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Second Quarter 2015

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Investor Highlights

Leading Regional Bank in Attractive and Stable Midwest Markets

- \$7.4 billion, leading community bank with 106 banking centers and 131 ATMs in Ohio, Indiana & Kentucky: #2 in Ohio and #5 in Indiana¹
- Well-positioned as local alternative to “big banks” in metropolitan and non-metropolitan markets
- Personalized service, creative marketing and employee involvement
- Affluent and densely populated markets with high median HHI & population growth
- Successful wealth management business with \$2.4bn in assets under management as of June 2015

Highly Experienced Management Team Supported by Strong Governance

- Senior management has extensive experience in banking and exemplary track record
- Highly active in the community
- Board comprised of tenured and well-regarded businesspeople
- Chairman / CEO separation

Strong Franchise Value with Solid Fundamentals

- 99 consecutive quarters of profitability and consistent performance during the financial crisis
- Strong core deposit franchise deployed into a comprehensive portfolio of credit products
- Strong loan and asset growth momentum driven by C&I and commercial real estate, specialty finance and mortgage
- Top tier ROAA and ROATCE of 1.05% and 11.6%, respectively, during the second quarter of 2015

Conservative Risk Management & Robust Capital and Liquidity Levels

- Strong asset quality ratios with NPAs / Assets of 1.03%² supported by conservative underwriting standards
- Currently 100% of Tier 1 capital is common equity; 12.34% Tier 1 and 9.8% Leverage ratios
- Healthy liquidity position with 85.3% gross loans / deposits³; over \$1.9 billion of cash and securities on balance sheet
- Sticky deposit base

Disciplined Acquirer & Experienced Integrator

- Completed 8 whole bank, FDIC and branch acquisitions since 2009
- Doubled in size in 2009 through FDIC-assisted acquisitions
- Acquired Oak Street Holdings in August 2015

* All figures as of June 30, 2015, except where noted.

¹ Ranking based on deposits as of June 30, 2014. Community banks defined as less than \$25bn in assets.

² Includes covered assets.

³ Includes loans held for sale.



Company Overview



- Founded in 1863
- Headquarters: Cincinnati, OH
- Primary Footprint: Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky
 - Nationwide franchise lending business
 - Nationwide specialty lending franchise to insurance agents and agencies
- Lines of business: commercial, specialty finance, consumer, wealth management, mortgage
- Target clients – individuals and small- / mid-sized businesses located in-market
 - C&I / Owner-Occupied CRE target loan size of \$1mm - \$15mm, and middle market businesses with up to \$30mm in revenue
 - Investment real estate loan size of \$1mm - \$15mm

- Primary focus and value creation is through organic growth in key markets
- Supplement organic growth through strategic acquisitions in current footprint as well as contiguous markets
- Top 10 position in 18 / 20 MSAs¹

2Q15 Balance Sheet

(\$ in millions)

Total Assets	\$7,383.4
Total Loans	\$4,873.9
Total Deposits	\$5,715.8
TCE Ratio	9.1%

2Q15 Profitability & Asset Quality

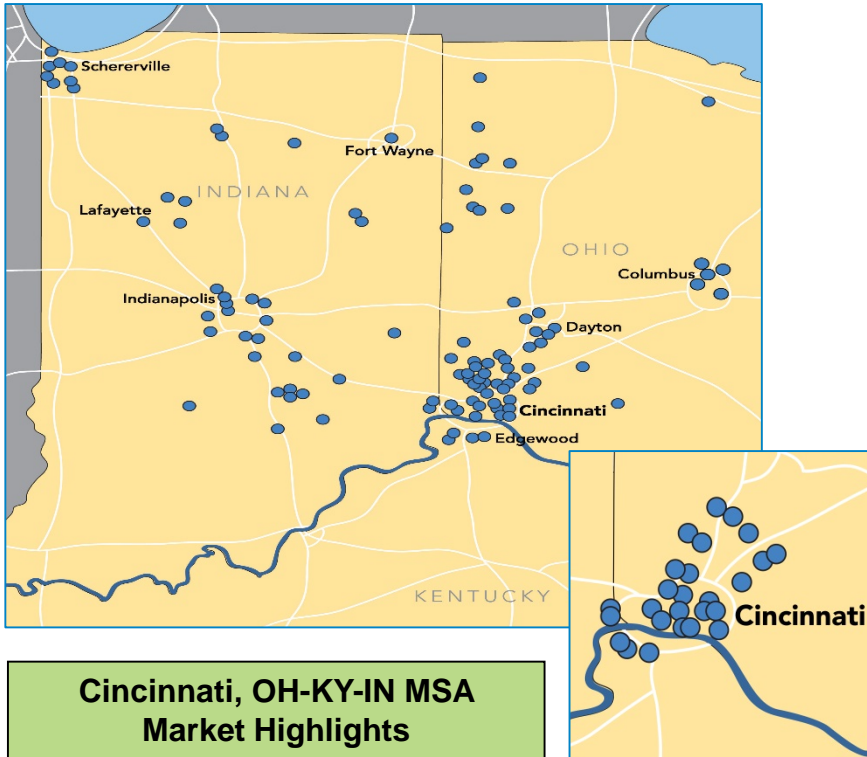
ROAA	1.05%
ROATCE	11.60%
Fee Income / Operating Revenue	26.7%
Efficiency Ratio ²	61.3%
NPAs / Assets ³	1.03%

¹ Source: SNL Financial. Ranking based on deposits as of June 30, 2014.

² Adjusted for gain on sale of investment securities and other items not expected to recur.

³ Includes covered assets.

Cincinnati Market Overview



- Population of 2.1 million
- Diverse economy anchored by 10 Fortune 500 companies
- Unemployment rate of 4.6% as of June 2015

Pro Forma Deposit Market Share Cincinnati, OH-KY-IN MSA FDIC Deposits Data as of June 30, 2014 - Holding Company Level				
2014 Rank	Name	Number of Branches	Total Deposits (\$000s)	Market Share (%)
1	U.S. Bancorp	119	31,162,214	39.5
2	Fifth Third Bancorp	132	25,328,017	32.1
3	PNC Financial Services Group	82	6,015,032	7.6
4	Huntington Bancshares Inc	38	2,274,433	2.9
5	First Financial Bancorp.	41	1,898,600	2.4
6	JPMorgan Chase & Co	37	1,761,802	2.2
7	BB&T Corp.	32	1,575,444	2.0
8	Union SB	13	1,003,008	1.3
9	KeyCorp	25	770,427	1.0
10	LCNB Corp.	21	664,901	0.8
11	Guardian Bancorp Inc.	9	636,811	0.8
12	Cheviot Financial	12	473,231	0.6
13	Commonwealth Holdings LLC	17	435,262	0.6
14	North Side B&TC	8	376,570	0.5
15	United Community Bancorp	5	370,350	0.5
Other Institutions		173	4,220,073	5.3
Market Total		764	\$78,966,175	100.0

