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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

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

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): January 25, 2023

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.)

10500 Coursey Blvd.
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70816
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

| Title of each class | Trading Symbol(s) | Name of each exchange on which registered |
|--|-------------------|---|
| Common stock, \$1.00 par value per share | ISTR | The Nasdaq Global Market |

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

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On January 25, 2023, Investar Holding Corporation (the “Company”), the holding company of Investar Bank, National Association (the “Bank”), issued a press release reporting fourth quarter 2022 results. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

The information contained in Item 2.02, including Exhibit 99.1 of this Current Report, shall not be deemed “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

| Exhibit Number | Description of Exhibit |
|-------------------|--|
| 99.1 | Earnings release of Investar Holding Corporation dated January 25, 2023 announcing financial results for the quarter ended December 31, 2022 |
| 104 | The cover page of Investar Holding Corporation’s Form 8-K is formatted in Inline XBRL. |

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.

INVESTAR HOLDING CORPORATION

Date: January 26, 2023

By: /s/ John J. D'Angelo
John J. D'Angelo
President and Chief Executive Officer

For Immediate Release

Investar Holding Corporation Announces 2022 Fourth Quarter Results

BATON ROUGE, LA / ACCESSWIRE / January 25, 2023 / Investar Holding Corporation (“Investar”) (NASDAQ:ISTR), the holding company for Investar Bank, National Association (the “Bank”), today announced financial results for the quarter ended December 31, 2022. Investar reported net income of \$8.9 million, or \$0.88 per diluted common share, for the fourth quarter of 2022, compared to net income of \$7.3 million, or \$0.73 per diluted common share, for the quarter ended September 30, 2022, and net income of \$6.9 million, or \$0.67 per diluted common share, for the quarter ended December 31, 2021.

On a non-GAAP basis, core earnings per diluted common share for the fourth quarter of 2022 were \$0.62 compared to \$0.71 for the third quarter of 2022 and \$0.56 for the fourth quarter of 2021. Core earnings exclude certain non-operating items including, but not limited to, income from insurance proceeds, loss on sale or disposition of fixed assets, severance, and the Employee Retention Credit (“ERC”) (refer to the *Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures* tables for a reconciliation of GAAP to non-GAAP metrics).

Investar’s President and Chief Executive Officer John D’Angelo said:

“This year presented unique challenges due to a rapidly rising interest rate environment and tightening financial conditions. Despite the effects of the macroeconomic environment, we reported record annual net income of \$35.7 million. In the fourth quarter, we experienced strong organic loan growth of 5.0%, or 20.0% annualized, and the loan portfolio reached an all-time high of over \$2.1 billion. Credit quality metrics improved further as nonperforming loans represented only 0.51% of total loans compared to 0.65% in the third quarter, and we continue to experience minimal loss from charge-offs.

Loan yields increased in the fourth quarter as we originated new loans, completed renewals at higher rates, and realized the benefits of the variable rate portion of our loan portfolio. However, our cost of short-term borrowings increased as a result of interest rate hikes by the Federal Reserve, and we repriced deposits with a focus on short-term maturities to take market share in our core markets, which compressed our margin. In anticipation of a continued transitional interest rate environment, we have strategically positioned our balance sheet for long-term value creation.

We are also continually evaluating opportunities to reduce our physical branch footprint and further improve efficiency through digital initiatives. In the first quarter of 2023, the sale of our two south Texas branches is expected to close, and we will consolidate an additional branch located in our Louisiana market. While challenges remain, we are proactively identifying opportunities for improvement to add long-term value for our shareholders.”

Fourth Quarter Highlights

- Total loans increased \$99.1 million, or 4.9%, to \$2.10 billion at December 31, 2022 compared to \$2.01 billion at September 30, 2022, and increased \$232.8 million, or 12.4%, compared to \$1.87 billion at December 31, 2021. Excluding Paycheck Protection Program (“PPP”) loans, total loans increased \$99.3 million, or 5.0% (20.0% annualized), to \$2.10 billion at December 31, 2022 compared to \$2.00 billion at September 30, 2022 and increased \$254.4 million, or 13.8%, compared to December 31, 2021.
- Commercial and industrial loans increased \$37.3 million, or 9.4%, to \$435.1 million at December 31, 2022 compared to \$397.8 million at September 30, 2022, and increased \$124.3 million, or 40.0%, compared to \$310.8 million at December 31, 2021. Excluding PPP loans, commercial and industrial loans increased \$37.6 million, or 9.5%, to \$433.4 million at December 31, 2022 compared to \$395.9 million at September 30, 2022 and increased \$145.9 million, or 50.8%, compared to \$287.5 million at December 31, 2021.
- Credit quality continues to strengthen with nonperforming loans improving to 0.51% of total loans at December 31, 2022 compared to 0.65% and 1.58% at September 30, 2022 and December 31, 2021, respectively.
- The yield on the loan portfolio increased to 5.07% for the quarter ended December 31, 2022 compared to 4.86% and 4.68% for the quarters ended September 30, 2022 and December 31, 2021, respectively.

