

INVESTAR HOLDING CORP

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CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): May 4, 2016

Investar Holding Corporation (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Louisiana (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

001-36522 (Commission File Number)

27-1560715 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

7244 Perkins Road Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808 (Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (225) 227-2222

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure

On May 4 through May 6, 2016, officers of Investar Holding Corporation (the "Company") will make presentations regarding the Company at the Piper Jaffray Financial Institutions Conference in Orlando, Florida. The slides furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K were prepared for the presentation.

The information in this report is being furnished, not filed, pursuant to Regulation FD. Accordingly, the information in Items 7.01 and 9.01 of this report will not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement filed by the Company under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, unless specifically identified therein as being incorporated therein by reference. The furnishing of the information in this report is not intended to, and does not, constitute a determination or admission by the Company that the information in this report is material or complete, or that investors should consider this information before making an investment decision with respect to any security of the Company.

The exhibit to this report may include certain statements concerning expectations for the future that are forward-looking statements as defined by federal securities law. Any forward-looking statements are based on the historical performance of the Company andits subsidiaries or on the Company's current plans, estimates and expectations. The inclusion of this forward-looking informationshould not be regarded as a representation by the Company that the future plans, estimates or expectations by the Company will be achieved. Such forward-looking statements are subject to various risks and uncertainties and assumptions relating to the Company's operations, financial results, financial condition, business prospects, growth strategy and liquidity. If one or more of these or otherrisks or uncertainties materialize, or if the Company's underlying as sumptions prove to be incorrect, the Company's actual results may vary materially from those indicated in these statements. The Company does not undertake any obligation topublicly update or review any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, fut ure developments or other wise. Anumber of important factors could cause actual results to differ materially from those in dicated by the forward-looking statements. These factors include, but are not limited to, the following, any one or more of which could materially affect the out come of future events:

- b us ines s and econ o mic conditions generally and inthefinancials ervices industry in particular, whether nationally, regionally or in the mark ets in which we operate;
- our ability to achieve organic loan and deposit growth, and the composition of that growth;
- changes (or the lack of changes) in interest rates, yield curves and interest rate spread relationships that affect our loan and deposit pricing;
- the extent of continuing client demand for the high level of personalized service that is a key element of our banking approach as well as our ability to execute our strategy generally;
- our dependence on our management team, and our ability to attract and retain qualified personnel;
- changes in the quality or composition of our loan or investment portfolios, including adverse developments in borrower industries or in the repayment ability of individual borrowers;
- inaccuracy of the assumptions and estimates we make in establishing reserves for probable loan losses and other estimates;
- the concentration of our business within our geographic areas of operation in Louisiana; and
- concentration of credit exposure.

These factors should not be con s tru e d as exha u s tive. Ad d it i onal i n f o rmati o n on these and ot h er risk f actors can be found in I tem 1 A. "Risk Factors" and Item 7. "Special Note Regar ding Forward-Look ing Statements" inthe Company's AnnualReport on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit Number

Description of Exhibit

Presentation slides to be used at the Piper Jaffray Financial Institutions Conference May 4 - 6, 2016.

SIGNATURES

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

Date: May 5, 2016

INVESTAR HOLDING CORPORATION

By: /s/ John J. D'Angelo

John J. D'Angelo

President and Chief Executive Officer



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Piper Jaffray Financial Institutions Conference Orlando, Florida May 4-6, 2016

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FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS



This presentation may contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 that reflect the Company's current views with respect to, among other things, future events and financial performance. The Company generally identifies forward-looking statements by terminology such as "outlook," "believes," "expects," "potential," "continues," "may," "will," "could," "should," "seeks," "approximately," "predicts," "intends," "plans," "estimates," "anticipates," or the negative version of those words or other comparable words. Any forward-looking statements contained in this presentation are based on the historical performance of the Company and its subsidiaries or on the Company's current plans, estimates and expectations. The inclusion of this forward-looking information should not be regarded as a representation by the Company that the future plans, estimates or expectations by the Company will be achieved. Such forward-looking statements are subject to various risks and uncertainties and assumptions relating to the Company's operations, financial results, financial condition, business prospects, growth strategy and liquidity. If one or more of these or other risks or uncertainties materialize, or if the Company's underlying assumptions prove to be incorrect, the Company's actual results may vary materially from those indicated in these statements. The Company does not undertake any obligation to publicly update or review any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future developments or otherwise. A number of important factors could cause actual results to differ materially from those indicated by the forward-looking statements. These factors include, but are not limited to, the following, any one or more of which could materially affect the outcome of future events:

- business and economic conditions generally and in the financial services industry in particular, whether nationally, regionally or in the markets in which we operate;
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NASDAQ: ISTR

We encourage everyone to visit the Investors Section of our website at www.investarbank.com, where we have posted additional important information such as press releases and SEC filings.

