

ASSOCIATED BANC-CORP INVESTOR PRESENTATION

THIRD QUARTER 2015



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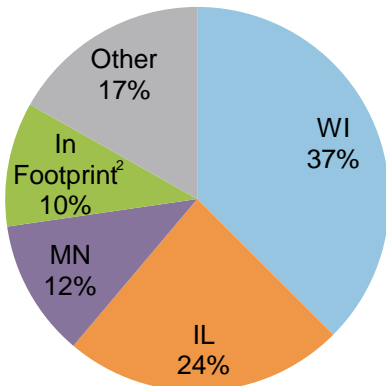
OUR FOOTPRINT AND FRANCHISE



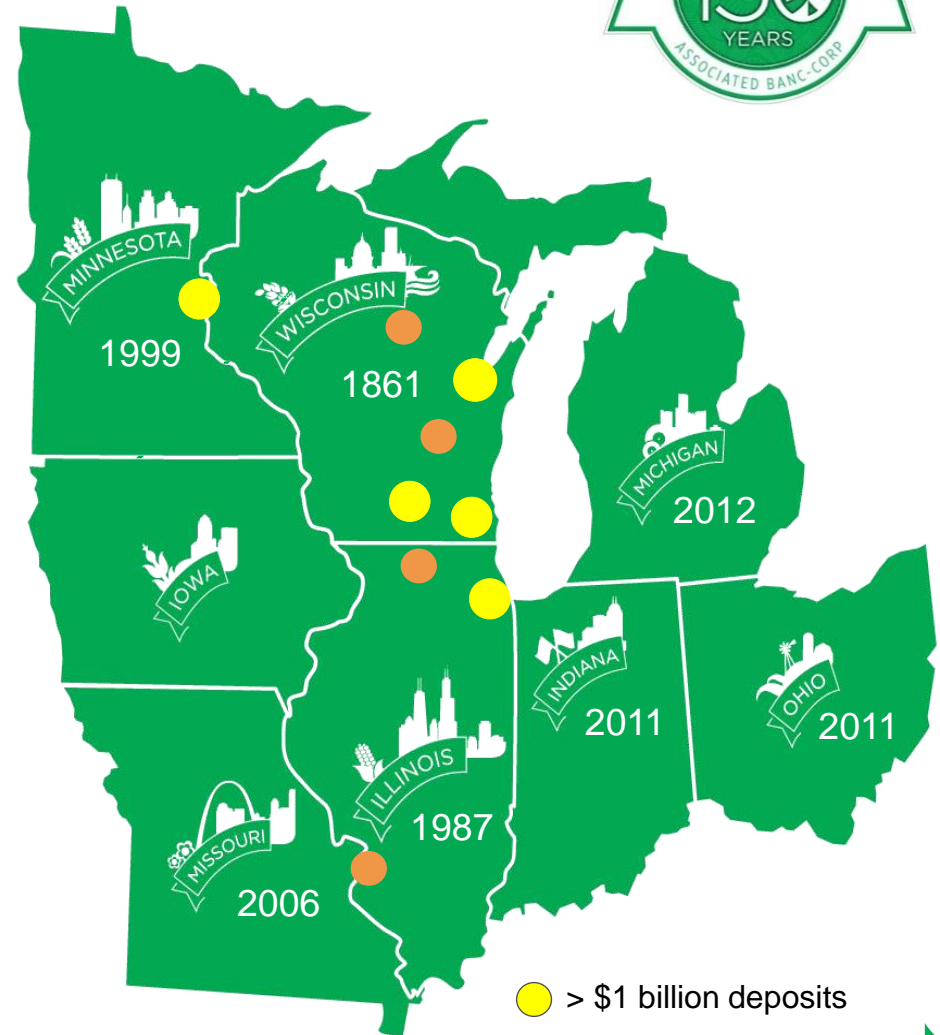
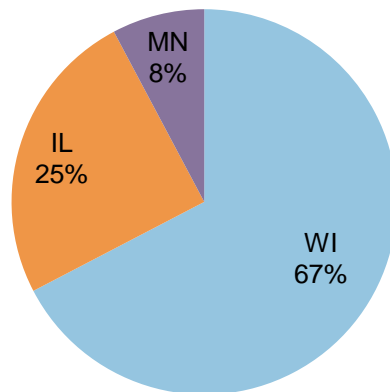
- Largest bank headquartered in Wisconsin
- \$27 billion in assets: Top 50 publicly traded bank holding company in the U.S.
- Over 200 banking locations serving over one million customers in over 100 communities
- Offering a full range of banking services and other financial products and services

Second Quarter 2015¹

Loans



Deposits

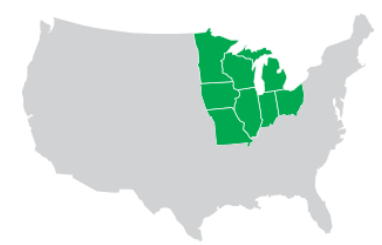


- > \$1 billion deposits
- > \$300 million deposits

¹ – Period end as of June 30, 2015; Loans excludes \$0.4 billion installment and credit card portfolio

² – Includes Missouri, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan and Iowa

ATTRACTIVE MIDWEST MARKETS



▶ We Serve a Large and Growing Market Place

- Our footprint covers ~ **20% of the U.S. population** (Est. pop ~ 61 million¹)
- Our footprint is estimated to have contributed ~ 30% of the country's recent population growth¹

▶ Top Concentration of Manufacturing Jobs

- Our footprint is home to ~ **30% of all manufacturing jobs** in the U.S.²
- Our footprint's manufacturing labor force has grown over the past three years²

LARGE
DEMOGRAPHIC
BASE

MANUFACTURING
CENTRIC

SOLID JOB
GROWTH

CREDIT WORTHY
CUSTOMERS

▶ Favorable Employment Dynamics

- Our footprint's employment has grown over the past three years³
- Wisconsin, Minnesota, Indiana, Iowa, and Ohio have unemployment rates below the national unemployment rate³

▶ Our Markets have Demonstrated Consumer Credit Strength

- **Eight of the Top 10** American cities with the highest credit scores are located within our footprint⁴
- Seven of the top 10 are located in our three state branch footprint

¹ – US Census Bureau Annual Estimates of the Resident Population, 2011-2014

² – US Bureau of Labor Statistics, Manufacturing Industry Employees, 2011-2014

³ – US Bureau of Labor Statistics, Total Nonfarm Employees, June 2015

⁴ – Experian.com, 2014 Annual Credit Study, VantageScore registered trademark



2015 SECOND QUARTER HIGHLIGHTS



Solid Loan and Fee-Revenue Growth Offset Continued Margin Compression

Balance Sheet

- Average loans of \$18.2 billion were up \$373 million, or 2% QoQ
- Average deposits of \$19.6 billion were up \$571 million, or 3% QoQ

Net Interest Income & Net Interest Margin

- Net interest income of \$166 million was down \$1 million QoQ
- Net interest margin of 2.83% compared to 2.89% in the first quarter

Noninterest Income

- Noninterest income of \$87 million was up \$6 million QoQ
- Core fee-based revenue increased \$2 million from the first quarter
- Mortgage banking revenue was up \$3 million from the first quarter

Net Income Avail. to Common & ROT1CE

- Net income (NIAC) of \$48 million, or \$0.31 per share
- Return on average common equity Tier 1 of 10.55%