- Total deposits increased \$29.7 million, or 1.4% (5.6% annualized), to \$2.08 billion at December 31, 2022 compared to \$2.05 billion at September 30, 2022. Total deposits decreased \$37.9 million, or 1.8%, compared to \$2.12 billion at December 31, 2021.
- Book value per common share increased to \$21.79 at December 31, 2022, or 4.9% (19.6% annualized), compared to \$20.78 at September 30, 2022 and decreased 7.1% compared to \$23.45 at December 31, 2021. Tangible book value per common share increased to \$17.43 at December 31, 2022, or 6.3% (25.2% annualized), compared to \$16.40 at September 30, 2022 and decreased 9.2% compared to \$19.20 at December 31, 2021.
- Noninterest expense decreased \$2.1 million, or 12.9%, to \$13.9 million for the quarter ended December 31, 2022 compared to \$16.0 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2022, and remained flat compared to \$13.9 million for the quarter ended December 31, 2021. Core noninterest expense decreased to \$15.6 million for the quarter ended December 31, 2022 compared to \$16.0 million and \$15.7 million for the quarters ended September 30, 2022 and December 31, 2021, respectively.
- Return on average assets improved to 1.32% for the quarter ended December 31, 2022 compared to 1.11% for the quarter ended September 30, 2022 and 1.06% for the quarter ended December 31, 2021. Core return on average assets decreased to 0.92% for the quarter ended December 31, 2022 compared to 1.08% for the quarter ended September 30, 2022 and increased from 0.89% for the quarter ended December 31, 2021.
- Efficiency ratio improved to 53.59% for the quarter ended December 31, 2022 compared to 61.10% for the quarter ended September 30, 2022 and 60.10% for the quarter ended December 31, 2021. Core efficiency ratio increased to 63.35% for the quarter ended December 31, 2022 compared to 61.63% for the quarter ended September 30, 2022 and improved from 66.54% for the quarter ended December 31, 2021.

Loans

Total loans were \$2.10 billion at December 31, 2022, an increase of \$99.1 million, or 4.9%, compared to September 30, 2022, and an increase of \$232.8 million, or 12.4%, compared to December 31, 2021.

The following table sets forth the composition of the total loan portfolio as of the dates indicated (dollars in thousands).

| | 12/31/2022 | 9/30/2022 | 12/31/2021 | Linked Quarter Change | | Year/Year Change | | Percentage of Total Loans | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------|-------------------|--------------|---------------------------|-------------|
| | | | | \$ | % | \$ | % | 12/31/2022 | 12/31/2021 |
| Mortgage loans on real estate | | | | | | | | | |
| Construction and development | \$ 201,633 | \$ 220,609 | \$ 203,204 | \$ (18,976) | (8.6)% | \$ (1,571) | (0.8)% | 9.6% | 10.9% |
| 1-4 Family | 401,377 | 391,857 | 364,307 | 9,520 | 2.4 | 37,070 | 10.2 | 19.1 | 19.4 |
| Multifamily | 81,812 | 57,306 | 59,570 | 24,506 | 42.8 | 22,242 | 37.3 | 3.9 | 3.2 |
| Farmland | 12,877 | 14,202 | 20,128 | (1,325) | (9.3) | (7,251) | (36.0) | 0.6 | 1.1 |
| Commercial real estate | | | | | | | | | |
| Owner-occupied | 445,148 | 445,671 | 460,205 | (523) | (0.1) | (15,057) | (3.3) | 21.1 | 24.6 |
| Nonowner-occupied | 513,095 | 464,520 | 436,172 | 48,575 | 10.5 | 76,923 | 17.6 | 24.4 | 23.3 |
| Commercial and industrial | 435,093 | 397,759 | 310,831 | 37,334 | 9.4 | 124,262 | 40.0 | 20.7 | 16.6 |
| Consumer | 13,732 | 13,753 | 17,595 | (21) | (0.2) | (3,863) | (22.0) | 0.6 | 0.9 |
| Total loans | 2,104,767 | 2,005,677 | 1,872,012 | 99,090 | 4.9% | 232,755 | 12.4% | 100% | 100% |
| Loans held for sale | — | — | 620 | — | — | (620) | (100.0) | | |
| Total gross loans | \$ 2,104,767 | \$ 2,005,677 | \$ 1,872,632 | \$ 99,090 | 4.9% | \$ 232,135 | 12.4% | | |

In the second quarter of 2020, the Bank began participating as a lender in the PPP as established by the CARES Act. The PPP loans are generally 100% guaranteed by the Small Business Administration (“SBA”), have an interest rate of 1%, and are eligible to be forgiven based on certain criteria, with the SBA remitting any applicable forgiveness amount to the lender. At December 31, 2022, the balance of the Bank’s PPP loans, which is included in the commercial and industrial portfolio, was \$1.7 million, compared to \$1.9 million at September 30, 2022 and \$23.3 million at December 31, 2021. At December 31, 2022, approximately 99% of the total balance of PPP loans originated had been forgiven by the SBA or paid off by the customer.