We intend to use our website to expedite public access to time-critical information regarding the Company in advance of or in lieu of distributing a press release or a filing with the SEC disclosing the same information.





COMPANY PROFILE AS OF MARCH 31, 2016



Market Data								
Shares Outstanding	7,296,429							
Market Cap	\$107 million							
Price per Share	\$14.67							
Dividend Yield (YTD)	0.22%							
Price/ Tangible Book Value	98.9%							
Price/LTM EPS	14.8x							

Financial H	ighlights
Assets	\$1.1 billion
Net Loans	\$791.2 million
Deposits	\$808.7 million
Tangible Equity	\$108.2 million
TE/TA	10.11%
Net Income	\$2.0 million
ROAA	0.76%
ROAE	7.20%
NPAs/Assets	0.28%
Net Interest Margin	3.47%
Cost of Funds	0.90%





SENIOR MANAGEMENT



John J. D'Angelo, President & CEO

- Founding President and Chief Executive Officer
- New Orleans native; graduate of Louisiana State University
- Prior to founding Investar, Mr. D'Angelo was president and director of Aegis Lending Corporation, a mortgage lending company with operations in 46 states and the District of Columbia
- Previously, Mr. D'Angelo held various senior positions at Hibernia National Bank (the predecessor to Capital One Bank, N.A.), focusing on the East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana, market
- · Current ownership of 1.9%

Christopher L. Hufft, Chief Financial Officer

- · Joined the Bank in February 2014 as Chief Accounting Officer
- Prior to joining the Bank, Mr. Hufft served for 9 years as the Vice President of Accounting at Amedisys, Inc., a publicly-traded home health and hospice company
- Mr. Hufft, a licensed certified public accountant, also spent seven years in public accounting, serving both public and privately-held clients in the banking, healthcare and manufacturing sectors
- B.S. Accounting Louisiana State University

Travis M. Lavergne, Chief Credit Officer

- Served as Executive Vice President and Chief Credit Officer since March, 2013 and Chief Risk Management Officer since joining in July 2012
- Prior to joining the Bank, Mr. Lavergne was a Senior Examiner at the Louisiana Office of Financial Institutions from September 2005 to July 2012
- B.S. Finance Louisiana State University
- M.B.A. Southeastern Louisiana University





ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO DATE



Since commencing operations in June 2006, Investar has successfully established a profitable commercial bank in multiple growth markets:

Firmly Established in Four Key Louisiana Markets

High Quality Organic Loan Portfolio

Very Strong Growth Complemented by Two Successful Acquisitions

Key Areas Staffed with Experienced Bankers

Nimble Institution Able to Shift Resources as Customers' Demands Change

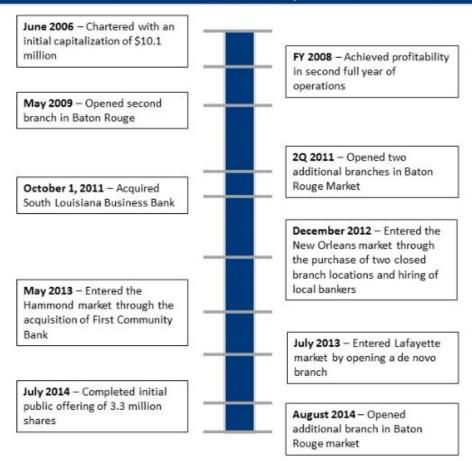
Completed Initial Public Offering of 3.3 million shares generating net proceeds of \$41.7 million



FRANCHISE OVERVIEW



Franchise History



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Branch Map



Current

- Total Assets: \$1.1 billion
- 11 full-service branches in the Baton Rouge, New Orleans, Hammond, and Lafayette markets
- 154 employees at March 31, 2016
- One new branch opening in 2016
- Institutional ownership 41%
- Insider ownership 9%
- 5-year CAGRs¹
 - -Assets 37.6%
 - -Loans 36.2%
 - Deposits 32.0%