Key Employers



Experienced Management Team

Name and Title	Years with FFBC	Years of Financial Services Experience	Prior Experience
Claude E. Davis CEO	11	28	➤ Prior to joining First Financial in 2004, Mr. Davis spent 17 years with Irwin Financial Corporation in various executive positions and was CEO and President of Irwin Union Bank at the time of his departure.
Anthony M. Stollings President & COO	8	39	➤ Mr. Stollings previously spent 13 years with Provident Financial Group, Inc., a commercial banking and financial services company headquartered in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he was the Senior Vice President, Chief Accounting Officer and Controller from 2002 to 2004 and Senior Vice President and Controller from 1998 to 2002.
John M. Gavigan SVP & CFO	7	9	➤ Mr. Gavigan previously served as Corporate Controller from 2011 through 2014 and as Assistant Controller from 2008 through 2011. He is a Certified Public Accountant (inactive).
Shannon Kuhl SVP & Chief Legal Officer	9	13	➤ Ms. Kuhl was appointed the Chief Legal Officer of First Financial Bancorp and First Financial Bank effective November 2013. She served as Chief Bank Counsel from August 2013 until November 2013. She previously served as Associate General Counsel from her hire in 2006 until August 2013.
Eric Stables Director of Investor Relations and Corporate Development	5	24	➤ Mr. Stables has served as Director of Investor Relations & Corporate Development since December 2014. Prior to joining First Financial as Loss Share Controller in 2010, Mr. Stables served in various finance, product management and other management positions with Fifth Third and U.S. Bank.
Bradley Ringwald President of Specialty Banking	9	19	➤ Mr. Ringwald was appointed President, Specialty Banking of First Financial Bank in July 2014. Prior to his current role, he has previously served as the President of Corporate Banking, the Commercial and Industrial Lending Product Manager, and the Senior Vice President of Commercial and Industrial Lending.
Kevin T. Langford President, Community Banking Western Markets	9	23	➤ Prior to joining First Financial, Mr. Langford served various technology and operational roles at Irwin Union Bank.
C. Douglas Lefferson President, Community Banking Eastern Markets	29	29	➤ Mr. Lefferson has spent his entire banking career in various positions within the Company and its subsidiaries.
Alisa E. Poe EVP & Chief Talent Officer & Chief of Staff	6	15	➤ Prior to joining First Financial, Ms. Poe was employed by The Midland Company where she served as Vice President, Corporate Administration. Ms. Poe has over 25 years of experience in the human resources profession.
Jill A. Stanton President, Mortgage Banking	6	26	➤ Prior to joining First Financial, Ms. Stanton served as Senior Vice President at Irwin Union Bank.
William "Skip" Sorg SVP & Chief Risk Officer	14	14	➤ Prior to joining First Financial, Mr. Sorg served in various treasury roles with Irwin Financial Corporation. At First Financial, he has served in various treasury, finance, and risk roles such as VP & FVP and was most recently promoted to SVP & Chief Risk Officer. He graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and served as a U.S. Army Commissioned Officer for 5 years.
Holly M. Foster EVP & Chief Compliance Officer	16	16	➤ Ms. Foster served as Compliance Officer and Regulatory Risk Manager from 2006 until 2010. She was promoted to Director of Operational Risk in 2010, where she held that position until assuming her current position in 2013.
Richard Barbercheck EVP & Chief Credit Officer	9	31	➤ Mr. Barbercheck joined First Financial in 2005 as SVP and Chief Risk Officer and was appointed to his current position in 2006. Mr. Barbercheck is responsible for the administration of the Company's credit policies and loan underwriting processes.

Strategy and Execution – Recent History

Franchise Repositioning 2005 – 2008

While the industry was pursuing growth via high-priced acquisitions and real estate lending, First Financial focused inward.

- Consolidated 14 charters, implemented one brand and updated IT infrastructure to drive efficiency
- Exited non-strategic business lines such as insurance, indirect auto and mortgage servicing
- Consolidated / sold non-strategic and underperforming branch locations
- Moved headquarters to Cincinnati and expanded operations in this market
- Recruited key additions to management team

FDIC Acquisitions 2009

While the industry was dealing with credit and operational issues, First Financial capitalized on FDIC-assisted acquisitions in a non-competitive environment.

- Completed \$103.5 million common equity offering
- Acquired Peoples Community
- Acquired Irwin Union Bank & Trust / Irwin Union FSB
 - Pre-tax bargain purchase gain of \$342.5 million
- Both transactions substantially increased branch presence within strategic operating footprint
- Exceeded initial expectations for strategic core deposit retention, covered loan performance and subsequent growth

Integration / Operational Execution 2010

As competition heated up for FDIC acquisitions and deal pricing increased, First Financial once again focused internally on operations.

- Completed \$96.5 million common equity offering
- Completed the operational integration of the 2009 FDIC-assisted transactions
- Invested in business lines identified for future growth opportunities
- Implemented efficiency initiatives designed to lower operating costs
- Relocated headquarters to central business district in downtown Cincinnati

Capital Mgmt. / Redeployment 2011 – 2012

While the M&A market remained slow and the industry struggled with capital deployment, First Financial was opportunistic.

- Acquired 16 branches from Liberty Savings Bank, 12 located in the Dayton market
- Acquired 22 branches from Flagstar Bank, 18 located in the Indianapolis market
- Implemented variable dividend / 100% payout ratio
- Announced share repurchase plan target of one million shares annually
- Announced long-term target of returning 60% - 80% of earnings to shareholders through dividends and share buybacks

New Market Expansion 2013 – Present

As the economy improves and new opportunities presented themselves, First Financial supplemented organic growth through acquisitions.

- Added experienced and well-established commercial and residential mortgage lending teams in Fort Wayne, IN
- Entered the Columbus, OH market through acquisitions of The First Bexley Bank, Insight Bank and Guernsey Bancorp in the third quarter of 2014, with combined assets of \$727 million and total deposits of \$569 million
- Purchased specialty lender Oak Street Holdings

Oak Street Holdings Corporation Overview

Nationally Recognized Specialty Lender to Insurance Agents and Agencies

- **Founded:** 2003
- **Headquarters:** Indianapolis, Indiana
- **Assets / Loans:** \$242 million / \$238 million
- **Target Lending Industries:** Provides commission-based commercial financing exclusively to insurance agents and brokers and third party loan servicing to financial institutions
- **Nation-wide Lending Platform:** Geographically well diversified portfolio with loan distribution across 46 states
 - 65% of current loan portfolio originated in TX, CA, WA, FL, GA, CT and OH
 - 29 states with > \$1.0 million in outstanding balances
- **Management:** Oak Street's long-standing senior leadership team has extensive industry experience and will continue to manage the business following the closing of the transaction
- **Proprietary Technology:** Robust and scalable loan origination and servicing platform
- **Collateral: Loans are secured by tendered commission books and cash collateral accounts**
 - Tendered commissions are redirected from the insurance carriers directly to Oak Street
 - Cash collateral accounts: \$19 million (approximately 8% of loan balances)
 - Approximately 85% of the loan portfolio is secured by commissions related to Property & Casualty policies
- **Carriers:** 92% of loan portfolio secured by commissions from carriers rated A-minus or better



Acquisition Overview and Pro Forma Impact

Transaction Overview

- **Transaction Value:** \$110 million / 100% Cash
- **Existing Oak Street Management:** Rick Dennen (Oak Street Founder & President) will continue in current position
- **Organizational Structure:** Oak Street will become a subsidiary of First Financial Bank
- **Closed:** August 14, 2015
- **Limited Integration Risk:** Retention of all staff and operating systems will minimize integration risks
- First Financial's second nationwide lending platform

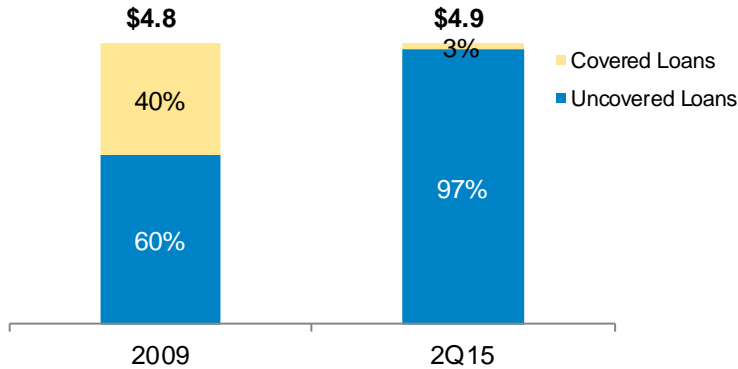
Forecasted Pro Forma Financial Impact

- 2016 earnings accretion of \$0.16 - \$0.20 per share
- Net interest margin expansion of more than 20 bps related to Oak Street's portfolio yield of approximately 9%
- Oak Street warehouse-line funding structure to be replaced with lower-cost Bank funding sources
- Return on average tangible common equity increase of more than 270 bps
- Excellent risk-adjusted returns with expected annual net charge offs to total loans of approximately 50 bps
- Estimated tangible book value dilution of \$1.10 per share and earn back between 4 and 5 years
- Significant growth potential is further enhanced by a proprietary technology platform that is robust and scalable to other asset classes

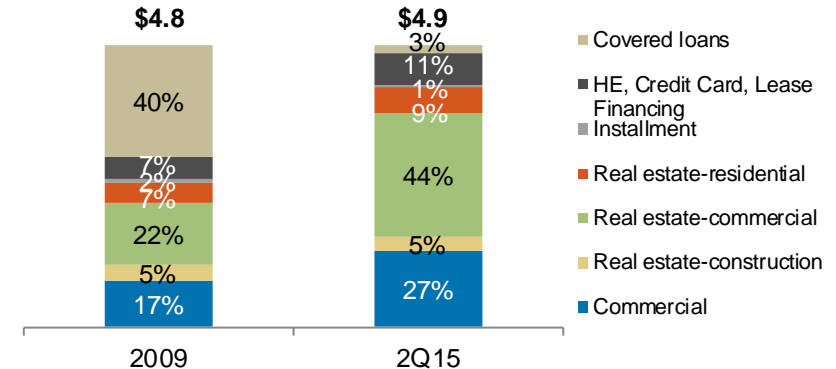
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Franchise Evolution Driven by Strong Core Loan and Deposit Growth and Efficiency Initiatives