At December 31, 2022, Investar’s total business lending portfolio, which consists of loans secured by owner-occupied commercial real estate properties and commercial and industrial loans, was \$880.2 million, an increase of \$36.8 million, or 4.4%, compared to the business lending portfolio of \$843.4 million at September 30, 2022, and an increase of \$109.2 million, or 14.2%, compared to the business lending portfolio of \$771.0 million at December 31, 2021. The increase in the business lending portfolio compared to September 30, 2022 and December 31, 2021 is primarily driven by increased loan production by our Commercial and Industrial Division, partially offset by the forgiveness of PPP loans and a decrease in owner-occupied commercial real estate loans.

Nonowner-occupied loans totaled \$513.1 million at December 31, 2022, an increase of \$48.6 million, or 10.5%, compared to \$464.5 million at September 30, 2022, and an increase of \$76.9 million, or 17.6%, compared to \$436.2 million at December 31, 2021. The increase in nonowner-occupied loans compared to September 30, 2022 and December 31, 2021 is due to organic growth.

Credit Quality

Nonperforming loans were \$10.7 million, or 0.51% of total loans, at December 31, 2022, a decrease of \$2.4 million compared to \$13.1 million, or 0.65% of total loans, at September 30, 2022, and a decrease of \$18.8 million compared to \$29.5 million, or 1.58% of total loans, at December 31, 2021. The decrease in nonperforming loans compared to December 31, 2021 is mainly attributable to a large paydown on the loan relationship that was impaired as a result of

Hurricane Ida in the third quarter of 2021, as well as continued efforts to reduce our exposure to one commercial and industrial oil and gas loan relationship during the quarter ended December 31, 2022. Included in nonperforming loans are acquired loans with a balance of \$2.0 million at December 31, 2022, or 19% of nonperforming loans.

The allowance for loan losses was \$24.4 million, or 228.4% and 1.16% of nonperforming and total loans, respectively, at December 31, 2022, compared to \$23.2 million, or 176.6% and 1.15%, respectively, at September 30, 2022, and \$20.9 million, or 70.6% and 1.11%, respectively, at December 31, 2021.

The provision for loan losses was \$1.3 million for the quarter ended December 31, 2022 compared to \$1.2 million and \$0.7 million for the quarters ended September 30, 2022 and December 31, 2021, respectively. The increase in the provision for loan losses compared to the quarters ended September 30, 2022 and December 31, 2021, is primarily attributable to organic loan growth.

Deposits

Total deposits at December 31, 2022 were \$2.08 billion, an increase of \$29.7 million, or 1.4%, compared to \$2.05 billion at September 30, 2022, and a decrease of \$37.9 million, or 1.8%, compared to \$2.12 billion at December 31, 2021. The increase in time deposits compared to September 30, 2022 and December 31, 2021 is due to increased rates offered to remain competitive in our markets, as we adjusted our strategy in response to the rising interest rate environment after running off higher yielding time deposits through the end of the second quarter. The decreases in the remaining categories compared to September 30, 2022 and December 31, 2021 are primarily driven by customers drawing down on their existing deposit accounts. During 2021 we experienced large increases in both noninterest and interest-bearing demand deposits, and in money market deposit accounts and savings accounts, primarily driven by reduced spending by consumer and business customers related to the COVID-19 pandemic, and increases in PPP borrowers' deposit accounts.

The following table sets forth the composition of deposits as of the dates indicated (dollars in thousands).

| | | | | Linked Quarter | | Year/Year Change | | Percentage of | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------|--------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| | 12/31/2022 | 9/30/2022 | 12/31/2021 | Change | | | | Total Deposits | |
| | | | | \$ | % | \$ | % | 12/31/2022 | 12/31/2021 |
| Noninterest-bearing demand deposits | \$ 580,741 | \$ 590,610 | \$ 585,465 | \$ (9,869) | (1.7)% | \$ (4,724) | (0.8)% | 27.9% | 27.6% |
| Interest-bearing demand deposits | 565,598 | 624,025 | 650,868 | (58,427) | (9.4) | (85,270) | (13.1) | 27.1 | 30.7 |
| Money market deposit accounts | 208,596 | 251,213 | 255,501 | (42,617) | (17.0) | (46,905) | (18.4) | 10.0 | 12.1 |
| Savings accounts | 155,176 | 167,131 | 180,837 | (11,955) | (7.2) | (25,661) | (14.2) | 7.5 | 8.5 |
| Time deposits | 572,254 | 419,704 | 447,595 | 152,550 | 36.3 | 124,659 | 27.9 | 27.5 | 21.1 |
| Total deposits | \$ 2,082,365 | \$ 2,052,683 | \$ 2,120,266 | \$ 29,682 | 1.4% | \$ (37,901) | (1.8)% | 100.0% | 100.0% |