Capital

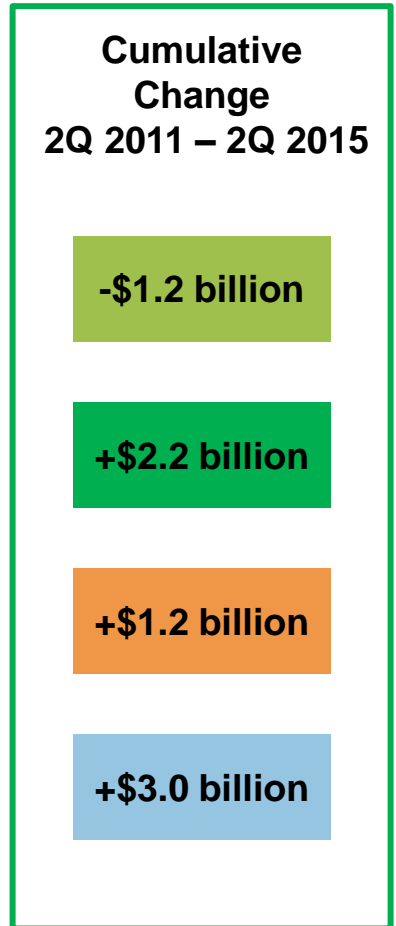
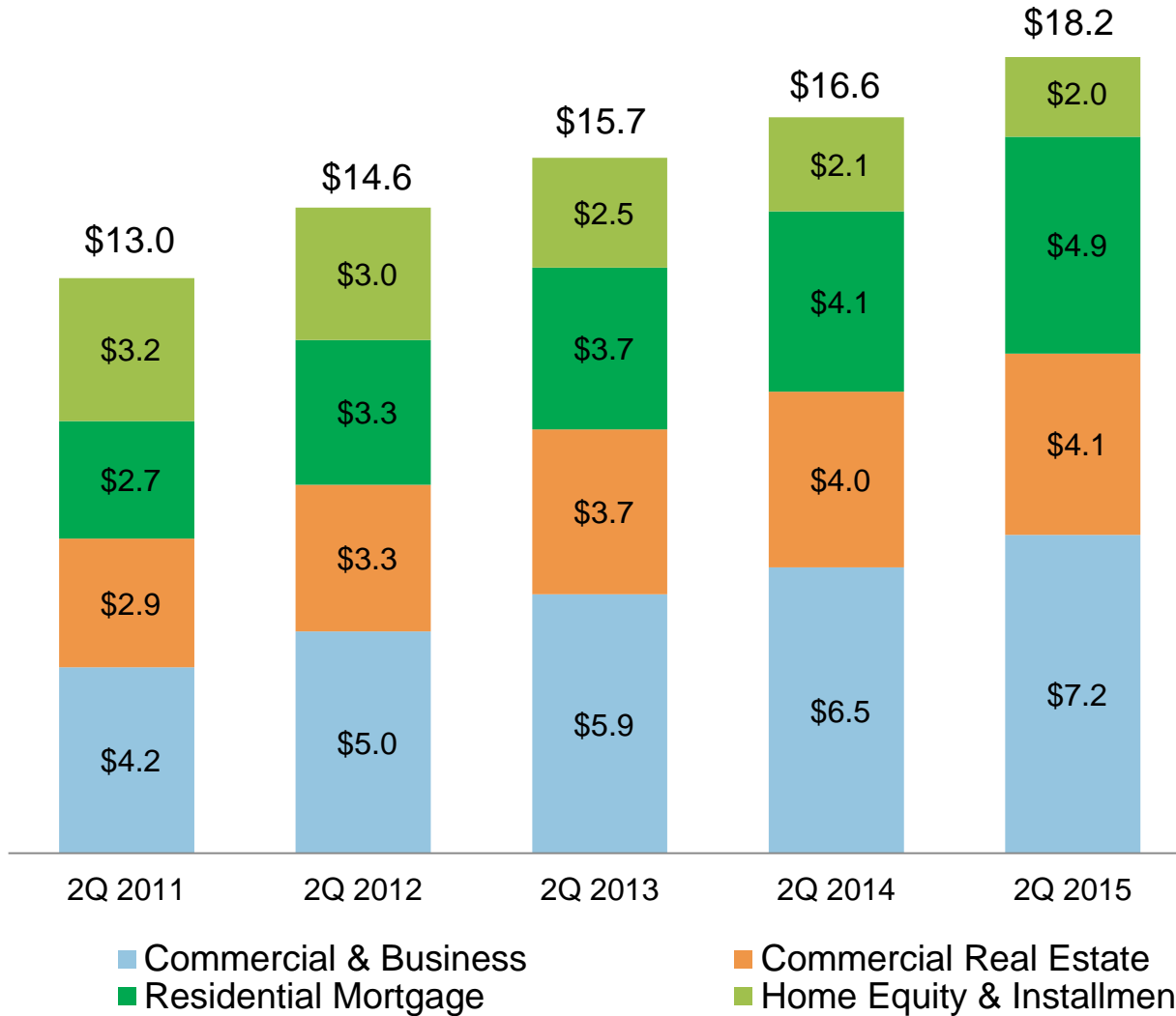
- Repurchased 3.2 million shares of common stock during 2Q
- Issued \$65 million in preferred stock with a dividend rate of 6.125%
- Capital ratios remain strong with a common equity Tier 1 ratio of 9.31%





GROWING THE LOAN PORTFOLIO¹

(\$ IN BILLIONS)



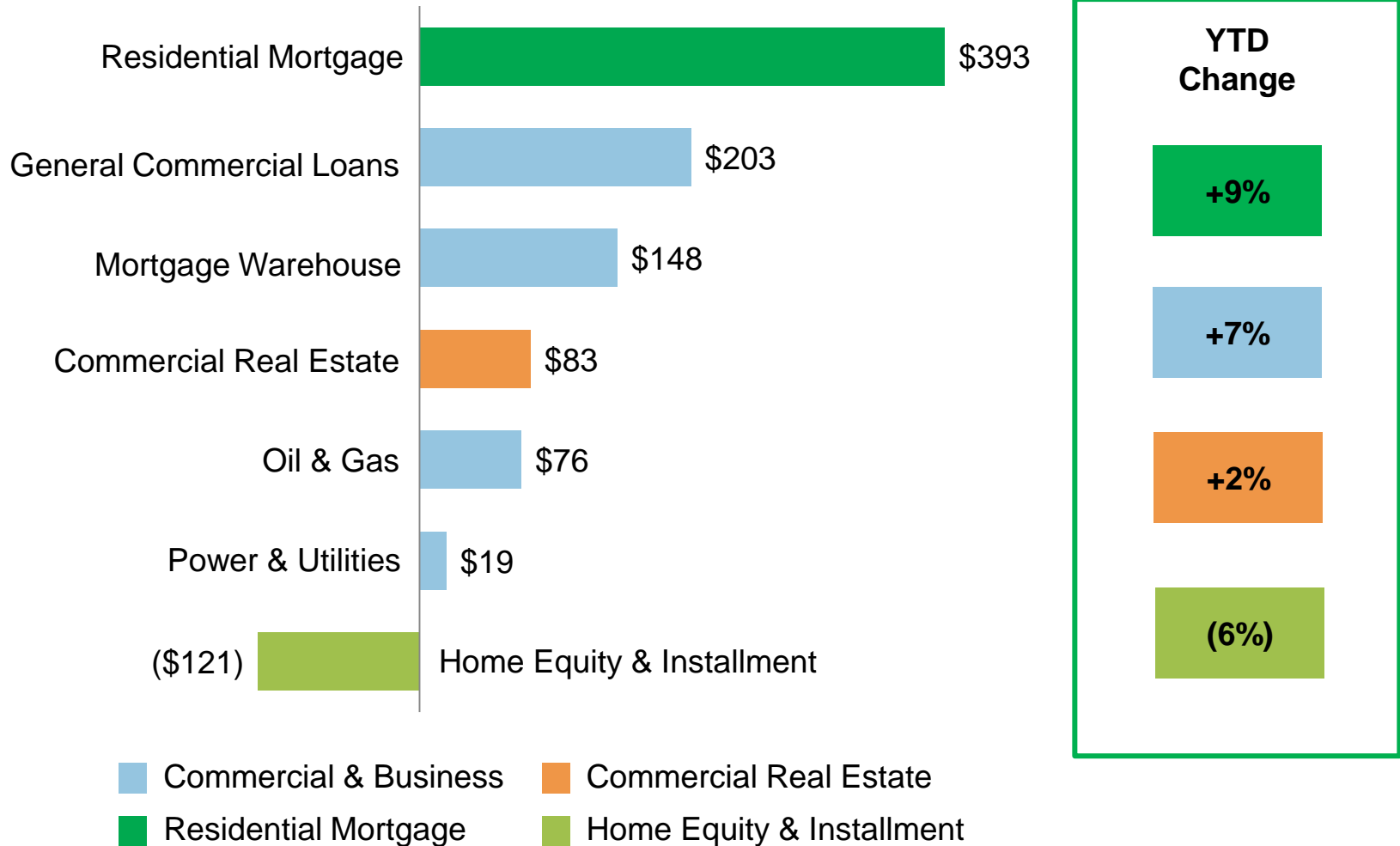
¹ – Based on average balances





LOAN PORTFOLIO GROWTH

YTD 2015 AVERAGE LOAN GROWTH OF \$801 MILLION, OR 5% FROM 4Q 2014
(\$ IN MILLIONS)