Management

- Continue to add experienced bankers in new and existing markets

Market

Southern Louisiana focus with complementary new market expansion

Growth

- Leverage existing infrastructure in four markets
- Limited de novo branching
- Opportunistic, disciplined acquisition strategy
- Focus on relationship banking

Asset Quality

- Loan portfolio diversity
- Disciplined credit philosophy legacy delinquencies less than 1%

Profitability

- Expected to increase as investment in infrastructure has already been made

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- Two whole bank transactions since 2011
- · Processes and infrastructure established to analyze selective opportunities going forward

South Louisiana Business Bank

- Announced: June, 2011
- · Closed: October 2011
- · 1 Branch in Prairieville, LA
- \$31.5 million in gross loans¹
- \$38.6 million in deposits¹

Rationale

- Entered Ascension Parish with 3.4% deposit market share
- · Capital accretive
- Management talent

First Community Bank

- Announced: January, 2013
- Closed: May 2013
- · 2 Branches Hammond and Mandeville, LA
- \$77.5 million in gross loans¹
- \$86.5 million in deposits¹

Rationale

- · Recorded bargain purchase gain
- Initial entrance into Hammond market plus another location in the New Orleans MSA

Current Landscape

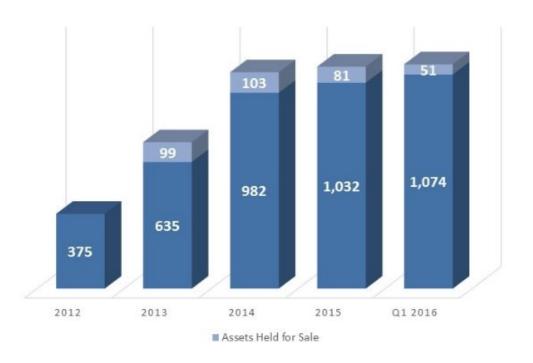
- · Focused on existing footprint and complementary markets in Southern Louisiana
- 60% of Louisiana-headquartered banks < \$250 million in assets²
- 81% of Louisiana-headquartered banks < \$500 million in assets²







Total Assets







Total Loans



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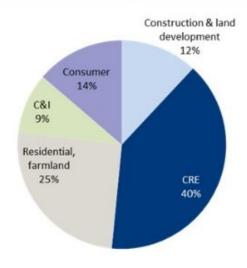
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(dollars in thousands)	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%
Mortgage loans on real estate								
Construction and land development	\$ 71,350	11.4%	\$ 81,863	11.0%	\$ 95,353	12 0%	\$ 13,490	16.5%
1-4 Family	137,519	22.1	156,300	21.0	162,312	20.3	\$6,012	3.8
Multifamily	17,458	2.8	29,694	4.0	33,609	4.2	\$3,915	13.2
Farmland	2,919	0.5	2,955	0.4	6,366	0.8	\$3,411	115.4
Commercial real estate							\$0	
Owner-occupied	119,668	19.2	137,752	18.5	141,583	17.8	\$3,831	2.8
Nonowner-occupied	105,390	16.9	150,831	20.2	174,176	21.8	\$23,345	15.5
Commercial and industrial	54, 187	8.7	69,961	9.4	74,990	9.4	\$5,029	7.2
Consumer	114,299	18.4	116,085	15.5	109,233	13.7	(\$6,852)	(5.9)
Total loans	\$ 622,790	100%	\$ 745,441	100%	\$ 797,622	100%	\$ 52,181	7.0%
Loans held for sale	103,396		80,509		50,921		(29,588)	(36.8)
Total gross loans	\$ 726,186		\$ 825,950		\$ 848,543		\$ 22,593	2.7%





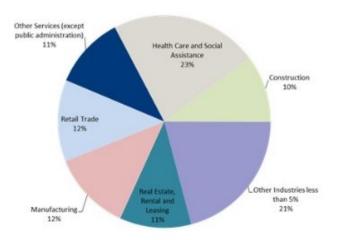


March 31, 2016



Total Loans1: \$797.6 million Yield on loans: 4.57% 45% of CRE is owner-occupied

Business Lending Portfolio²



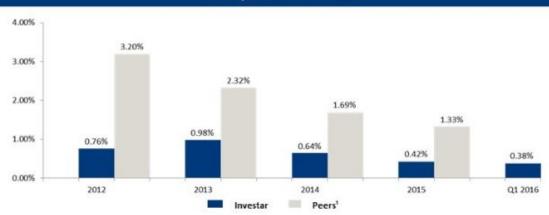
Total Business Lending Portfolio²: \$216.6 million