Stockholders' Equity

Stockholders' equity was \$215.8 million at December 31, 2022, an increase of \$10.1 million, or 4.9%, compared to September 30, 2022, and a decrease of \$26.8 million, or 11.1%, compared to December 31, 2021. The increase in stockholders' equity compared to September 30, 2022 is primarily attributable to the net income for the quarter along with a decrease in accumulated other comprehensive loss due to an increase in the fair value of the Bank's available for sale securities portfolio. The decrease in stockholders' equity compared to December 31, 2021 is primarily attributable to an increase in accumulated other comprehensive loss due to a decrease in the fair value of the Bank's available for sale securities portfolio, partially offset by net income for fiscal year 2022.

Net Interest Income

Net interest income for the fourth quarter of 2022 totaled \$22.5 million, a decrease of \$0.9 million, or 4.0%, compared to the third quarter of 2022, and an increase of \$1.1 million, or 4.9%, compared to the fourth quarter of 2021. Included in net interest income for the quarters ended December 31, 2022, September 30, 2022 and December 31, 2021 is \$0.1 million, \$0.1 million, and \$0.2 million, respectively, of interest income accretion from the acquisition of loans. Also included in net interest income for the quarters ended September 30, 2022 and December 31, 2021 are interest recoveries of \$0.1 million and \$0.1 million, respectively. There were no interest recoveries for the quarter ended December 31, 2022.

Investar's net interest margin was 3.50% for the quarter ended December 31, 2022, compared to 3.77% for the quarter ended September 30, 2022 and 3.57% for the quarter ended December 31, 2021. The decrease in net interest margin for the quarter ended December 31, 2022 compared to the quarter ended September 30, 2022 was driven by a 66 basis point increase in the overall cost of funds, partially offset by a 23 basis point increase in the yield on interest-earning assets. The decrease in net interest margin for the quarter ended December 31, 2022 compared to the quarter ended December 31, 2021 was driven by a 93 basis point increase in the overall cost of funds, partially offset by a 62 basis point increase in the yield on interest-earning assets.

The yield on interest-earning assets was 4.57% for the quarter ended December 31, 2022, compared to 4.34% for the quarter ended September 30, 2022 and 3.95% for the quarter ended December 31, 2021. The increase in the yield on interest-earning assets compared to the quarter ended September 30, 2022 was driven by a 21 basis point increase in the yield on our loan portfolio and a 17 basis point increase in the yield on the taxable securities portfolio. The increase in the yield on interest-earning assets compared to the quarter ended December 31, 2021 was driven by a 39 basis point increase in the yield on our loan portfolio and a 94 basis point increase in the yield on the taxable securities portfolio.

Exclusive of PPP loans, which had an average balance of \$1.9 million and related interest and fee income of \$9,000 for the quarter ended December 31, 2022, compared to an average balance of \$2.5 million and related interest and fee income of \$0.1 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2022 and an average balance of \$33.2 million and related interest and fee income of \$1.0 million for the quarter ended December 31, 2021, adjusted net interest margin was 3.50% for the quarter ended December 31, 2022, compared to an adjusted net interest margin of 3.76% for the quarter ended September 30, 2022 and 3.46% for the quarter ended December 31, 2021. Included in PPP interest and fee income for the quarters ended September 30, 2022 and December 31, 2021 is \$0.1 million and \$0.8 million, respectively, of accelerated fee income recognized due to the forgiveness or pay-off of PPP loans prior to maturity. There was no accelerated fee income recognized due to the forgiveness or pay-off of PPP loans prior to maturity during the quarter ended December 31, 2022. Refer to the *Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures* table for a reconciliation of GAAP to non-GAAP metrics.

Exclusive of the interest income accretion from the acquisition of loans, interest recoveries, and accelerated fee income recognized due to the forgiveness or pay-off of PPP loans, all discussed above, adjusted net interest margin decreased to 3.49% for the quarter ended December 31, 2022, compared to 3.72% for the quarter ended September 30, 2022, and increased compared to 3.38% for the quarter ended December 31, 2021. The adjusted yield on interest-earning assets was 4.56% for the quarter ended December 31, 2022 compared to 4.29% and 3.76% for the quarters ended September 30, 2022 and December 31, 2021, respectively. Refer to the *Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures* table for a reconciliation of GAAP to non-GAAP metrics.