Covered vs. Uncovered Loans

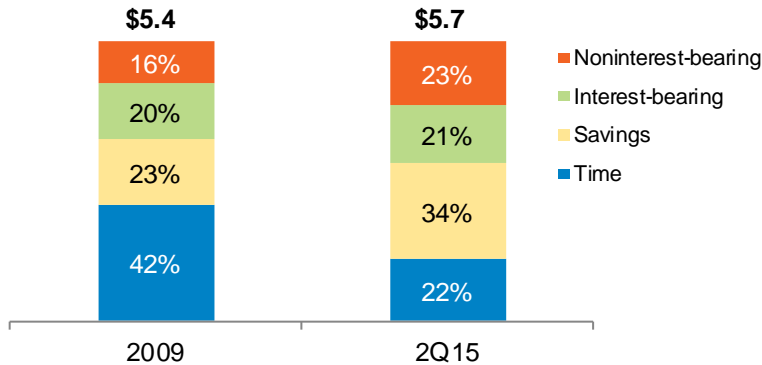


Total Loans



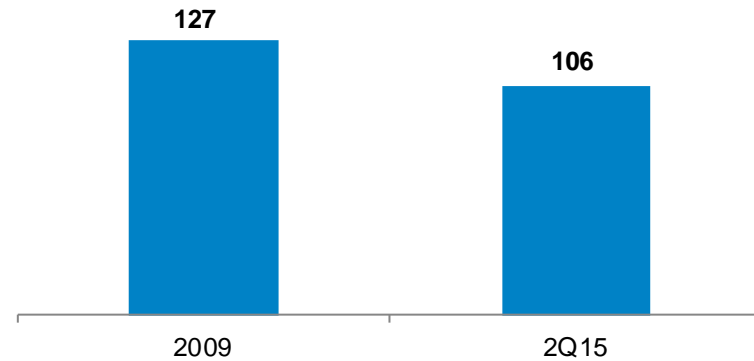
Total Uncovered Loans CAGR: 9.3%

High Quality Deposit Franchise



Core Deposits¹ CAGR: 6.7%

Number of Banking Centers



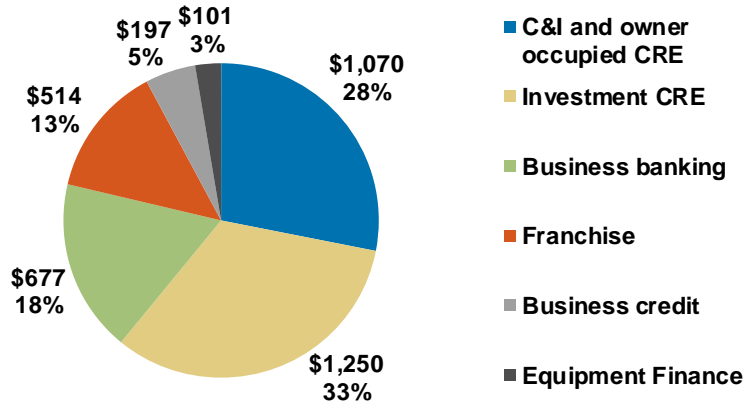
Banking Centers CAGR: (3.2)%

¹ Core deposits exclude time deposits.

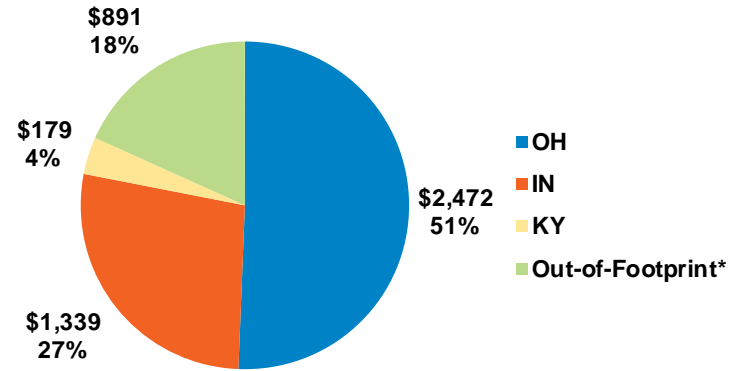


Comprehensive and Diversified Product Suite¹

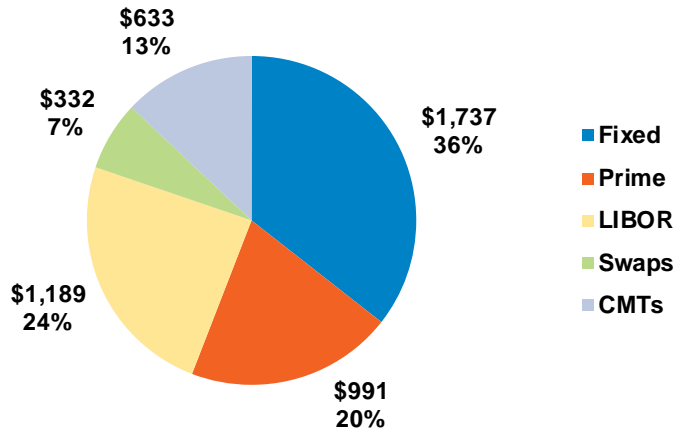
Breakdown of Commercial Loans (\$mm)



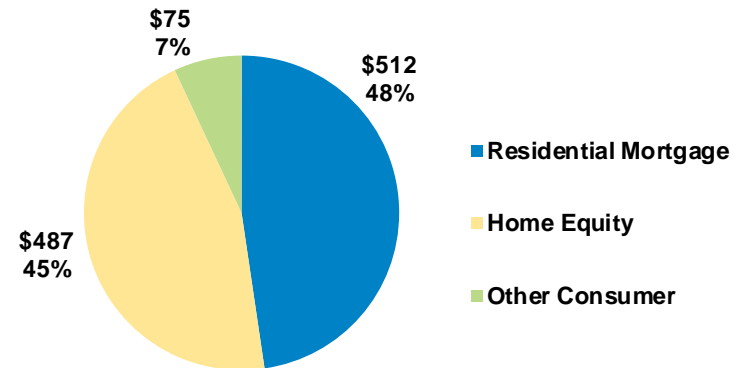
Breakdown by Geography (\$mm)



Breakdown by Rate Type



Consumer Loan Breakdown (\$mm)



¹ Includes total uncovered and covered as at June 30, 2015. Commercial loan loss-sharing with the FDIC ended Oct. 1, 2014. Residential mortgage loss-sharing ends Oct. 1, 2019. Excludes loans held for sale and loan marks.

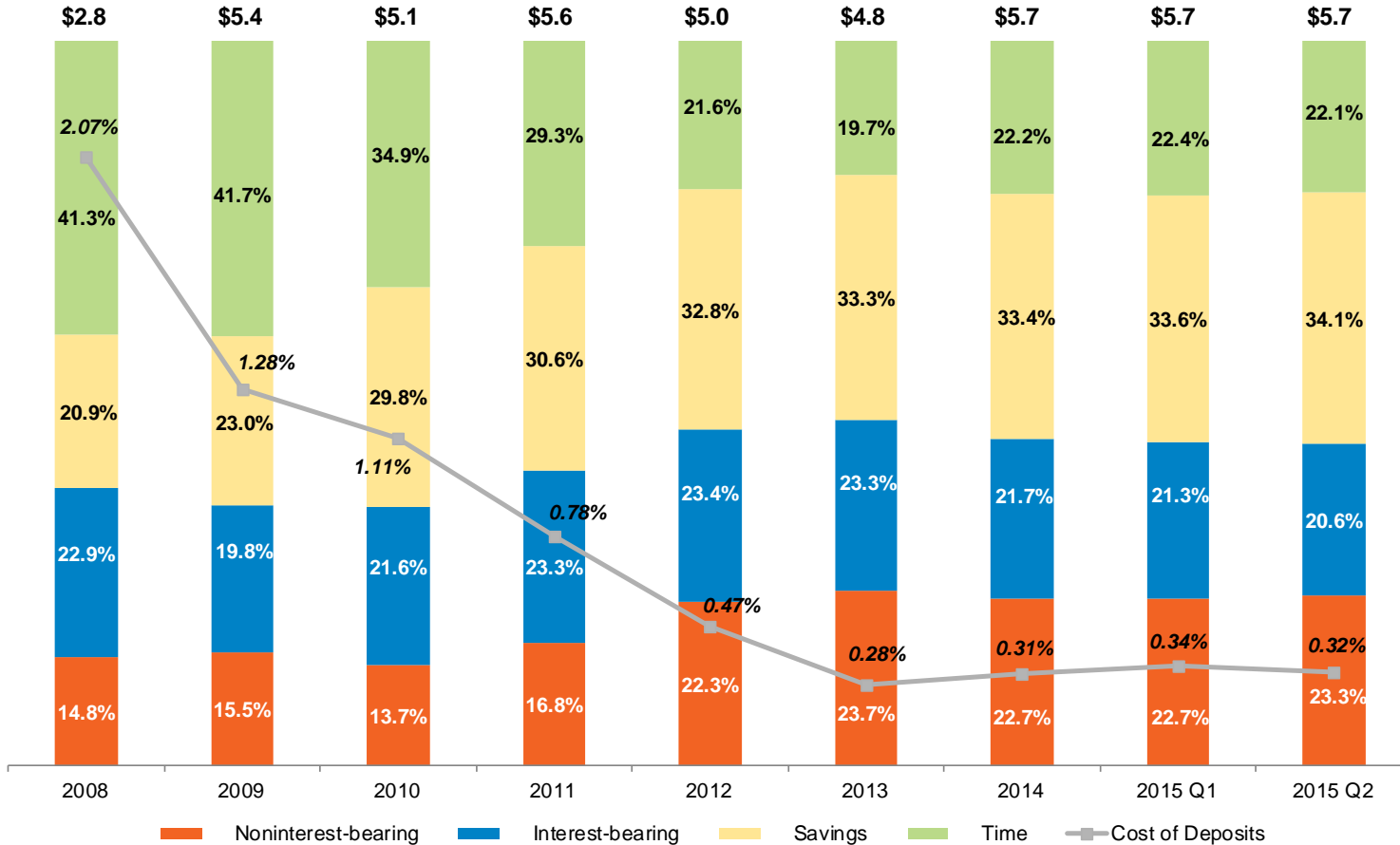
* Two out-of-footprint exposures are > 2% of total: TX at 2.03% and CA at 2.15%. FFBC's franchise lending portfolio, a nationwide platform, comprises 55% of the out-of-footprint balances.