DIVERSE PORTFOLIO OF VALUE-ADDED BUSINESSES



Community, Consumer, and Business

Corporate and Commercial Specialty

Community Markets

- Rochester, MN
- Eau Claire, WI
- La Crosse, WI
- Central Wisconsin
- Rockford, IL
- Peoria, IL
- Southern Illinois

Private Client and Institutional Services

- Private Banking
- Personal Trust
- Asset Management
- Retirement Plan Services
- Associated Financial Group
- Associated Investment Services

Consumer and Business Banking

- Branch Banking
- Commercial Banking
- Residential Lending
- Payments and Direct Channels

Corporate and Specialized Lending

- Corporate Commercial and Specialized Lending
- Commercial Deposits and Treasury Management
- Capital Markets

Commercial Real Estate Lending

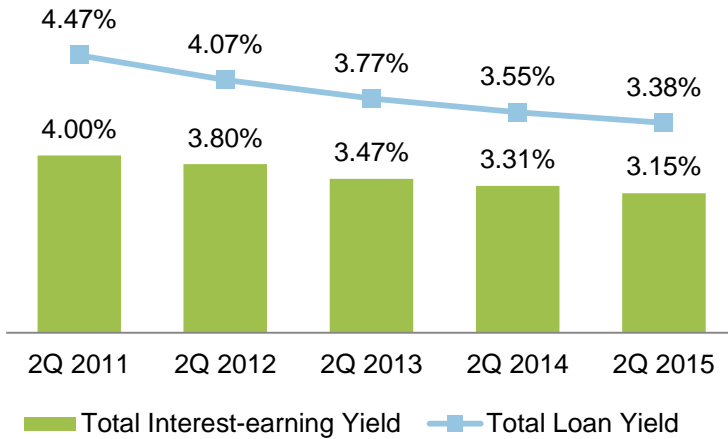
- CRE Lending
- Real Estate Investment Trusts
- CRE Syndications
- CRE Tax Credits



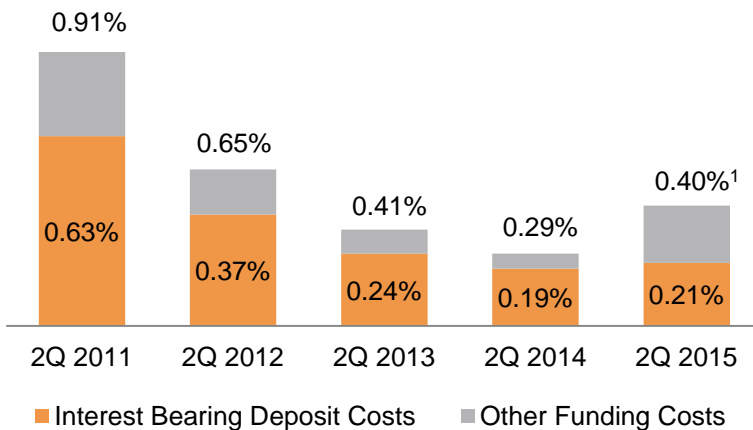
NET INTEREST INCOME AND MARGIN



Yield on Interest-earning Assets

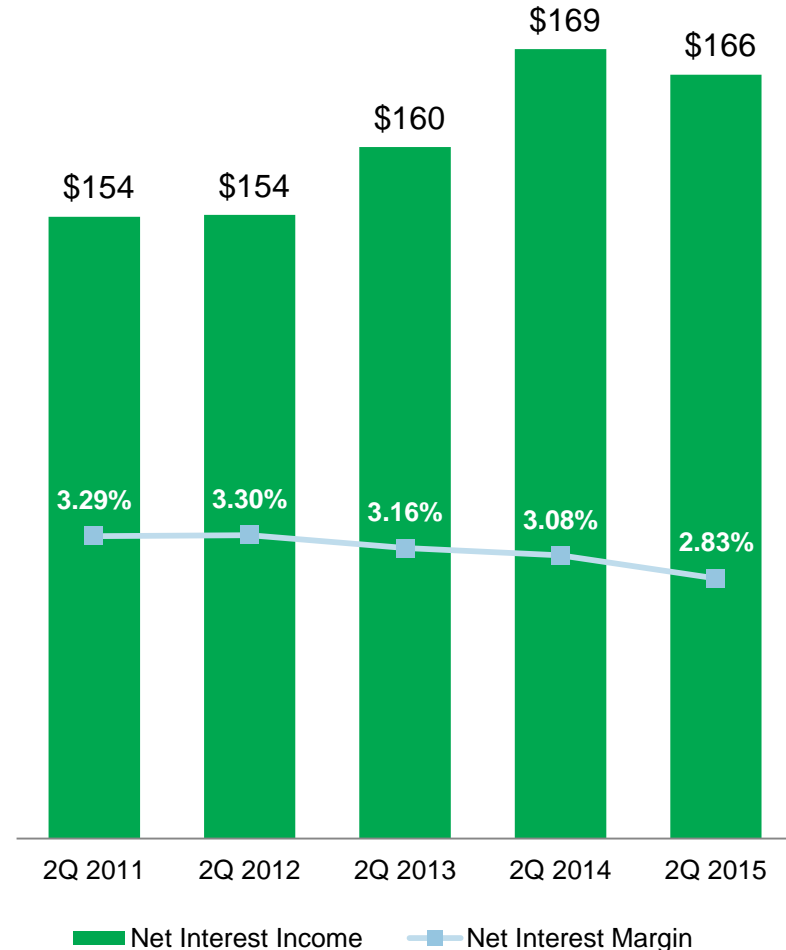


Cost of Interest-bearing Liabilities



Net Interest Income & Net Interest Margin

(\$ in millions)



¹ – Includes the effect of pre-refunding \$430 million of senior notes due 1Q 2016





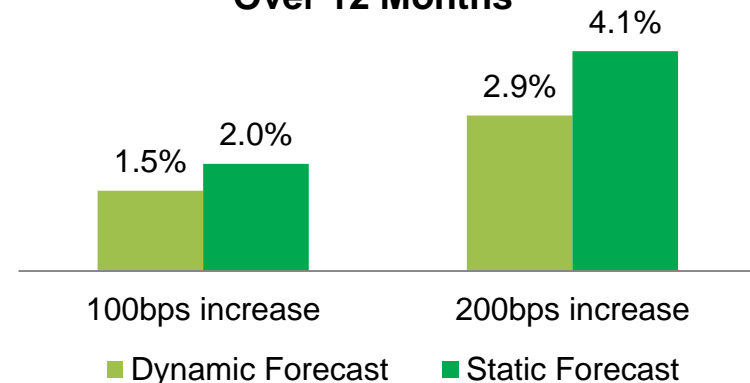
INTEREST RATE SENSITIVITY

- Net interest income will benefit from asset re-pricing in a rising rate environment
- Continued growth in floating rate loans has positioned us to benefit from rising rates
 - \$10 billion (88%) of the commercial loan portfolio will re-price or mature within one year
 - 60% of the commercial loan portfolio is floating or adjustable rate and less than 3% is fixed long term
- Overall, we have a stable and low cost deposit funding base
 - Historically, our deposit pricing has lagged Federal Reserve interest rate increases
 - We have estimated our low cost core deposits have an effective beta of approximately 0.5 (i.e., deposit rates modeled to increase ~50bps per 100bps increase in Fed funds rates)

Commercial Loan Maturity Distribution and Interest Rate Sensitivity
(\$ in billions)

	Within 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	After 5 Yrs	Total	% of Total
Fixed	\$3.2	\$1.1	\$0.3	\$4.6	40%
Floating	\$3.9	\$2.6	\$0.3	\$6.8	60%
Total	\$7.1	\$3.7	\$0.6	\$11.4	100%
% by Maturity	63%	32%	5%		

Sensitivity Analysis
Estimated % Change in Earnings¹ Over 12 Months



¹ – Change in net interest income and earnings at risk due to instantaneous moves in benchmark interest rates. We evaluate the sensitivity using: 1) a dynamic forecast incorporating balance sheet growth, and 2) a static forecast where the current balance sheet is held constant.