The cost of deposits increased 46 basis points to 0.82% for the quarter ended December 31, 2022 compared to 0.36% for the quarter ended September 30, 2022 and increased 52 basis points compared to 0.30% for the quarter ended December 31, 2021. The increase in the cost of deposits compared to the quarters ended September 30, 2022 and December 31, 2021 resulted from both a higher average balance and an increase in rates paid on time deposits and from an increase in rates paid on interest-bearing demand deposits.

The cost of short-term borrowings increased 149 basis points to 3.89% for the quarter ended December 31, 2022 compared to 2.40% for the quarter ended September 30, 2022 and increased 367 basis points compared to 0.22% for the quarter ended December 31, 2021. The increase in the cost of short-term borrowings compared to the quarters ended September 30, 2022 and December 31, 2021 resulted from both a higher average balance and an increase in rates paid on short-term advances from the Federal Home Loan Bank, the cost of which is driven by the Federal Reserve's federal funds rate.

The overall costs of funds for the quarter ended December 31, 2022 increased 66 basis points to 1.45% compared to 0.79% for the quarter ended September 30, 2022 and increased 93 basis points compared to 0.52% for the quarter ended December 31, 2021. The increase in the cost of funds for the quarter ended December 31, 2022 compared to the quarters ended September 30, 2022 and December 31, 2021 resulted from both a higher average balance and an increased cost of short-term borrowings and an increase in the cost of deposits.

Noninterest Income

Noninterest income for the fourth quarter of 2022 totaled \$3.4 million, an increase of \$0.8 million, or 29.1%, compared to the third quarter of 2022 and an increase of \$1.8 million, or 104.7%, compared to the fourth quarter of 2021.

The increase in noninterest income compared to the quarter ended September 30, 2022 was primarily due to nontaxable income from insurance proceeds of \$1.4 million recorded in the fourth quarter of 2022 related to an insurance policy for a former executive officer of the Company and the Bank, partially offset by a \$0.6 million decrease in other operating income. The decrease in other operating income was primarily attributable to a \$0.4 million decrease in the change in the net asset value of other investments and a \$0.2 million decrease in derivative fee income. The increase in noninterest income compared to the quarter ended December 31, 2021 was primarily due to the \$1.4 million in nontaxable income from insurance proceeds recorded in the fourth quarter of 2022 and a decrease of \$0.3 million in loss on sale or disposition of fixed assets as a result of the Bank's reclassification of two previous branch locations, totaling \$1.9 million, to other real estate owned, net in the fourth quarter of 2021.

Noninterest Expense

Noninterest expense for the fourth quarter of 2022 totaled \$13.9 million, a decrease of \$2.1 million, or 12.9%, compared to the third quarter of 2022, and remained flat compared to the fourth quarter of 2021.

The decrease in noninterest expense for the quarter ended December 31, 2022 compared to the quarter ended September 30, 2022 was driven by a \$1.8 million decrease in salaries and employee benefits and a \$0.3 million decrease in other operating expenses. The decrease in salaries and employee benefits was primarily due to a \$2.3 million ERC related to the second quarter of 2021, which was recognized as a credit to payroll taxes in the quarter ended December 31, 2022, partially offset by \$0.6 million in severance pursuant to a separation agreement with a former executive officer of the Company and the Bank. The decrease in other operating expenses is driven by a decrease in collection and repossession expenses, the majority of which were related to the impaired loan relationship discussed in "Loans - Credit Quality" above.

For the quarter ended December 31, 2022 compared to the quarter ended December 31, 2021 salaries and employee benefits increased by \$0.4 million, while other operating expenses decreased by \$0.4 million. The increase in salaries and employee benefits was driven by \$0.6 million in severance for a former executive officer of the Company and the Bank, partially offset by a \$0.4 million increase in the ERC recorded in the fourth quarter of 2022 compared to the \$1.9 million ERC recorded in the fourth quarter of 2021 related to the first quarter of 2021.

Taxes

Investar recorded income tax expense of \$1.9 million for the quarter ended December 31, 2022, which equates to an effective tax rate of 17.5%, a decrease from the effective tax rates of 18.9% and 19.1% for the quarters ended September 30, 2022 and December 31, 2021, respectively. The decrease in the effective tax rate for the quarter ended December 31, 2022 compared to the quarters ended September 30, 2022 and December 31, 2021 primarily resulted from \$1.4 million in nontaxable income from insurance proceeds recorded during the quarter.

Basic and Diluted Earnings Per Common Share

Investar reported basic and diluted earnings per common share of \$0.90 and \$0.88, respectively, for the quarter ended December 31, 2022, compared to basic and diluted earnings per common share of \$0.74 and \$0.73, respectively, for the quarter ended September 30, 2022, and basic and diluted earnings per common share of \$0.67 for the quarter ended December 31, 2021.