Effective Core Deposit Generator

- Local market focus: smaller markets have historically provided stable, low-cost funding sources to First Financial
- Client-focused business model: focus on building long-term relationships
- Transformed FDIC-assisted acquisitions into core deposit generators
- Average life of core deposits of 4.97¹ years
- Intimate client approach at all touch points drives client loyalty
- Product and service offerings comparable with larger competitors
- Sales force incentives weighted heavily towards client retention and deposit growth
- Ranked 7th (out of 27 institutions in the region) for lowest likelihood of clients to switch banks and 7th on likelihood to reuse in the current JD Power survey²
- Ranked fourth in the region in overall satisfaction in the current JD Power survey²

High Quality Deposit Franchise

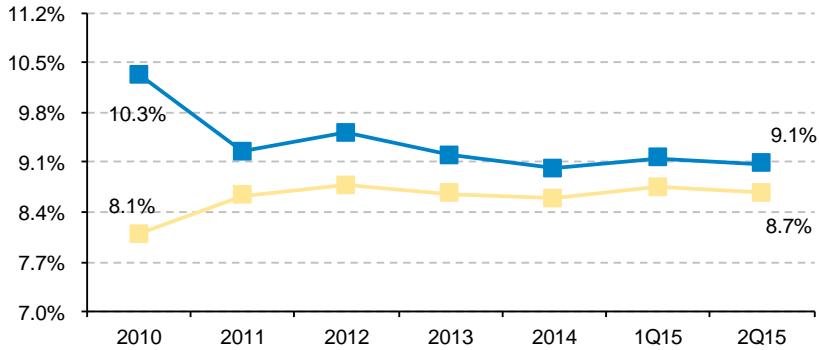
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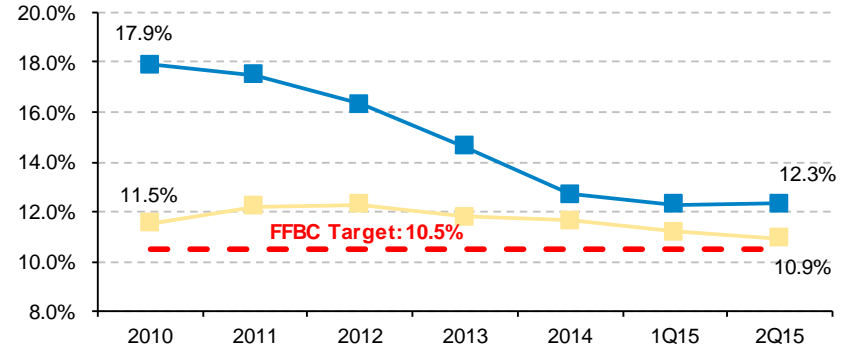
2008-2015Q2 CAGR	
Deposit Type	CAGR
Noninterest-bearing	19.7%
Time	1.4%
Savings	20.4%
Interest-bearing	9.9%

Solid Capital Base

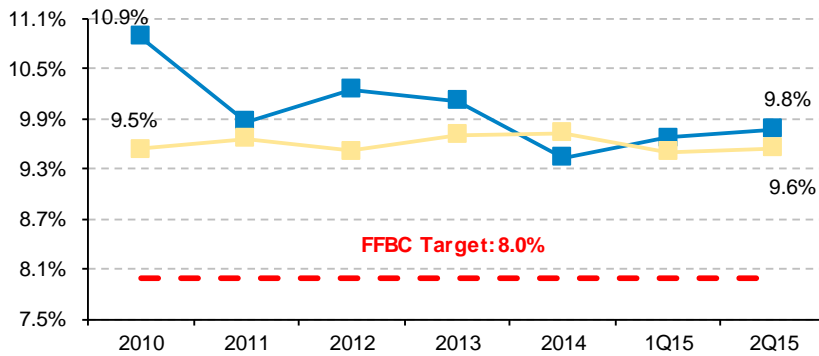
Tangible Common Ratio



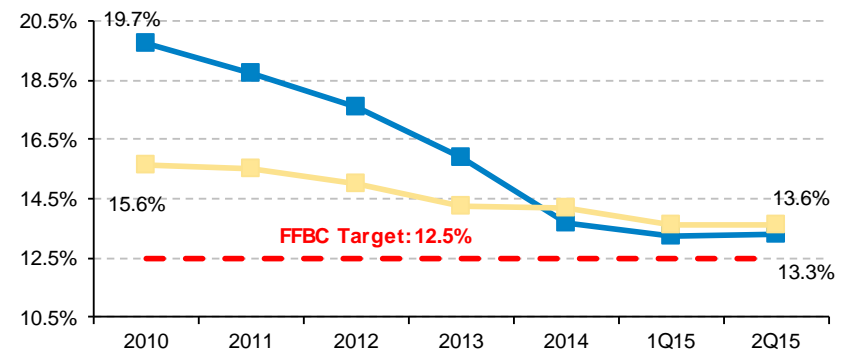
Tier 1 Common Ratio



Leverage Ratio



Total Capital Ratio



■ FFBC ■ Peers¹

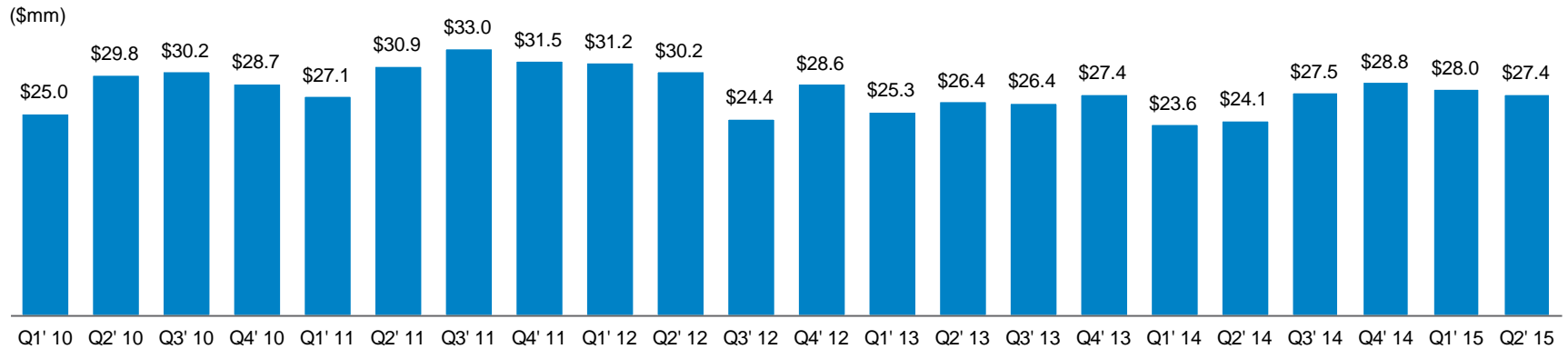
¹ Peers include banks comprising the KBW Regional Bank Index from which Q2 2015 data was available. Source: SNL Financial.