NCOs / Average Loans

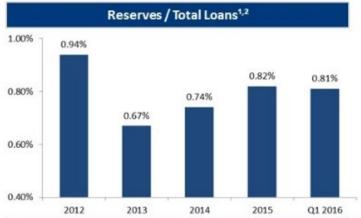


Peer group consists of UBPR peers produced by the FFIEC and defined by a combination of asset size, number of branches and location in a Metropolitan Statistical Area

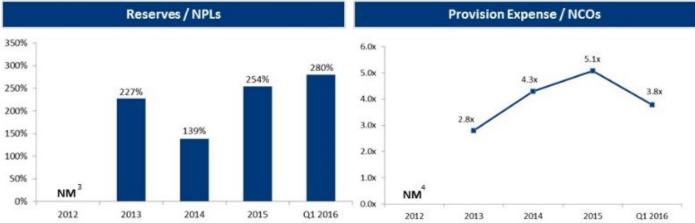


DISCIPLINED LENDING





- Reserves / Total Loans^{1,2}: 0.81%
- Reserves / (Total Loans1 Acquired): 0.85%
- (Reserves + FV Marks) / Total Loans^{1,2}: 0.90%





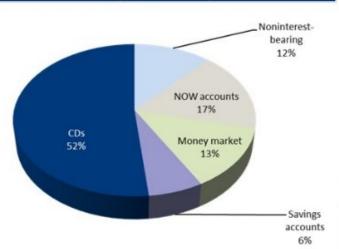
Total loans excludes loans held for sale and allowance for loan losses includes 533.9 million of loans from previous acquisitions that were marked-to-market as of March 31, 2016 Reserves/NPLs for December 31, 2012 was 5,136% Investor recorded net recoveries in FY 2012



DEPOSIT COMPOSITION AND GROWTH



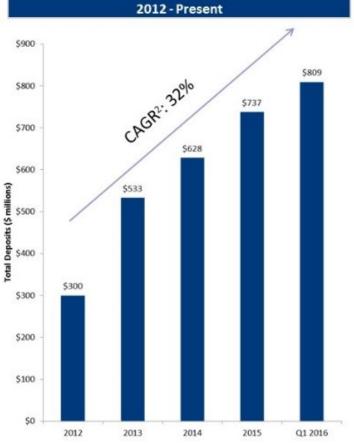




Cost of funds of interest-bearing deposits: 0.90% YTD Growth in noninterest-bearing deposits: 5%

Target: 20% of total deposits are noninterest-bearing

- Treasury Management
- · Small Business Banking
- Focus on Relationship Banking



Total Deposits





FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS



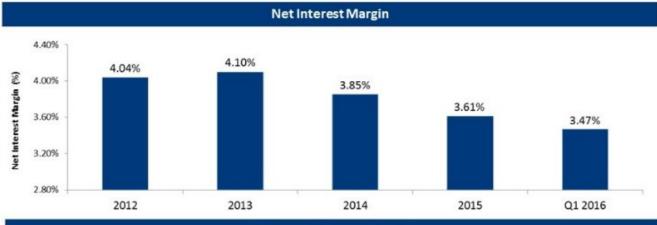
Amounts in thousands, except share data	Quarter Ended			
	March 31,	Year F	nded December 31,	
	2016	2015	2014	2013
Financial Highlights				
Total Assets	\$1,073,529	\$1,031,555	\$879,354	\$634,946
Gross Loans ⁽¹⁾	\$848,543	\$825,950	\$726,186	\$509,124
Total Deposits	\$808,698	\$737,406	\$628,118	\$532,606
Total Stockholders' Equity	\$111,487	\$109,350	\$103,384	\$55,483
Shares Outstanding	7,296,429	7,264,282	7,262,085	3,945,114
<u>Capital Ratios</u>				
Tangible Equity / Tangible Assets	10.11%	10.32%	11.43%	8.74%
Tier1 Leverage Ratio	10.78%	11.40%	12.61%	9.53%
Total RBC Ratio	12.54%	12.73%	14.41%	11.51%
Asset Quality Ratios				
NPAs / Total Assets	0.28%	0.30%	0.69%	0.79%
NPLs / Loans	0.29%	0.32%	0.54%	0.30%
Loan Loss Reserves / Total Loans	0.81%	0.82%	0.74%	0.67%
Loan Loss Reserves / NPLs	279.75%	254.16%	138.61%	227.00%
NCOs / Avg Loans	0.02%	0.05%	0.07%	0.09%
Performance Ratios				
Net Income	\$1,990	\$7,073	\$5,397	\$3,168
ROAE	7.20%	6.60%	6.80%	6.10%
ROAA	0.76%	0.77%	0.73%	0.64%
Net Interest Margin	3.47%	3.61%	3.85%	4.10%
Efficiency Ratio ⁽²⁾	64.92%	68.72%	74.90%	78.07%
Per Share Data				
Tangible Book Value per Share	\$14.83	\$14.62	\$13.79	\$13.24
Diluted Earnings per Share	\$0.28	\$0.97	\$0.93	\$0.81