About Investar Holding Corporation

Investar, headquartered in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, provides full banking services, excluding trust services, through its wholly-owned banking subsidiary, Investar Bank, National Association. The Bank currently operates 31 branch locations serving Louisiana, Texas, and Alabama. At December 31, 2022, the Bank had 335 full-time equivalent employees and total assets of \$2.8 billion.

Non-GAAP Financial Measures

This press release contains financial information determined by methods other than in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America, or GAAP. These measures and ratios include “tangible common equity,” “tangible assets,” “tangible equity to tangible assets,” “tangible book value per common share,” “core noninterest income,” “core earnings before noninterest expense,” “core noninterest expense,” “core earnings before income tax expense,” “core income tax expense,” “core earnings,” “core efficiency ratio,” “core return on average assets,” “core return on average equity,” “core basic earnings per share,” and “core diluted earnings per share.” We also present certain average loan, yield, net interest income and net interest margin data adjusted to show the effects of excluding PPP loans, accelerated fee income for PPP loans, interest recoveries, and interest income accretion from the acquisition of loans. Management believes these non-GAAP financial measures provide information useful to investors in understanding Investar’s financial results, and Investar believes that its presentation, together with the accompanying reconciliations, provide a more complete understanding of factors and trends affecting Investar’s business and allow investors to view performance in a manner similar to management, the entire financial services sector, bank stock analysts and bank regulators. These non-GAAP measures should not be considered a substitute for GAAP basis measures and results, and Investar strongly encourages investors to review its consolidated financial statements in their entirety and not to rely on any single financial measure. Because non-GAAP financial measures are not standardized, it may not be possible to compare these financial measures with other companies’ non-GAAP financial measures having the same or similar names. A reconciliation of the non-GAAP financial measures disclosed in this press release to the comparable GAAP financial measures is included at the end of the financial statement tables.

Forward-Looking and Cautionary Statements

This press release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 that reflect Investar's current views with respect to, among other things, future events and financial performance. Investar 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 press release are based on the historical performance of Investar and its subsidiaries or on Investar's current plans, estimates and expectations. The inclusion of this forward-looking information should not be regarded as a representation by Investar that the future plans, estimates or expectations by Investar will be achieved. Such forward-looking statements are subject to various risks and uncertainties and assumptions relating to Investar'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 Investar's underlying assumptions prove to be incorrect, Investar's actual results may vary materially from those indicated in these statements. Investar does not undertake any obligation to publicly update or revise 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:

- the significant risks and uncertainties for our business, results of operations and financial condition, as well as our regulatory capital and liquidity ratios and other regulatory requirements in the United States caused by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and war in Ukraine, including but not limited to potential continued higher inflation and supply and labor constraints, which will depend on several factors, including the scope and duration of the pandemic and the war, their continued influence on the economy and financial markets, the impact on market participants on which we rely, and actions taken by governmental authorities and other third parties in response;
- business and economic conditions generally and in the financial services industry in particular, whether nationally, regionally or in the markets in which we operate, including evolving risks to economic activity and our customers posed by the COVID-19 pandemic and the war in Ukraine and government actions taken to address their impact, the potential impact of the termination of various pandemic-related government support programs, and the potential impact of any future federal government shutdown and uncertainty relating to the federal government's debt limit;
- 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, including potential continued increases in interest rates in 2023;
- our ability to identify and enter into agreements to combine with attractive acquisition candidates, finance acquisitions, complete acquisitions after definitive agreements are entered into, and successfully integrate and grow acquired operations;
- 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, and the potential for higher realized or unrealized losses in our investment portfolio;
- an anticipated increase in our allowance for loan losses in the first quarter of 2023 resulting from our adoption on January 1, 2023 of ASU 2016-13, and inaccuracy of the assumptions and estimates we make in establishing reserves for probable loan losses and other estimates;
- the announced cessation of the remaining U.S. dollar LIBOR setting after June 30, 2023, and the related effect on our LIBOR-based financial products and contracts, including, but not limited to, hedging products, debt obligations, investments and loans;
- the concentration of our business within our geographic areas of operation in Louisiana, Texas and Alabama;
- concentration of credit exposure;
- any deterioration in asset quality and higher loan charge-offs, and the time and effort necessary to resolve problem assets;
- a reduction in liquidity, including as a result of a reduction in the amount of deposits we hold or other sources of liquidity;
- ongoing disruptions in the oil and gas industry due to the significant fluctuations in the price of oil and natural gas;
- data processing system failures and errors;
- cyberattacks and other security breaches; and
- hurricanes, tropical storms, tropical depressions, floods, winter storms, and other adverse weather events, all of which have affected the Company's market areas from time to time; other natural disasters; oil spills and other man-made disasters; acts of terrorism, an outbreak or intensifying of hostilities including the war in Ukraine or other international or domestic calamities, acts of God and other matters beyond our control.