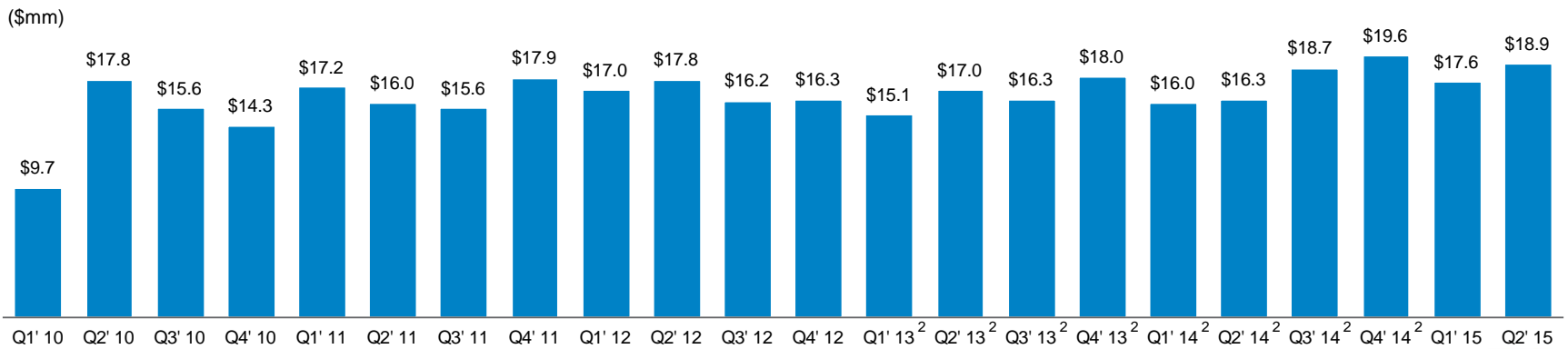
Stable and Consistent Profitability

➤ Company has produced consistent earnings despite runoff of high-yielding covered assets

Pre-Provision Net Revenue¹



Net Income

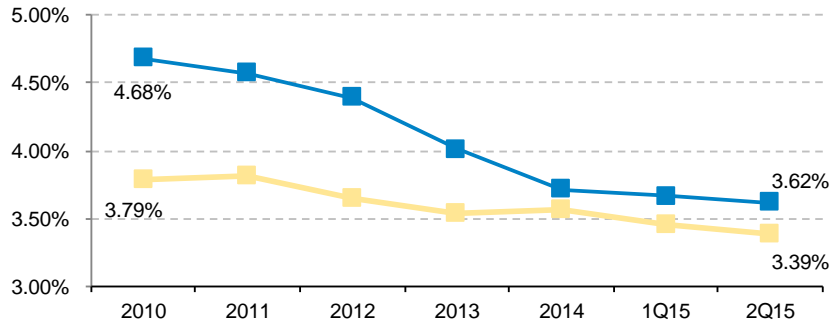


¹ Adjusted pre-tax, pre-provision income represents income before taxes plus provision for all loans less FDIC loss sharing income and accelerated discount adjusted for significant non-operating and non-recurring items, which included gain on sales of investment securities, gain on sales of non-mortgage loans, expenses related to efficiency initiatives, acquisition related expenses, and other items not expected to recur.

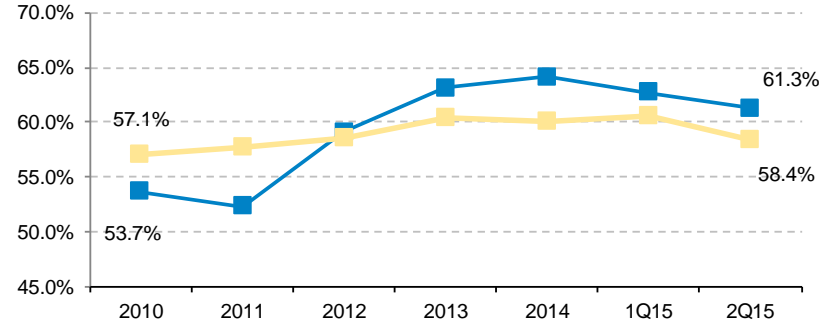
² Adjusted for acquisition related expenses, expenses related to efficiency initiatives, gains related to banking center closings, legal settlement expenses, gains on sales of investment securities, employee benefit expenses, and FDIC indemnification asset valuation adjustments.

Consistent Top Tier Performance

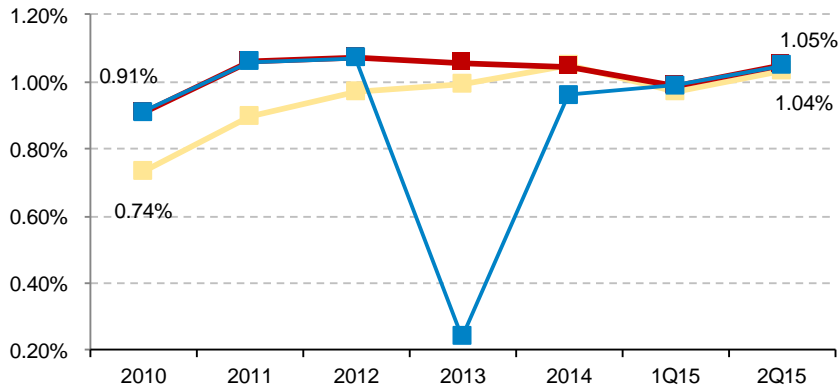
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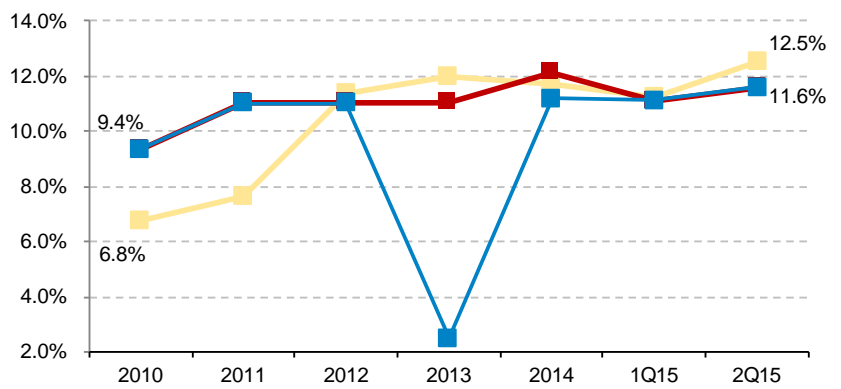
Efficiency²



ROAA²



ROATCE²



■ FFBC

■ FFBC (Adjusted)

■ Peers³

¹ Assuming a 35% marginal tax rate for FFBC.

² For the 2013 and 2014 periods, adjusted for acquisition related expenses, expenses related to efficiency initiatives, gains related to banking center closings, legal settlement expenses, gains on sales of investment securities, gain on sales of non-mortgage loans, employee benefit expenses, and the \$22.4 million FDIC indemnification asset valuation adjustment recorded in late 2013. Efficiency ratio adjustments from 2010 as per Appendix.

³ Peers include banks comprising the KBW Regional Bank Index from which Q2 2015 data was available. Source: SNL Financial.