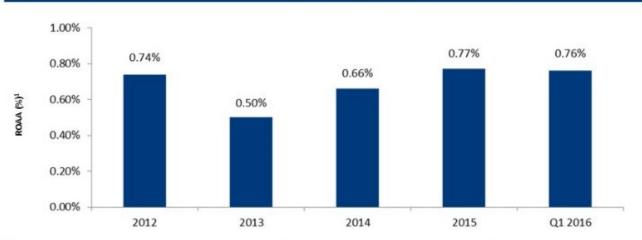


PERFORMANCE METRICS





Return on Average Assets



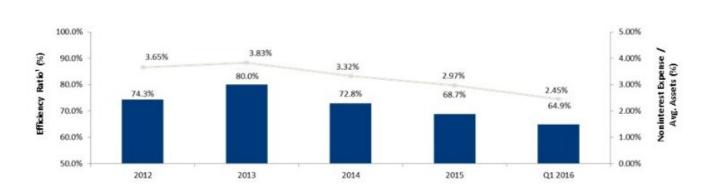
Return on average assets was adjusted for the bargain purchase gain recognized in 2013, and the net effect of the Company's investment in a tax credit entity recognized in 2014.



PERFORMANCE METRICS



Expense Ratios



		Decem	ber 31,		March 31,
2012 2013	2014	2015	2016		
Employees	100	167	179	165	154
Locations	7	10	11	11	11

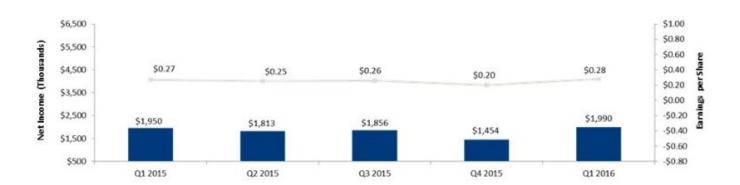


Efficiency ratio represents noninterest expenses divided by the sum of net interest income (before provision for loan losses) and noninterest income. The efficiency ratio was adjusted for the impairment related to the Company's investment in a tax credit entity for the year ended December 31, 2014 and for the bargain purchase gain recognized as a result of the acquisition of first Community Bank for the year ended December 31, 2015.





Net Income and Diluted Earnings Per Share



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INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS



- · Strong balance sheet and earnings growth
- Meaningful organic opportunities exist in market
- · Profitable with room to grow into current infrastructure
- Clean asset quality
- · Experienced management team
- Experienced, disciplined acquirer
- · Committed level of insider ownership
- Management aligned with shareholders

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APPENDIX



NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES



Tangible book value per share and the ratio of tangible equity to tangible assets are not financial measures recognized under GAAP and, therefore, are considered non-GAAP financial measures. Our management, banking regulators, many financial analysts and other investors use these non-GAAP financial measures to compare the capital adequacy of banking organizations with significant amounts of preferred equity and/or goodwill or other intangible assets, which typically stem from the use of the purchase accounting method of accounting for mergers and acquisitions. Tangible equity, tangible assets, tangible book value per share or related measures should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for total stockholders' equity, total assets, book value per share or any other measure calculated in accordance with GAAP. Moreover, the manner in which we calculate tangible equity, tangible assets, tangible book value per share and any other related measures may differ from that of other companies reporting measures with similar names. The following table reconciles, as of the dates set forth below, stockholders' equity (on a GAAP basis) to tangible equity and total assets (on a GAAP basis) to tangible assets and calculates our tangible book value per share.