BRANCH OPTIMIZATION

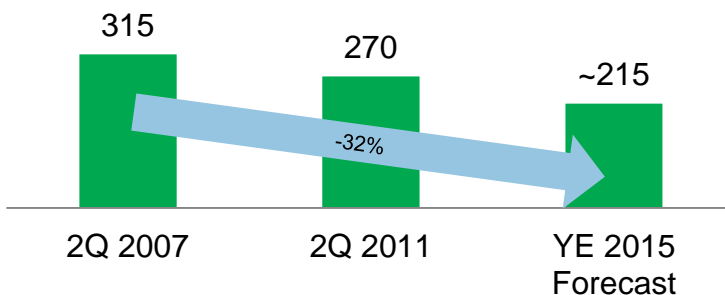


Changing customer behavior has driven our focus on branch channel optimization

- By year end 2015, we expect to consolidate thirteen additional branches for a total of 100 branch consolidations since mid 2007
- During the same period, we reinvigorated the overall delivery model to meet the changing preferences of our customers:
 - Continued investments in mobile and online technology
 - Significant deployment of ATM and other self service solutions
- Since 2011, we have significantly modernized our branch footprint to create an improved client experience, which has led to high deposit retention and organic deposit growth

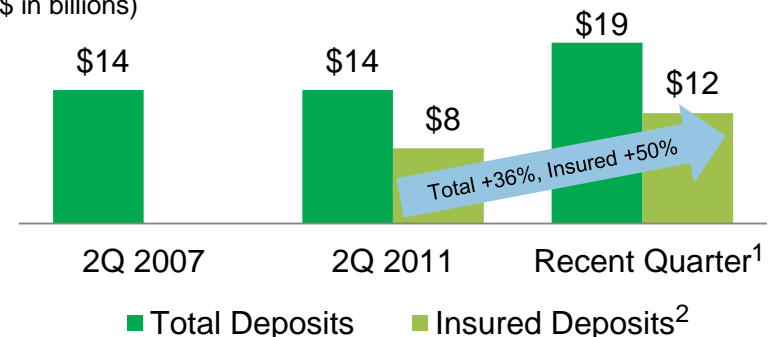


BRANCHES



DEPOSITS

(\$ in billions)



■ Total Deposits ■ Insured Deposits²

¹ – Total Deposits as of June 30, 2015; Insured Deposits (less than \$250,000) as of March 31, 2015

² – Insured Deposits covered by the FDIC, per Call Report



EVOLVING DELIVERY MODEL



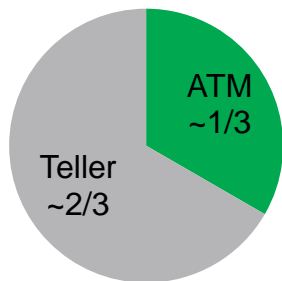
Enhanced multi-channel connections drive customer adoption and efficiency

Physical Channels



- We have integrated digital solutions into branches
- We have developed lower cost branch concepts
- We fully deployed ATM and deposit automation

Branch Transactions

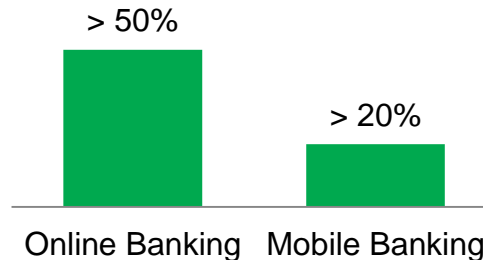


Self Service Channels



- Redesigned website to enhance eCommerce
- Driving to a consistent digital channel experience
- Implemented online lending and deposit sales solutions

Deposit Customer Usage

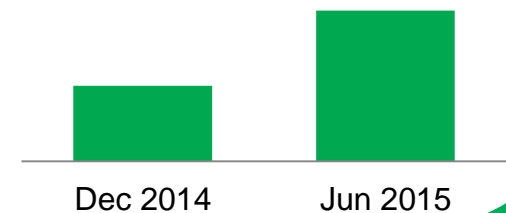


Direct Channel Targeting



- Leveraging customer analytics and a virtual sales team to drive cross-sell
- Nearly 10% of all new loan applications now come through online channels

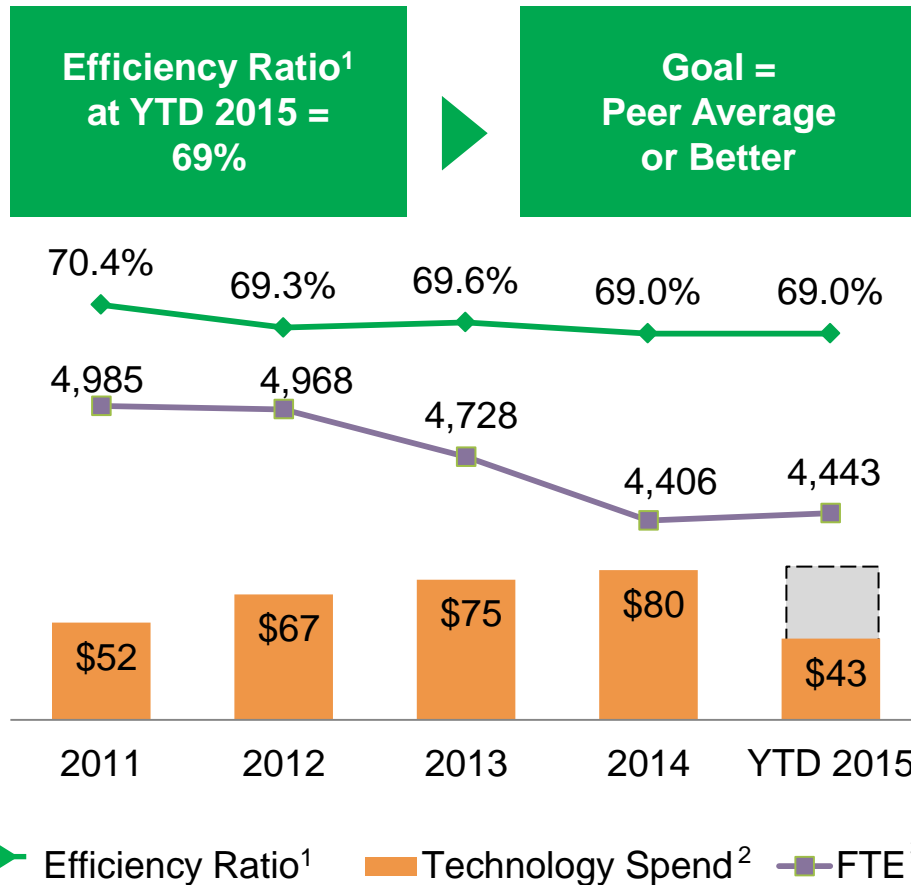
Online Deposit Account openings have doubled





PURSUING EFFICIENCY GAINS

(\$ IN MILLIONS)



Areas of Focus

Back Office Initiatives:
Implementing technology solutions in labor intensive processes

Real Estate Initiatives:
Actions to optimize our real estate holdings and capacity

Distribution Initiatives:
Optimize the way we interact with our customers

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² – Technology Spend = Technology and Equipment expenses