Enterprise Risk Management

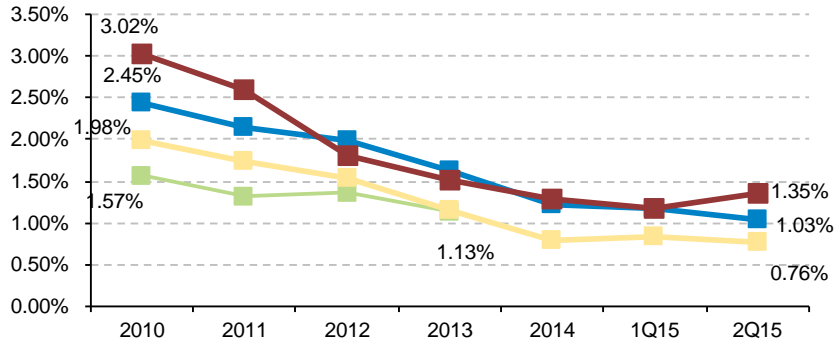
- Ongoing management of risks through a structured enterprise risk management (ERM) approach that routinely assesses overall level of risk, identifies specific risks and evaluates the steps being taken to mitigate those risks
 - Approach is consistent with risk framework that is used by First Financial's regulators and can be summarized and deployed enterprise-wide
- Line of business level objectives focus on:
 - How the business affects First Financial's strategy, earnings, reputation and other key success factors
 - Whether line of business objectives are aligned with enterprise objectives
 - How the business introduces new products and services
- First Financial has identified nine types of risk that it monitors in its ERM framework: technology, market, legal, strategic, reputation, credit, regulatory (compliance), operational and external / environmental
- Created Chief Compliance Officer role in 2014, establishing compliance as a separate function
- Board oversight of First Financial's risk management activities plays a key role in effective risk management
 - Board of directors has defined a risk appetite and broad risk tolerance levels to guide management in the decision-making process
 - Separate risk committee of the board of directors
- ERM program utilizes fifteen committees as its primary assessment and communication mechanism for previously identified risks
- First Financial believes that communication is fundamental to successful risk management and is based on a strong partnership between risk management, management and the BOD

Credit Risk Management Philosophy

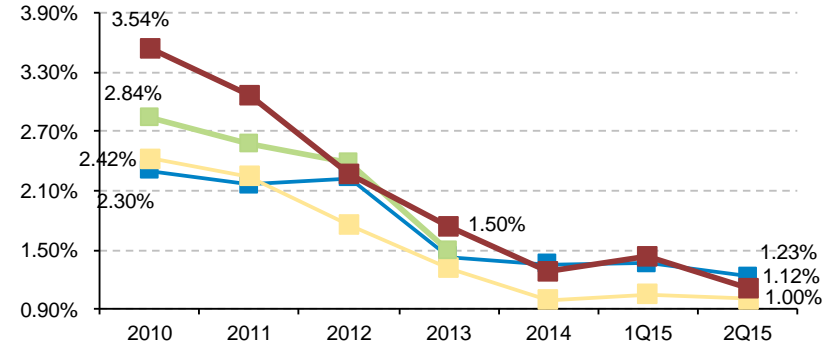
- Conservative credit culture inherent in First Financial's philosophy
 - Based upon creditworthiness, profitability and growth potential
 - Relationship-focused using consultative client management
 - Team-based collaborative decision making with sales and credit
 - House lending limit (generally up to \$20 million / relationship) is significantly lower than the legal lending limit
- Independent credit underwriting process
 - High quality / experienced senior underwriters
 - Specialized for community banking, investment CRE, franchise and specialty lending
 - Efficient and responsive with comprehensive analysis and annual reviews
- Checks & balances
 - Shared loan authority between markets and credit
 - Segregated duties for sales, underwriting, document processing and loan funding
 - Credit officers assigned to designated markets and/or lines of business
 - Well-defined policy and lending guidelines monitored through exception tracking

Strong Credit Quality

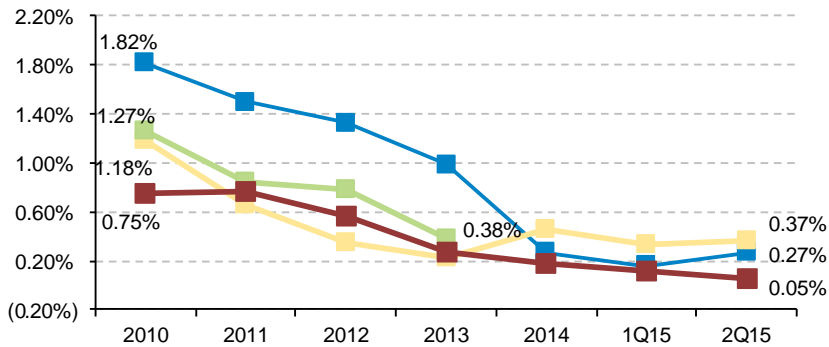
NPAs / Assets



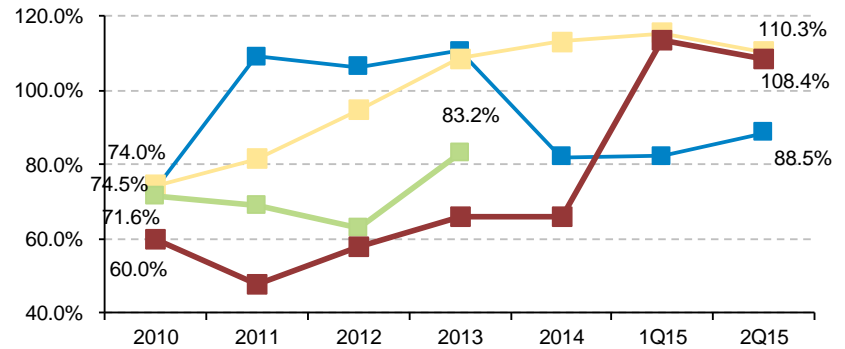
NPLs / Loans



NCOs / Average Loans



Reserves / NPLs



¹ Total numbers include asset quality data for both covered and uncovered loan.

² For 2014 onwards, FFBC does not report covered loan asset quality data separately as covered loans comprise a minor portion of the portfolio.

³ Peers include banks comprising the KBW Regional Bank from which Q2 2015 data was available. Source: SNL Financial.

⁴ Peers include companies in the Midwest with assets between \$5-\$15 billion from whom Q2 2015 data was available. Source: SNL Financial.



Interest Rate Risk Management / Sensitivity

- Continue to manage the balance sheet with a bias toward asset sensitivity while simultaneously balancing the potential earnings impact of this strategy.

Sensitivity of Projected Annualized Net Income & Economic Value of Equity¹

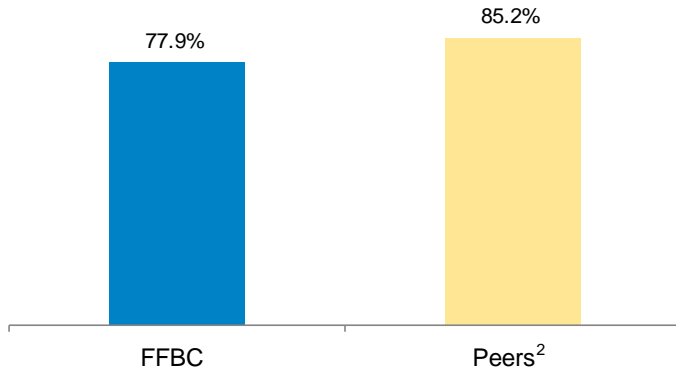
	-100 BP ²	+100 BP	+200 BP
Net Interest Income – Year 1	(4.87)%	(0.87)%	0.15%
Net Interest Income – Year 2	(4.98)%	2.45%	4.86%
Economic Value of Equity	(4.79)%	(2.13)%	(0.94)%

¹ Reflects the effects of interest rate floors. Data as of June 30, 2015.

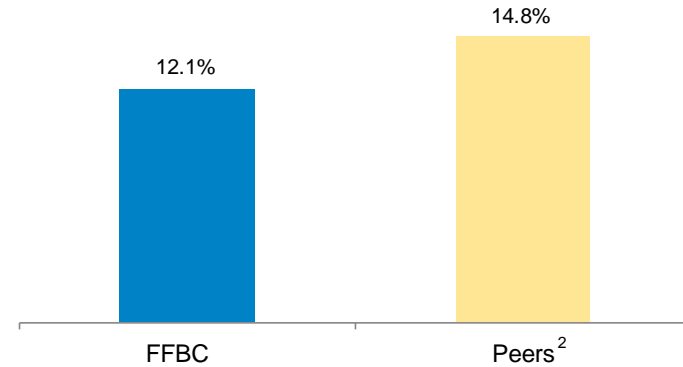
² Because certain current interest rates are at or below 1.00%, the 100 basis point drop scenario assumes that certain corresponding interest rates approach an implied floor that, in effect, reflects a decrease of less than the full 100 basis point drop scenario.

Healthy Liquidity Position¹

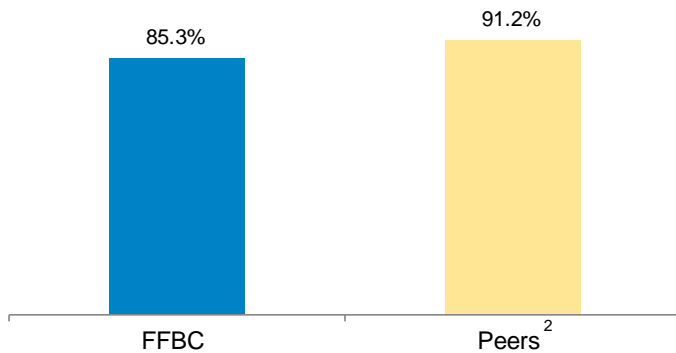
Core Deposits / Total Deposits



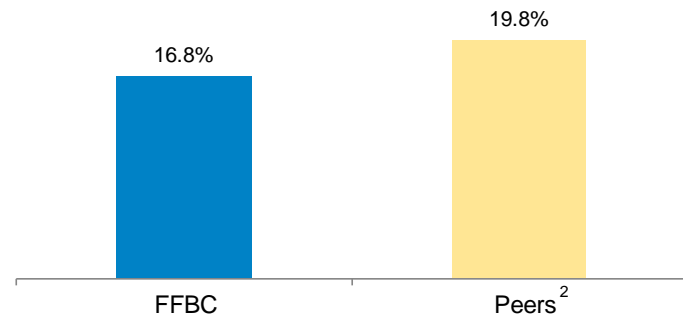
Wholesale / Total Funding³



Loans / Deposits



Cash + AFS Securities / Earning Assets



¹ All figures as of most recent quarter available.