		March 31,			
Dollar values in thousands except per share amounts	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Total Stockholders' Equity - GAAP Adjustments	\$43,553	\$55,483	\$103,384	\$109,350	\$111,487
Goodwill	\$2,684	\$2,684	\$2,684	\$2,684	\$2,684
Other Intangibles	\$145	\$573	\$532	\$491	\$580
Tangible Equity	\$40,724	\$52,226	\$100,168	\$106,175	\$108,223
Total Assets - GAAP Adjustments	\$375,446	\$634,946	\$879,354	\$1,031,555	\$1,073,529
Goodwill	\$2,684	\$2,684	\$2,684	\$2,684	\$2,684
Other Intangibles	\$145	\$573	\$532	\$491	\$580
Tangible Assets	\$372,617	\$631,689	\$876,138	\$1,028,380	\$1,070,265
Total Shares Outstanding					
Book Value Per Share	\$13.56	\$14.06	\$14.24	\$15.05	\$15.28
Effect of Adjustment	(\$0.88)	(\$0.82)	(\$0.45)	(\$0.43)	(\$0.45)
Tangible Book Value Per Share	\$12.68	\$13.24	\$13.79	\$14.62	\$14.83
Total Equity to Total Assets	11.60%	8.74%	11.76%	10.60%	10.39%
Effect of Adjustment	(0.67)	(0.47)	(0.33)	(0.28)	(0.28)
Tangible Equity to Tangible Assets	10.93%	8.27%	11.43%	10.32%	10.11%





INCOME STATEMENT



(dallars in thousands, except share data)	Year Ended December 31,									Three Months Ended			
		2012	2013		2014		2015		Q1 2016		Q1 2015		
INTEREST INCOME													
Interest and fees on loans	\$	13,968	\$	21,686	\$	29,979	\$	35,076	\$	9,485	\$	8,298	
Interest on investment securities		585		756		1,339		2,189		856		485	
Other interest income		34		30		50		75		37		17	
TOTAL INTEREST INCOME		14,857		22,472		31,368		37,340	20	10,378		8,800	
INTEREST EXPENSE													
Interest on deposits		2,361		3,204		4,273		5,250		1,515		1,192	
Interest on borrowings		181		256		402		632	100	316		109	
TOTAL INTEREST EXPENSE		2,542		3,460		4,675		5,882	95	1,831		1,301	
NET INTEREST INCOME		12,042		19,012		26,694		31,458		8,547		7,499	
PROVISION FOR LOAN LOSSES		685		1,026		1,628		1,865	10.2	454		700	
NET INTEREST INCOME AFTER PROVISION FOR LOAN LOSSES		11,360		17,986		25,066		29,593		8,093		6,799	
NON-INTEREST INCOME													
Service charges on deposit accounts		118		214		305		380		97		94	
Gain on sale of investment securities, net		139		449		340		489		80			
Net gain on sale of assets		36		346		1,892		4,263		314		1,730	
Bargain purchase gain				906		-				-			
Fee income on mortgage loans held for sale, net		3,131		2,843		2,119		979		123		300	
Other operating income		201		596		1,204		2,233		673		416	
TOTAL NON-INTEREST INCOME		3,625		5,354		5,860		8,344	3	1,287		2,540	
INCOME BEFORE NON-INTEREST EXPENSE		14,985		23,340		30,926		37,937		9,380		9,339	
NON-INTEREST EXPENSE													
Salaries and employee benefits		7,461		11,772		14,565		16,398		3,873		3,908	
Impairment on investment in tax credit entity		-		-		690		54		-		54	
Operating expenses		4,184		7,252		9,129		10,901	20	2,511		2,462	
TOTAL NON-INTEREST EXPENSE		11,645		19,024		24,384		27,353		6,384		6,424	
INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAX EXPENSE		3,340		4,316		6,542		10,584		2,996		2,915	
INCOME TAX EXPENSE		979		1,148		1,145		3,511		1,006		965	
NETINCOME	\$	2,361	\$	3,168	\$	5,397	\$	7,073	\$	1,990	\$	1,950	
Basic earnings per share	\$	0.79	\$	0.86	\$	0.98	\$	0.98	\$	0.28	\$	0.27	
Diluted earnings per share	\$	0.71	\$	0.81	\$	0.93	\$	0.97	\$	0.28	\$	0.27	