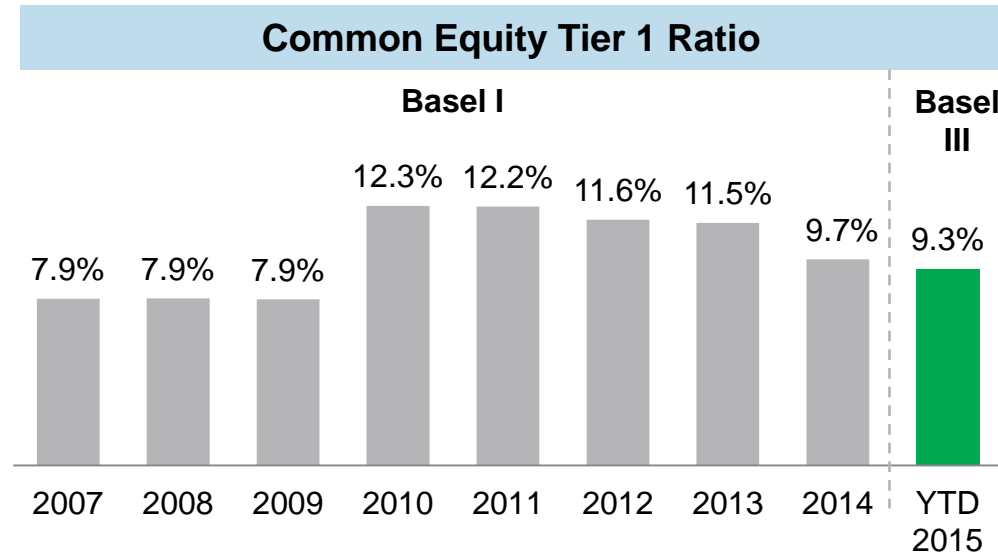
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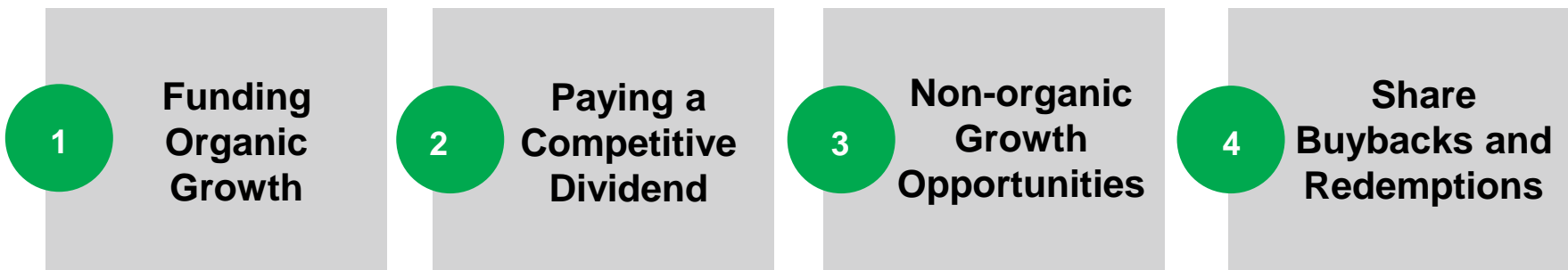
STRONG CAPITAL POSITION

MANAGED OUR CURRENT CAPITAL INTO OUR TARGET RANGE OF 8 - 9.5%



- Proactive capital management has restored capital to normalized levels; Capital is modestly above pre-crisis levels
- Well positioned for changing economic cycles and future challenges
- DFAST: We modeled sufficient capital to remain “well capitalized” throughout the forecasting horizon
- Share repurchase program is on “pause”

Capital Management Priorities



WHY ASSOCIATED



Management Team Focused on Creating Long-Term Value

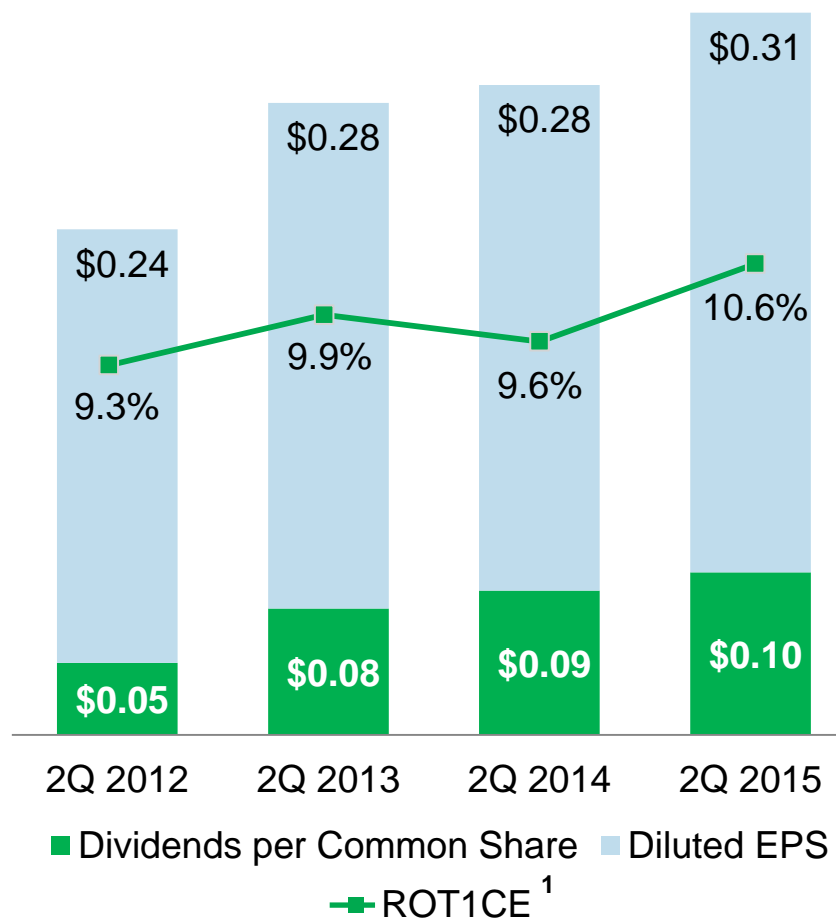
Attractive Midwest Markets

Diverse Portfolio of Value-Added Businesses

Modern and Rapidly Evolving Delivery Model

Asset Sensitive Rate Profile

Disciplined Capital Philosophy



¹ – Return on Average Common Equity Tier 1 (ROT1CE). Management uses Common Equity Tier 1, along with other capital measures to assess and monitor our capital position. This is a non-GAAP financial measure. Please refer to the appendix for a reconciliation of Common Equity Tier 1 to stockholders' equity.



SECOND HALF 2015 OUTLOOK

Balance Sheet	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• High single digit annual average loan growth• Maintain loan / deposit ratio under 100%
Margin	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Modest continuing compression throughout the second half of the year
Noninterest Income¹	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Seasonally lower insurance commissions
Noninterest Expense¹	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Full year not to exceed \$700 million
Capital	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Now in our target range• Continue to follow stated corporate priorities for capital deployment• Pausing on additional stock repurchases
Provision	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Based on loan growth and changes in risk grade or other indicators of credit quality

¹ – Outlook incorporates effects of Ahmann & Martin Co. acquisition.



APPENDIX

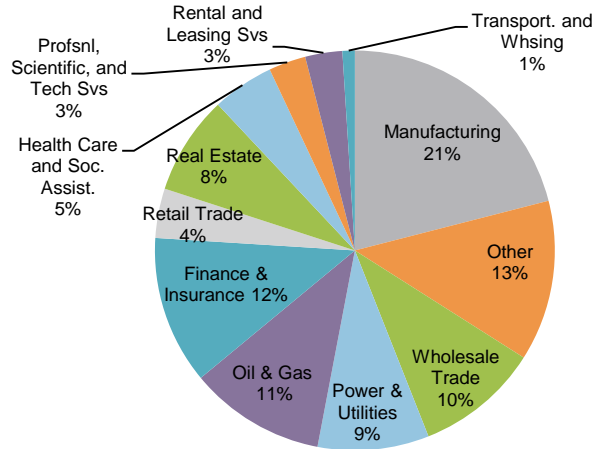


LOANS BY INDUSTRY AND STATE

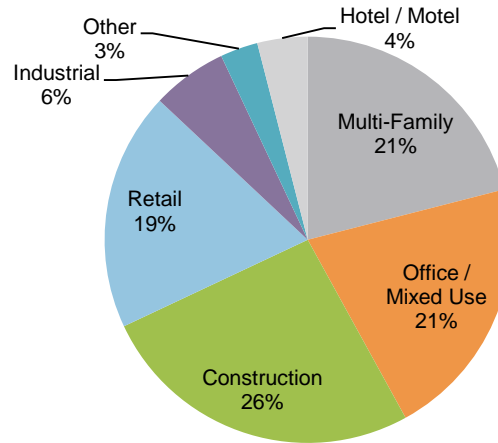
JUNE 2015 PERIOD END BALANCES



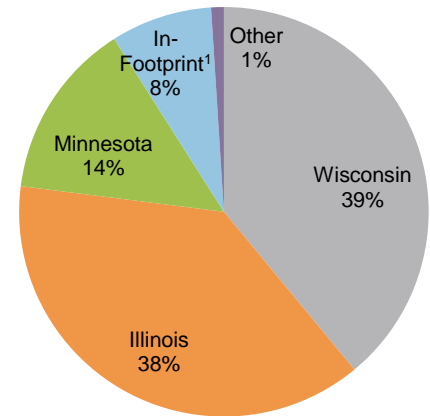
C&BL by Industry
(\$7.2 billion)