² Peers include banks comprising the KBW Regional Bank Index from which Q2 2015 data was available. Source: SNL Financial.

³ Wholesale funding includes total borrowings and brokered CDs. Data as of 6/30/15.

Securities Portfolio

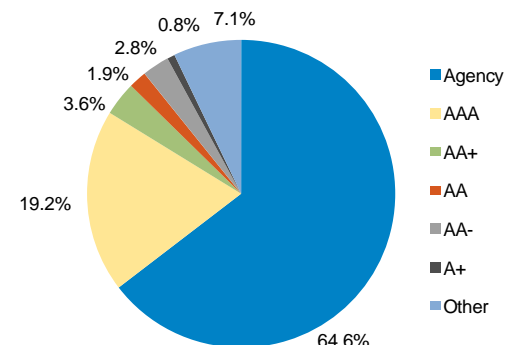
Portfolio

	2014Q4		2015Q1		2015Q2	
	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Amortized Cost	Fair Value
(\$mm)						
Available for Sale:						
US Treasuries	\$0.1	\$0.1	\$0.1	\$0.1	\$0.1	\$0.1
US Government Agencies and Corp. Securities	11.8	11.9	11.3	11.5	8.7	8.8
Mortgage Backed Securities	611.5	602.7	588.8	585.6	593.0	585.4
Obligations of State and Other Political Divisions	73.6	73.6	85.4	86.8	71.1	71.3
Asset Backed Securities	74.8	74.8	125.3	125.5	188.4	188.3
Other Securities	77.7	77.3	82.2	82.8	101.4	101.8
Total Available for Sale	\$850	\$840	\$893	\$892	\$963	\$956

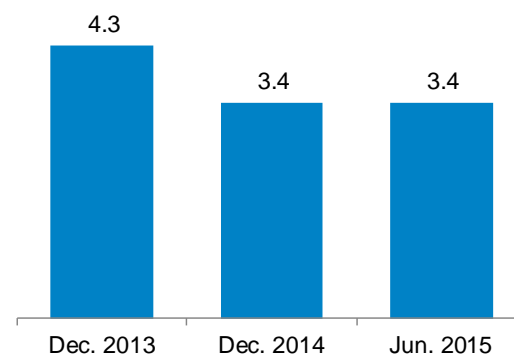
Held to maturity:

US Treasuries	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Securities to US Government Agencies and Corps.	17.6	17.6	17.0	17.3	16.4	16.4
Mortgage Backed Securities	801.5	807.2	774.3	788.8	743.8	752.3
Obligations of State and Other Political Divisions	44.2	45.2	43.5	44.2	26.8	26.3
Asset Backed Securities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other Securities	4.8	4.7	4.8	4.9	4.8	4.8
Total Held to Maturity	\$868	\$875	\$840	\$855	\$792	\$800

Ratings



Duration (Years)



Growth Strategy

- Organic growth
 - Focus on C&I, franchise and specialty lending areas
 - Invest in strategic banking center additions in existing metro markets
 - Continued focus on core deposits – capturing full relationships, incentivizing lenders, improving retail delivery channel and services
- Enhance product offerings and cross-selling opportunities to improve fee income
- Focus on improving efficiency through continued product innovation and enhanced delivery channels
- Supplement with acquisitions in current footprint as well as contiguous markets
 - Opportunistic and disciplined franchise-enhancing acquisitions
- Remain vigilant in Enterprise Risk Management processes
 - Separate risk committee of the Board of Directors
 - Robust ERM framework

2015 Strategic Priorities

- Achieve growth through deepening relationships with and retaining current clients as well as redefining our approach in our metropolitan markets
- Develop standard and repeatable processes to ensure consistent delivery of our client service experience and improved operational efficiency
- Define and execute optimal allocation of resources between our physical and electronic channels
- Manage risk effectively in light of the ever-changing economic and regulatory environments
- Deploy capital in an opportunistic, risk-appropriate manner
- Actively manage our balance sheet and produce consistently strong earnings
- Proactively develop the pipeline of leadership talent needed to take us to the next level
- Transition the operations, processes, products and culture of acquired financial institutions and specialty businesses

Investor Highlights

Leading Regional Bank in Attractive and Stable Midwest Markets

- \$7.4 billion, leading community bank with 106 banking centers and 131 ATMs in Ohio, Indiana & Kentucky: #2 in Ohio and #5 in Indiana¹
- Well-positioned as local alternative to “big banks” in metropolitan and non-metropolitan markets
- Personalized service, creative marketing and employee involvement
- Affluent and densely populated markets with high median HHI & population growth
- Successful wealth management business with \$2.4bn in assets under management as of June 2015

Highly Experienced Management Team Supported by Strong Governance

- Senior management has extensive experience in banking and exemplary track record
- Highly active in the community
- Board comprised of tenured and well-regarded businesspeople
- Chairman / CEO separation

Strong Franchise Value with Solid Fundamentals

- 99 consecutive quarters of profitability and consistent performance during the financial crisis
- Strong core deposit franchise deployed into a comprehensive portfolio of credit products
- Strong loan and asset growth momentum driven by C&I and commercial real estate, specialty finance and mortgage
- Top tier ROAA and ROATCE of 1.05% and 11.6%, respectively, during the second quarter of 2015

Conservative Risk Management & Robust Capital and Liquidity Levels

- Strong asset quality ratios with NPAs / Assets of 1.03%² supported by conservative underwriting standards
- Currently 100% of Tier 1 capital is common equity; 12.34% Tier 1 and 9.8% Leverage ratios
- Healthy liquidity position with 85.3% gross loans / deposits³; over \$1.9 billion of cash and securities on balance sheet
- Sticky deposit base

Disciplined Acquirer & Experienced Integrator

- Completed 8 whole bank, FDIC and branch acquisitions since 2009
- Doubled in size in 2009 through FDIC-assisted acquisitions
- Acquired Oak Street Holdings in August 2015



Appendix

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Financial Highlights

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Q1 2015	Q2 2015	
	(\$mm)							
Balance Sheet	Assets	\$6,250	\$6,672	\$6,497	\$6,417	\$7,218	\$7,246	\$7,383
	Loans	4,327	4,047	3,943	3,972	4,788	4,778	4,874
	Deposits	5,146	5,643	4,956	4,838	5,656	5,715	5,716
	Shareholders' Equity	697	712	710	682	784	796	802
	Tangible Common Ratio	10.3%	9.2%	9.5%	9.2%	9.0%	9.2%	9.1%
	Gross Loans / Deposits	84.1	71.7	79.6	82.1	84.7	83.6	85.3

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Q1 2015	Q2 2015	
	(\$mm)							
Income Statement	Net Interest Income	\$276	\$264	\$253	\$228	\$229	\$59	\$59
	Non-Interest Income	147	143	122	74	64	18	21
	Non-interest Expense	234	218	222	225	196	48	49
	Income before Income Taxes	92	105	104	68	95	26	28
	Net Income	59	67	67	48	65	18	19

Profitability	ROAA ¹	0.91%	1.06%	1.07%	1.05%	1.04%	0.99%	1.05%
	ROATCE ¹	9.35	11.01	11.01	11.03	12.14	11.12	11.60
	Net Interest Margin (FTE) ²	4.68	4.57	4.39	4.01	3.76	3.67	3.62
	Efficiency Ratio ¹	53.7	52.3	59.1	63.1	64.1	62.7	61.3

