
Average stockholders' equity	\$	1,739,073	\$	2,498,512		
Average preferred stock		_		(35,122)		
Average goodwill and other intangibles		(762,679)		(999,333)		
Average tangible common stockholders' equity		976,394		1,464,057		
Net income available to common stockholders	\$	139,972	\$	91,029		
Reported return on average tangible common equity		14.34%)	6.22%		
Adjusted net income available to common stockholders (see reconciliation above)	\$	145,518	\$	222,039		
Adjusted return on average tangible common equity		14.90%)	15.17%		

Annual Non-GAAP/Adjusted to GAAP Reconciliation

(\$ in thousands except share and per share data)		For the y	year ended			
		12/31/2016		12/31/2017		
The following table shows the reconciliation of reported return on average tangible assets and adjusted return on average ta	ngibl	le assets:				
Average assets	\$	12,883,226	\$	18,451,301		
Average goodwill and other intangibles		(762,679)		(999,333)		
Average tangible assets		12,120,547		17,451,968		
Net income available to common stockholders		139,972		91,029		
Reported return on average tangible assets		1.15%		0.52%		
Adjusted net income available to common stockholders (see reconciliation on slide 20)	\$	145,518	\$	222,039		
Adjusted return on average tangible assets		1.20%		1.27%		
The following table shows the reconciliation of the reported operating efficiency ratio and adjusted operating efficiency ratio) <u>:</u>					
Net interest income	\$	404,269	\$	576,143		
Non-interest income		70,987		64,202		
Total net revenues		475,256		640,345		
Tax equivalent adjustment on securities		12,745		20,054		
Net (gain) loss on sale of securities		(7,522)		344		
Net (gain) on sale of trust division		(2,255)				
Adjusted total net revenue		478,224		660,743		
Non-interest expense		247,902		433,375		
Merger-related expense		(265)		(39,232)		
Charge for asset write-downs, systems integration, retention and severance		(4,485)		(105,110)		
Loss on extinguishment of borrowings		(9,729)		_		
Amortization of intangible assets		(12,416)		(13,008)		
Adjusted non-interest expense		221,007		276,025		
Reported operating efficiency ratio		52.2%		67.7%		
Adjusted operating efficiency ratio		46.2%		41.8%		