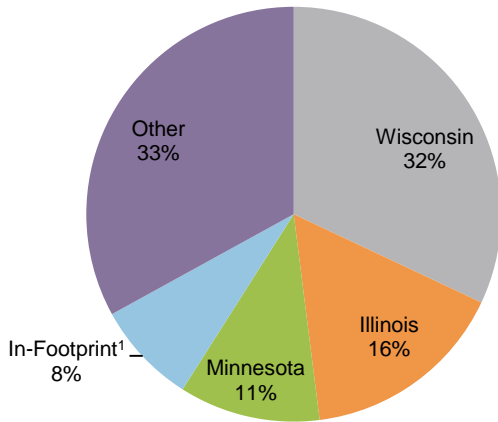
CRE by Industry
(\$4.2 billion)



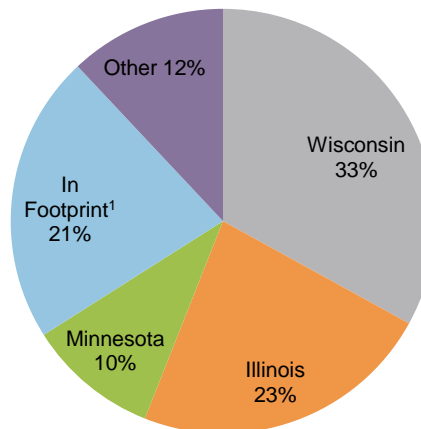
Residential Mortgage by State
(\$4.9 billion)



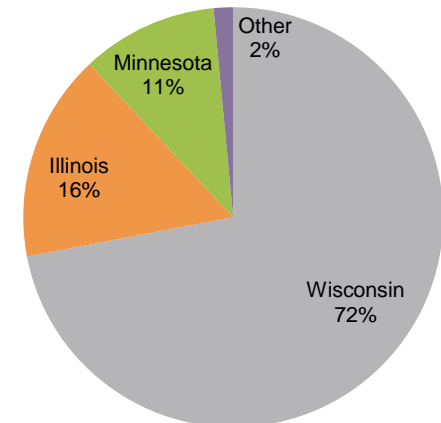
C&BL by State
(\$7.2 billion)



CRE by State
(\$4.2 billion)



Home Equity by State
(\$1.6 billion)



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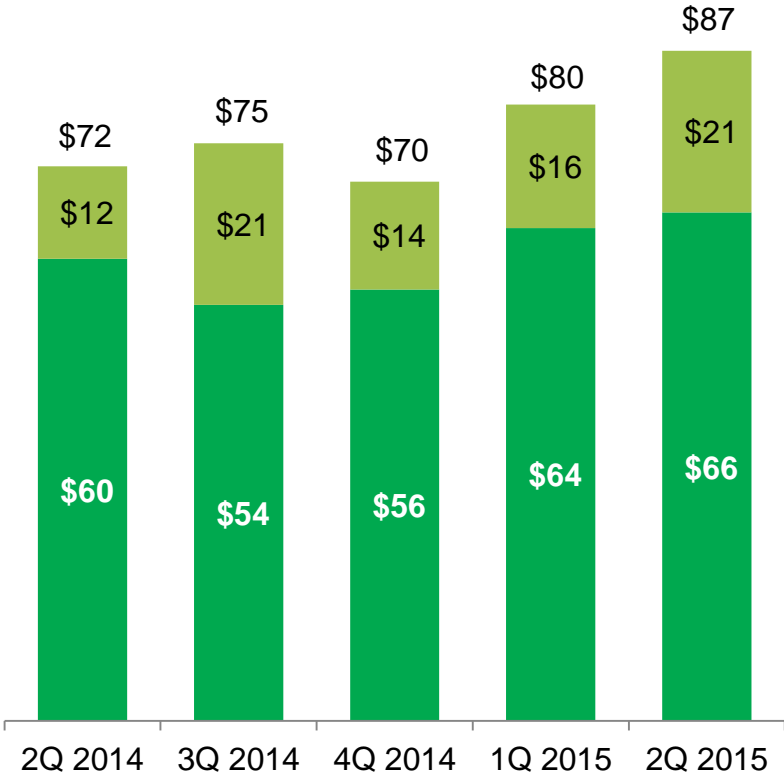




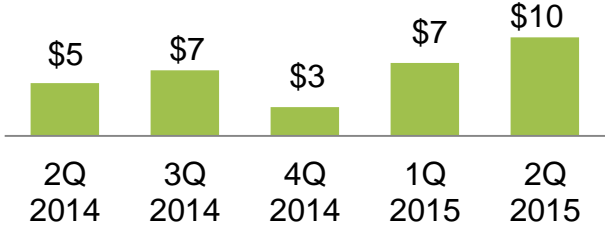
NONINTEREST INCOME TRENDS

(\$ IN MILLIONS)

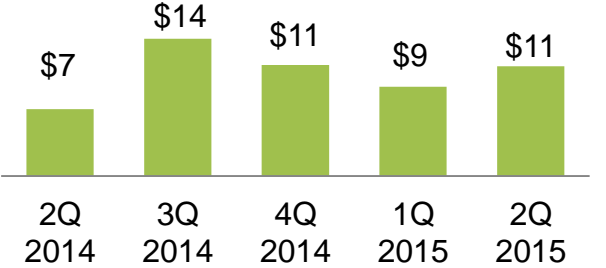
Total Noninterest Income



Mortgage Banking (net) Income



Other Noninterest Income²



- Mortgage Banking (net) and Other Noninterest Income
- Core Fee-based Revenue¹

¹ – Core Fee-based Revenue = Trust service fees plus service charges on deposit accounts plus card-based and other nondeposit fees plus insurance commissions plus brokerage and annuity commissions. This is a non-GAAP measure. Please refer to the press release tables for a reconciliation to noninterest income.
² – Other Noninterest Income = Total noninterest income minus net mortgage banking income minus core fee-based revenue. This is a non-GAAP measure. Please refer to the press release tables for a reconciliation to noninterest income.





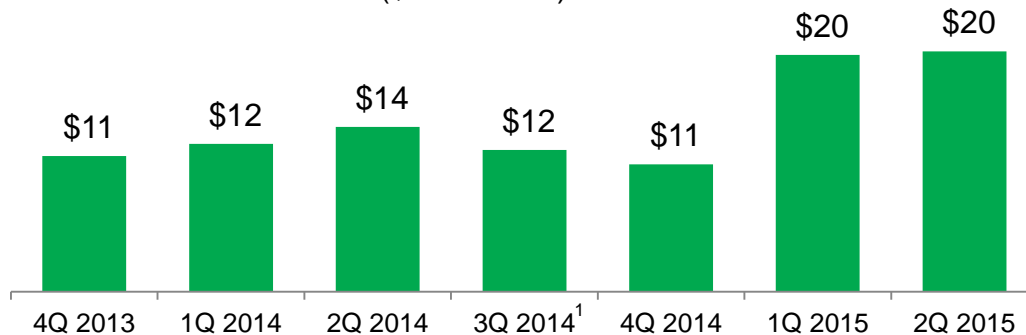
INSURANCE BUSINESS EXPANSION

KEY DRIVER OF NONINTEREST REVENUE GROWTH

- In February 2015, Associated Financial Group (AFG), a leading risk and benefit consulting practice based in WI, acquired Ahmann & Martin Co., a leading property and casualty brokerage based in the Twin Cities
- The acquisition created one of the largest risk and benefit consulting firms in the country
 - AFG is now positioned as a Top 50 U.S. insurance brokerage firm serving approximately 14,000 customers
- The acquisition significantly expanded Associated's property and casualty insurance capabilities and related insurance commission revenue potential
 - Expected to generate additional seasonal insurance revenues in the first half of each year going forward

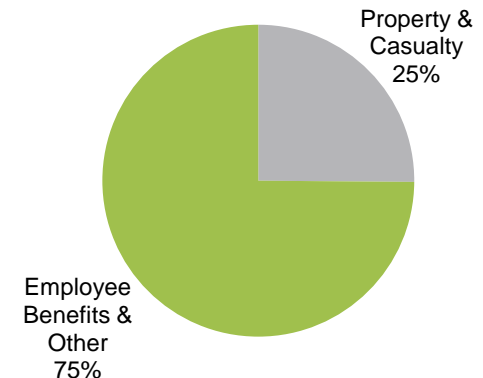
Insurance Commissions Trend

(\$ in millions)



¹ – Excludes a \$4 million reserve related to the remediation of debt protection products