Reconciliation for Pre-provision Net Revenue

	2010Q1	2010Q2	2010Q3	2010Q4	2011Q1	2011Q2	2011Q3	2011Q4	2012Q1	2012Q2	2012Q3
Pre-Tax, pre-provision income ¹	\$31,126	\$37,216	\$33,631	\$34,844	\$29,768	\$32,845	\$31,814	\$33,015	\$30,020	\$32,636	\$26,894
Less: accelerated discount on covered loans	6,098	7,408	9,448	6,113	5,783	4,756	5,207	4,775	3,645	3,764	3,798
Plus: loss share on covered assets expense ²					3,112	2,621	3,755	2,521	3,043	4,318	3,559
Pre-Tax, pre-provision income, net of accelerated discount and loss on covered OREO	\$25,028	\$29,808	\$24,183	\$28,731	\$27,097	\$30,710	\$30,362	\$30,761	\$29,418	\$33,190	\$26,655
Less: gain on sales of investment securities								2,541			2,617
Less: gain on sales on non-mortgage loans ³			2,034			429	700	290	66	171	
Less: gain related to litigation settlement										5,000	
Less: other income not expected to recur											
Plus: pension settlement charges											
Plus: expenses related to efficiency initiative										2,160	351
Plus: FDIC indemnification asset valuation adj.											
Plus: FHLB Prepayment Penalty			8,029								
Plus: acquisition related expenses							1,791	1,037			
Plus: other items not expected to recur						590	1,583	2,501	1,839		
Adjusted pre-tax, pre-provision income	\$25,028	\$29,808	\$30,178	\$28,731	\$27,097	\$30,871	\$33,036	\$31,468	\$31,191	\$30,179	\$24,389

¹ Represents income before taxes plus provision for all loans less FDIC loss sharing income.

² Reimbursements related to losses on covered OREO and other credit-related costs are included in FDIC loss sharing income, which is excluded from the pre-tax, pre-provision income above. FDIC loss-sharing on commercial loans ended Oct. 1, 2014, but continue on residential mortgage loans.

³ Represents gain on sale of loans originated by franchise finance business.

Reconciliation for Pre-provision Net Revenue

	2012Q4	2013Q1	2013Q2	2013Q3	2013Q4	2014Q1	2014Q2	2014Q3	2014Q4	2015Q1	2015Q2
Pre-Tax, pre-provision income ¹	\$28,869	\$23,324	\$23,794	\$23,707	\$1,947	\$21,660	\$22,422	\$23,647	\$28,462	\$29,177	\$31,607
Less: accelerated discount on covered loans	2,455	1,935	1,935	1,711	1,572	1,015	621	789	1,759	2,092	4,094
Plus: loss share on covered assets expense ²	2,251	2,129	(634)	1,928	2,441	1,602	1,863	(431)	615	630	626
Pre-Tax, pre-provision income, net of accelerated discount and loss on covered OREO	\$28,665	\$23,518	\$21,225	\$23,924	\$2,816	\$22,247	\$23,664	\$22,427	\$27,318	\$27,715	\$28,139
Less: gain on sales of investment securities	1,011	1,536	188			50			20		1,094
Less: gain on sales on non-mortgage loans ³	45										
Less: gain related to litigation settlement								97			
Less: other income not expected to recur			442								
Plus: pension settlement charges			4,316	1,396	462						
Plus: expenses related to efficiency initiative	952	2,878	1,518	1,051	1,450	350	(59)	309	123	(97)	67
Plus: FDIC indemnification asset valuation adj.					22,417						
Plus: FHLB Prepayment Penalty											
Plus: acquisition related expenses					284	620	517	4,182	1,315	377	
Plus: other items not expected to recur		390				465		728	41		304
Adjusted pre-tax, pre-provision income	\$28,561	\$25,250	\$26,429	\$26,371	\$27,429	\$23,632	\$24,122	\$27,549	\$28,777	\$27,995	\$27,416

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Reconciliation for Efficiency Ratio

2015Q2	
Reported Net Interest Income	\$58,674
Adjusted Net Interest Income	58,674
Reported Non Int Income	21,415
(-) Gain on sale of Inv. Securities	(1,094)
Adjusted Non Int Income	20,321
Reported Non Int Expense	48,786
(-) Expenses associated with efficiency initiatives	(67)
(-) Other Items not expected to recur	(304)
Adjusted Non Int Expense	48,415
Adjusted Efficiency Ratio	61.3%

2013Y	
Reported Net Interest Income	\$228,320
Reported Non Int Income	73,647
(-) Gain on sale of Inv. Securities Q2	(188)
(-) Gain on sale of Inv. Securities Q1	(1,536)
(-) Other Items not expected to recur Q2	(442)
Adjusted Non Int Income	71,481
Reported Non Int Expense	225,475
(-) Pension Settlement Charges Q4	(462)
(-) Pension Settlement Charges Q3	(1,396)
(-) Pension Settlement Charges Q2	(4,316)
(-) FDIC indemnification asset valuation adjustment	(22,417)
(-) Acquisition Related Expenses	(284)
(-) Expenses associated with efficiency initiatives Q4	(1,450)
(-) Expenses associated with efficiency initiatives Q3	(1,051)
(-) Expenses associated with efficiency initiatives Q2	(1,518)
(-) Expenses associated with efficiency initiatives Q1	(2,878)
(-) Other Items not expected to recur Q1	(390)
Adjusted Non Int Expense	189,313
Adjusted Efficiency Ratio	63.1%

2015Q1	
Reported Net Interest Income	\$58,586
Adjusted Net Interest Income	58,586
Reported Non Int Income	17,613
Adjusted Non Int Income	17,613
Reported Non Int Expense	48,068
(-) Expenses associated with efficiency initiatives	97
(-) Acquisition Related Expenses	(377)
Adjusted Non Int Expense	47,788
Adjusted Efficiency Ratio	62.7%

2014Y	
Reported Net Interest Income	\$228,625
Reported Non Int Income	63,965
(-) Gain on sale of Inv. Securities Q4	(20)
(-) Gain on sale of Inv. Securities Q1	(50)
(-) Gain on Litigation Settlement Q3	(97)
Adjusted Non Int Income	63,798
Reported Non Int Expense	196,034
(-) Expenses associated with efficiency initiatives Q4	(123)
(-) Expenses associated with efficiency initiatives Q3	(309)
(-) Expenses associated with efficiency initiatives Q2	59
(-) Expenses associated with efficiency initiatives Q1	(350)
(-) Acquisition Related Expenses Q4	(1,315)
(-) Acquisition Related Expenses Q3	(4,182)
(-) Acquisition Related Expenses Q2	(517)
(-) Acquisition Related Expenses Q1	(620)
(-) Other Items not expected to recur Q4	(41)
(-) Other Items not expected to recur Q3	(728)
(-) Other Items not expected to recur Q1	(465)
Adjusted Non Int Expense	187,443
Adjusted Efficiency Ratio	64.1%

Reconciliation for Efficiency Ratio

2012Y	
Reported Net Interest Income	\$253,341
Reported Non Int Income	\$122,421
(-) Gain on sale of Inv. Securities Q4	(1,011)
(-) Gain on sale of Inv. Securities Q3	(2,617)
(-) Gain on sale of non-mortgage loans Q4	(45)
(-) Gain on sale of non-mortgage loans Q2	(171)
(-) Gain on sale of non-mortgage loans Q1	(66)
(-) Gain related to litigation settlement	(5,000)
Adjusted Non Int Income	\$113,511
Reported Non Int Expense	\$221,997
(-) Expenses associated with efficiency initiatives Q4	(952)
(-) Expenses associated with efficiency initiatives Q3	(351)
(-) Expenses associated with efficiency initiatives Q2	(2,160)
(-) Other Items not expected to recur Q1	(1,839)
Adjusted Non Int Expense	216,695
Adjusted Efficiency Ratio	59.1%

2010Y	
Reported Net Interest Income	\$275,510
Reported Non Int Income	\$146,831
(-) Gain on sale of non-mortgage loans Q3	(\$2,034)
Adjusted Non Int Income	\$144,797
Reported Non Int Expense	\$233,680
(-) FHLB Prepayment Penalty	(8,029)
Adjusted Non Int Expense	225,651
Adjusted Efficiency Ratio	53.7%

2011Y	
Reported Net Interest Income	\$263,896
Reported Non Int Income	\$142,531
(-) Gain on sale of Inv. Securities Q4	(\$2,541)
(-) Gain on sale of non-mortgage loans Q4	(290)
(-) Gain on sale of non-mortgage loans Q3	(700)
(-) Gain on sale of non-mortgage loans Q2	(429)
Adjusted Non Int Income	\$138,571
Reported Non Int Expense	\$218,097
(-) Acquisition Related Expenses Q4	(1,037)
(-) Acquisition Related Expenses Q3	(1,791)
(-) Other Items not expected to recur Q4	(2,501)
(-) Other Items not expected to recur Q3	(1,583)
(-) Other Items not expected to recur Q2	(590)
Adjusted Non Int Expense	210,595
Adjusted Efficiency Ratio	52.3%



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