These factors should not be construed as exhaustive. Additional information on these and other risk factors can be found in Item 1A. “Risk Factors” and in the “Special Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements” in Item 7. “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” in Investar’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2021 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”).

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INVESTAR HOLDING CORPORATION
SUMMARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION
(Amounts in thousands, except share data)
(Unaudited)

| | As of and for the three months ended | | | | |
|---|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|-----------|
| | 12/31/2022 | 9/30/2022 | 12/31/2021 | Linked Quarter | Year/Year |
| EARNINGS DATA | | | | | |
| Total interest income | \$ 29,372 | \$ 27,002 | \$ 23,753 | 8.8% | 23.7% |
| Total interest expense | 6,853 | 3,535 | 2,286 | 93.9 | 199.8 |
| Net interest income | 22,519 | 23,467 | 21,467 | (4.0) | 4.9 |
| Provision for loan losses | 1,268 | 1,162 | 658 | 9.1 | 92.7 |
| Total noninterest income | 3,441 | 2,665 | 1,681 | 29.1 | 104.7 |
| Total noninterest expense | 13,913 | 15,967 | 13,912 | (12.9) | 0.0 |
| Income before income tax expense | 10,779 | 9,003 | 8,578 | 19.7 | 25.7 |
| Income tax expense | 1,881 | 1,699 | 1,642 | 10.7 | 14.6 |
| Net income | \$ 8,898 | \$ 7,304 | \$ 6,936 | 21.8 | 28.3 |
| AVERAGE BALANCE SHEET DATA | | | | | |
| Total assets | \$ 2,677,604 | \$ 2,621,611 | \$ 2,595,211 | 2.1% | 3.2% |
| Total interest-earning assets | 2,552,448 | 2,468,357 | 2,385,896 | 3.4 | 7.0 |
| Total loans | 2,033,117 | 1,954,493 | 1,885,979 | 4.0 | 7.8 |
| Total interest-bearing deposits | 1,482,268 | 1,456,826 | 1,597,556 | 1.7 | (7.2) |
| Total interest-bearing liabilities | 1,872,870 | 1,772,960 | 1,734,170 | 5.6 | 8.0 |
| Total deposits | 2,072,288 | 2,069,603 | 2,200,718 | 0.1 | (5.8) |
| Total stockholders' equity | 211,585 | 226,624 | 241,465 | (6.6) | (12.4) |
| PER SHARE DATA | | | | | |
| Earnings: | | | | | |
| Basic earnings per common share | \$ 0.90 | \$ 0.74 | \$ 0.67 | 21.6% | 34.3% |
| Diluted earnings per common share | 0.88 | 0.73 | 0.67 | 20.5 | 31.3 |
| Core earnings ⁽¹⁾ : | | | | | |
| Core basic earnings per common share ⁽¹⁾ | 0.63 | 0.71 | 0.56 | (11.3) | 12.5 |
| Core diluted earnings per common share ⁽¹⁾ | 0.62 | 0.71 | 0.56 | (12.7) | 10.7 |
| Book value per common share | 21.79 | 20.78 | 23.45 | 4.9 | (7.1) |
| Tangible book value per common share ⁽¹⁾ | 17.43 | 16.40 | 19.20 | 6.3 | (9.2) |
| Common shares outstanding | 9,901,847 | 9,901,078 | 10,343,494 | 0.0 | (4.3) |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding - basic | 9,899,192 | 9,965,374 | 10,343,467 | (0.7) | (4.3) |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding - diluted | 10,032,446 | 10,086,249 | 10,413,713 | (0.5) | (3.7) |
| PERFORMANCE RATIOS | | | | | |
| Return on average assets | 1.32% | 1.11% | 1.06% | 18.9% | 24.5% |
| Core return on average assets ⁽¹⁾ | 0.92 | 1.08 | 0.89 | (14.8) | 3.4 |
| Return on average equity | 16.69 | 12.79 | 11.40 | 30.5 | 46.4 |
| Core return on average equity ⁽¹⁾ | 11.66 | 12.46 | 9.59 | (6.4) | 21.6 |
| Net interest margin | 3.50 | 3.77 | 3.57 | (7.2) | (2.0) |
| Net interest income to average assets | 3.34 | 3.55 | 3.28 | (5.9) | 1.8 |
| Noninterest expense to average assets | 2.06 | 2.42 | 2.13 | (14.9) | (3.3) |
| Efficiency ratio ⁽²⁾ | 53.59 | 61.10 | 60.10 | (12.3) | (10.8) |
| Core efficiency ratio ⁽¹⁾ | 63.35 | 61.63 | 66.54 | 2.8 | (4.8) |
| Dividend payout ratio | 10.56 | 12.84 | 11.94 | (17.8) | (11.6) |
| Net charge-offs to average loans | — | — | 0.02 | — | (100.0) |

(1) Non-GAAP financial measure. See reconciliation.