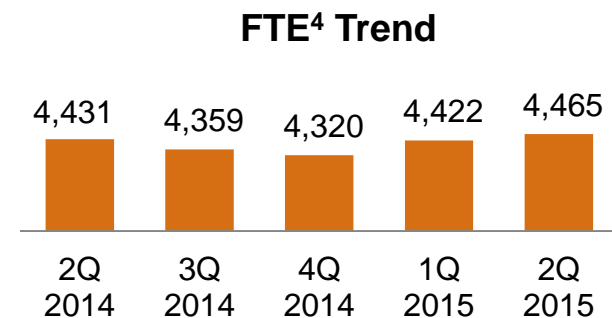
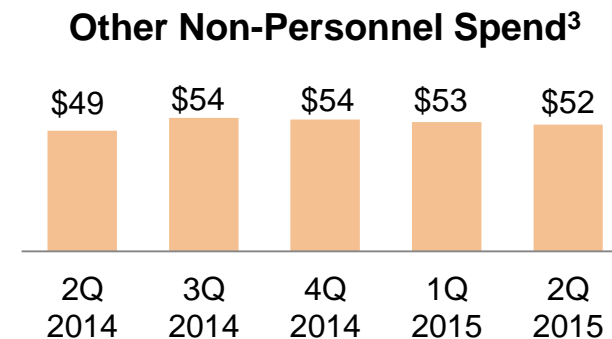
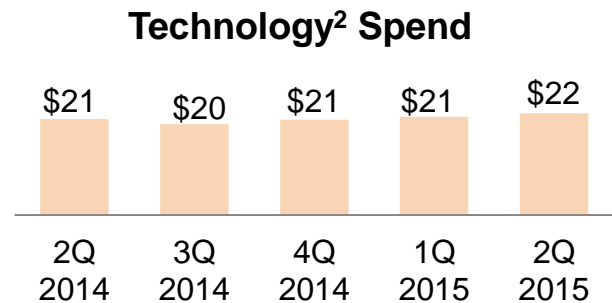
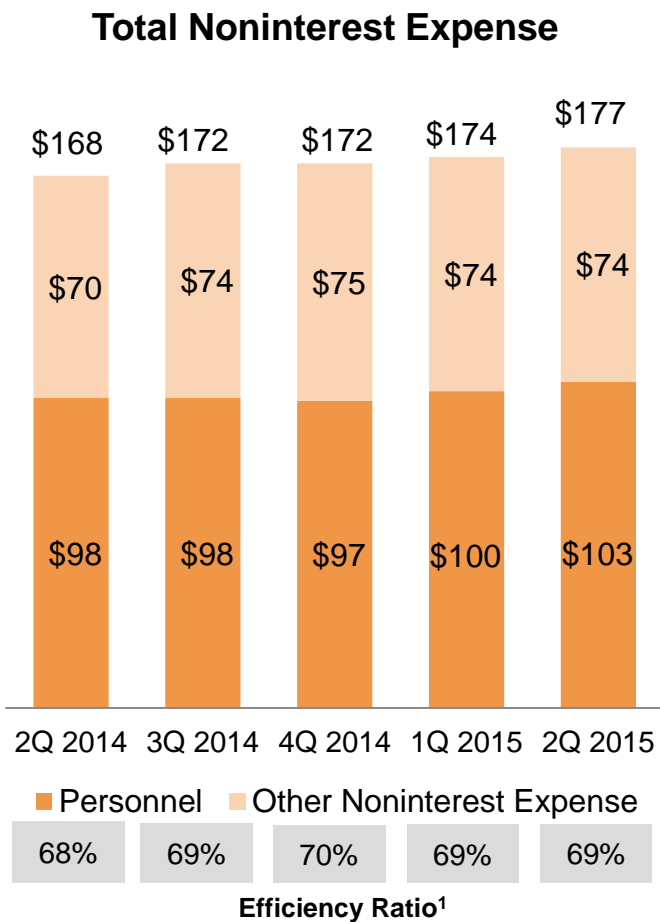
Insurance Commissions – YTD 2015





NONINTEREST EXPENSE TRENDS

(\$ IN MILLIONS)



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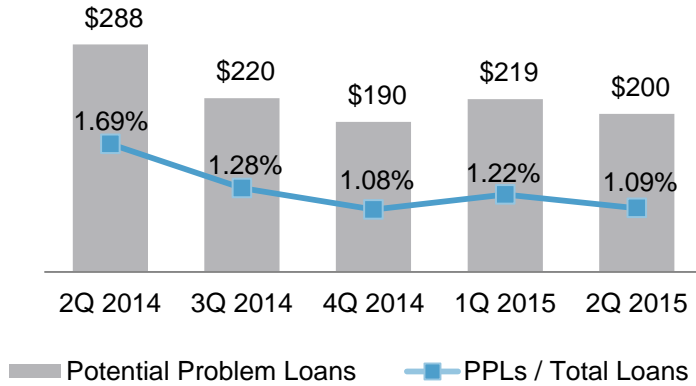




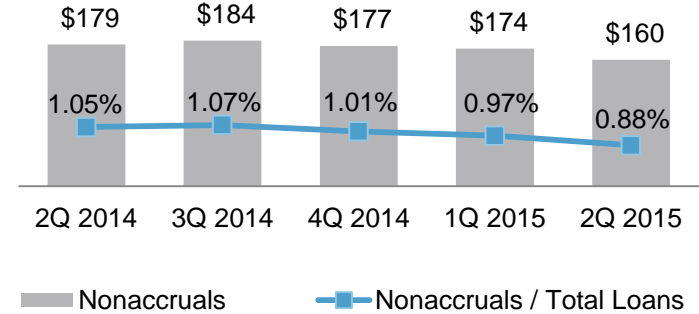
CREDIT QUALITY INDICATORS

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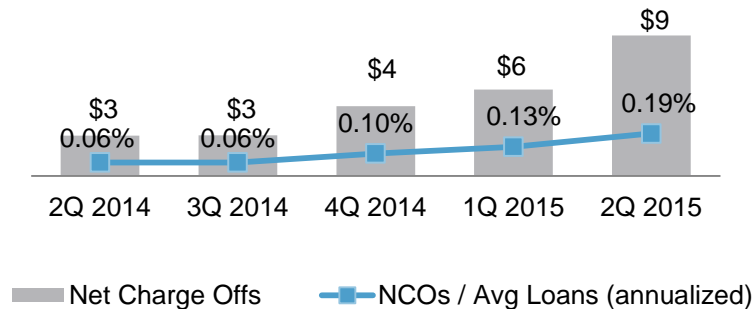
Potential Problem Loans to Total Loans



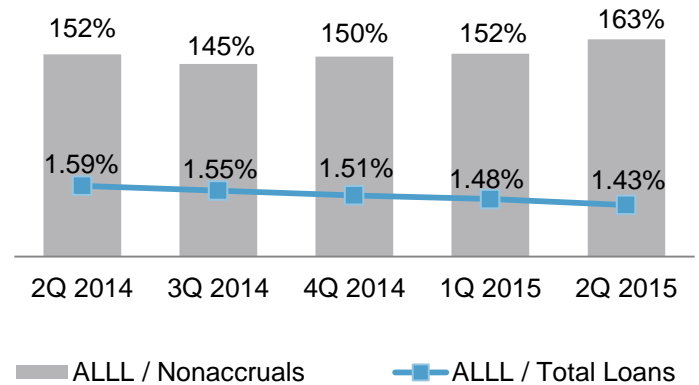
Nonaccruals to Total Loans



Net Charge Offs to Average Loans



Allowance to Total Loans



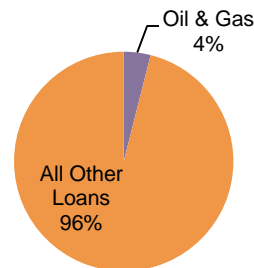
OIL AND GAS LENDING UPDATE



Portfolio Overview

- Exclusively focused on the upstream sector ('Exploration and Production' or 'E&P' sector)
- Focused on the small to mid-size independent segment, both public and private companies
- Asset-based loans collateralized by a lien on oil & gas reserves
- Generally, we are participants in syndicated loans in this sector

2015 Second Quarter Loan Composition

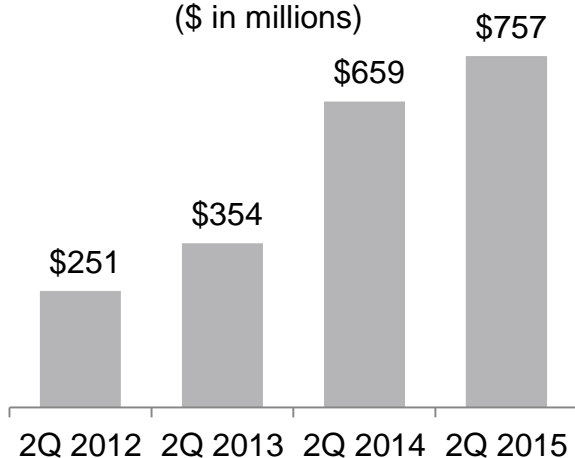


- ✓ 49 clients
- ✓ Over \$1 billion in aggregate commitments
- ✓ Average commitment of \$21 million

Portfolio Performance

Oil & Gas Period End Loan Balances

(\$ in millions)



- Portfolio is performing as expected
- Oil & Gas period end loans decreased 3% in the second quarter
- Spring borrowing base re-determinations and the SNC exam are complete
- Released \$1 million in reserves in the second quarter

(\$ in Millions)	4Q 2014	1Q 2015	2Q 2015
EOP Loan Balance	\$754	\$780	\$757
Oil & Gas Related Reserves	\$17	\$27	\$26
Reserve/EOP Loans	2.26%	3.46%	3.43%



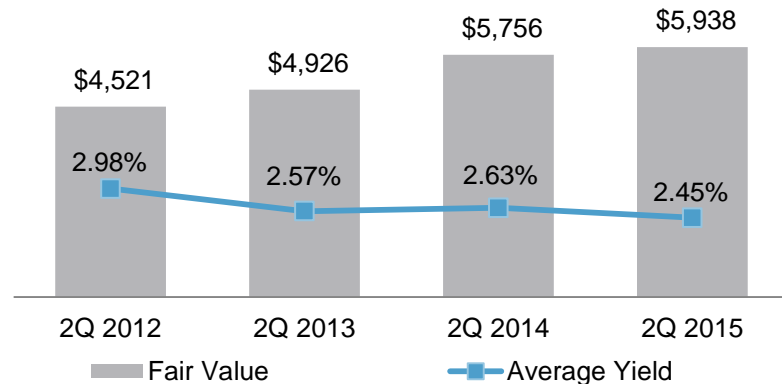


HIGH QUALITY SECURITIES

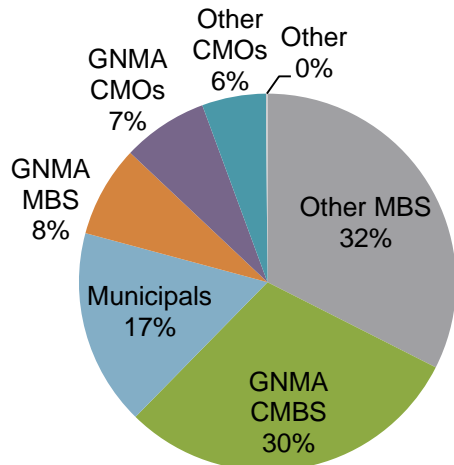
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Investment Type	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Duration (Yrs)
Agency MBS	\$2,357.1	\$2,393.0	3.11
GNMA CMBS	1,794.3	1,774.6	3.88
Municipals	984.0	1,000.6	5.90
Agency & Other CMOs	757.9	762.6	3.27
Corporates & Other	6.6	6.7	1.39
Govt & Agencies	1.0	1.0	1.63
Strategic Portfolio	\$5,900.9	\$5,938.5	3.83
Membership Stock	160.8	160.8	
Total Portfolio	\$6,061.6	\$6,099.2	
Net Unamortized Premium	111.0		

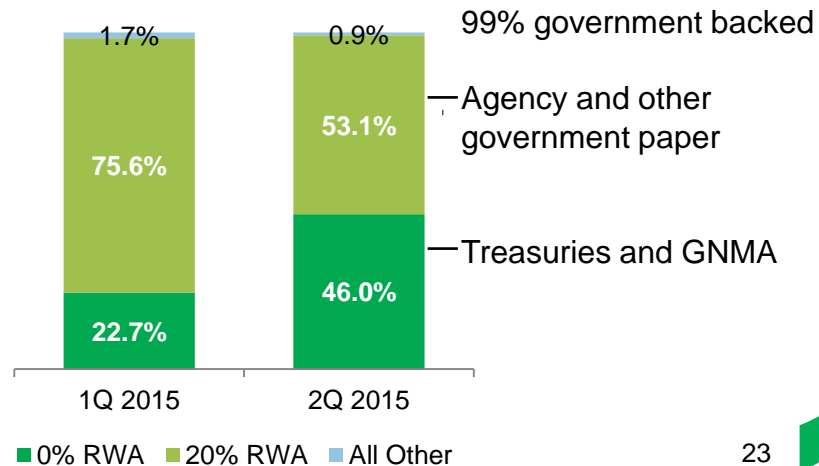
Investment Securities & Yield



Fair Value Composition – June 30, 2015



Risk Weighting Profile – June 30, 2015





RECONCILIATION AND DEFINITIONS OF NON-GAAP ITEMS (1 OF 2)

	2Q 2014	3Q 2014	4Q 2014	1Q 2015	2Q 2015
Efficiency Ratio Reconciliation:					
Efficiency ratio, as defined by the Federal Reserve	69.70%	69.44%	70.33%	70.30%	70.23%
Taxable equivalent adjustment	(1.32)	(1.36)	(1.40)	(1.42)	(1.34)
Asset gains, net	0.26	1.36	1.05	0.30	0.51
Other intangible amortization	(0.41)	(0.40)	(0.32)	(0.32)	(0.35)
Efficiency ratio, fully taxable equivalent	68.23%	69.04%	69.66%	68.86%	69.05%

	2011	2012	2013	2014	YTD 2015
Efficiency Ratio Reconciliation:					
Efficiency ratio, as defined by the Federal Reserve	73.64%	72.16%	71.04%	69.97%	70.26%
Taxable equivalent adjustment	(1.74)	(1.59)	(1.45)	(1.36)	(1.38)
Asset gains (losses), net	(0.92)	(0.86)	0.39	0.73	0.41
Other intangible amortization	(0.54)	(0.45)	(0.42)	(0.39)	(0.34)
Efficiency ratio, fully taxable equivalent	70.44%	69.26%	69.56%	68.95%	68.95%

Efficiency ratio is defined by the Federal Reserve guidance as noninterest expense divided by the sum of net interest income plus noninterest income, excluding investment securities gains / losses, net. Efficiency ratio, fully taxable equivalent, is noninterest expense, excluding other intangible amortization, divided by the sum of taxable equivalent net interest income plus noninterest income, excluding investment securities gains / losses, net and asset gains / losses, net. This efficiency ratio is presented on a taxable equivalent basis, which adjusts net interest income for the tax-favored status of certain loans and investment securities. Management believes this measure to be the preferred industry measurement of net interest income as it enhances the comparability of net interest income arising from taxable and tax-exempt sources and it excludes certain specific revenue items (such as investment securities gains / losses, net and asset gains / losses, net).





RECONCILIATION AND DEFINITIONS OF NON-GAAP ITEMS (2 OF 2)

(\$ in thousands)	2Q 2012	2Q 2013	2Q 2014	2Q 2015
Common Equity Tier 1 Reconciliation:				
Stockholders' Equity	\$2,909,621	\$2,876,976	\$2,929,946	\$2,904,391
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	(66,579)	25,015	(10,494)	(2,594)
Preferred equity	(63,272)	(63,272)	(61,024)	(122,015)
Intangible assets	(946,492)	(942,374)	(938,370)	(950,438)
Deferred tax assets (DTAs) / Disallowed servicing assets	(4,749)	(2,470)	(407)	(3,866)
Common Equity Tier 1	\$1,828,529	\$1,893,875	\$1,919,651	\$1,825,478

Common Equity Tier 1, a non-GAAP financial measure, is used by banking regulators, investors and analysts to assess and compare the quality and composition of our capital with the capital of other financial services companies. Management uses Common Equity Tier 1, along with other capital measures, to assess and monitor our capital position. Common Equity Tier 1 for 2015 follows Basel III and is defined as common stock and related surplus, net of treasury stock, plus retained earnings. Common Equity Tier 1 for 2014 follows Basel I and is defined as Tier 1 capital excluding qualifying perpetual preferred stock and qualifying trust preferred securities.