(2) Efficiency ratio represents noninterest expenses divided by the sum of net interest income (before provision for loan losses) and noninterest income.

INVESTAR HOLDING CORPORATION
SUMMARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION
(Amounts in thousands, except share data)
(Unaudited)

| | As of and for the three months ended | | | | |
|---|--------------------------------------|-----------|------------|-------------------|-----------|
| | 12/31/2022 | 9/30/2022 | 12/31/2021 | Linked Quarter | Year/Year |
| ASSET QUALITY RATIOS | | | | | |
| Nonperforming assets to total assets | 0.41% | 0.58% | 1.28% | (29.3)% | (68.0)% |
| Nonperforming loans to total loans | 0.51 | 0.65 | 1.58 | (21.5) | (67.7) |
| Allowance for loan losses to total loans | 1.16 | 1.15 | 1.11 | 0.9 | 4.5 |
| Allowance for loan losses to nonperforming loans | 228.44 | 176.63 | 70.59 | 29.3 | 223.6 |
| CAPITAL RATIOS | | | | | |
| Investar Holding Corporation: | | | | | |
| Total equity to total assets | 7.84% | 7.73% | 9.65% | 1.4% | (18.8)% |
| Tangible equity to tangible assets ⁽¹⁾ | 6.37 | 6.20 | 8.04 | 2.7 | (20.8) |
| Tier 1 leverage ratio | 8.53 | 8.48 | 8.12 | 0.6 | 5.0 |
| Common equity tier 1 capital ratio ⁽²⁾ | 9.41 | 9.65 | 9.45 | (2.5) | (0.4) |
| Tier 1 capital ratio ⁽²⁾ | 9.81 | 10.08 | 9.90 | (2.7) | (0.9) |
| Total capital ratio ⁽²⁾ | 12.74 | 13.15 | 12.99 | (3.1) | (1.9) |
| Investar Bank: | | | | | |
| Tier 1 leverage ratio | 9.89 | 9.84 | 9.60 | 0.5 | 3.0 |
| Common equity tier 1 capital ratio ⁽²⁾ | 11.37 | 11.70 | 11.72 | (2.8) | (3.0) |
| Tier 1 capital ratio ⁽²⁾ | 11.37 | 11.70 | 11.72 | (2.8) | (3.0) |
| Total capital ratio ⁽²⁾ | 12.43 | 12.77 | 12.75 | (2.7) | (2.6) |

(1) Non-GAAP financial measure. See reconciliation.

(2) Estimated for December 31, 2022.

INVESTAR HOLDING CORPORATION
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(Amounts in thousands, except share data)
(Unaudited)

| | December 31, 2022 | September 30, 2022 | December 31, 2021 |
|--|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| ASSETS | | | |
| Cash and due from banks | \$ 30,056 | \$ 31,711 | \$ 38,601 |
| Interest-bearing balances due from other banks | 10,010 | 4,302 | 57,940 |
| Federal funds sold | 193 | — | 500 |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 40,259 | 36,013 | 97,041 |
| Available for sale securities at fair value (amortized cost of \$467,316, \$477,242, and \$356,639, respectively) | 405,167 | 413,186 | 355,509 |
| Held to maturity securities at amortized cost (estimated fair value of \$7,922, \$8,951, and \$10,727, respectively) | 8,305 | 9,373 | 10,255 |
| Loans held for sale | — | — | 620 |
| Loans, net of allowance for loan losses of \$24,364, \$23,164, and \$20,859, respectively | 2,080,403 | 1,982,513 | 1,851,153 |
| Equity securities | 27,254 | 26,629 | 16,803 |
| Bank premises and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation of \$22,025, \$21,421, and \$19,149, respectively | 49,587 | 50,327 | 58,080 |
| Other real estate owned, net | 682 | 2,326 | 2,653 |
| Accrued interest receivable | 12,749 | 11,915 | 11,355 |
| Deferred tax asset | 16,438 | 16,587 | 2,239 |
| Goodwill and other intangible assets, net | 43,147 | 43,360 | 44,036 |
| Bank-owned life insurance | 57,379 | 57,033 | 51,074 |
| Other assets | 12,437 | 12,432 | 12,385 |
| Total assets | \$ 2,753,807 | \$ 2,661,694 | \$ 2,513,203 |
| LIABILITIES | | | |
| Deposits | | | |
| Noninterest-bearing | \$ 580,741 | \$ 590,610 | \$ 585,465 |
| Interest-bearing | 1,501,624 | 1,462,073 | 1,534,801 |
| Total deposits | 2,082,365 | 2,052,683 | 2,120,266 |
| Advances from Federal Home Loan Bank | 387,000 | 333,100 | 78,500 |
| Federal funds purchased | — | 168 | — |
| Repurchase agreements | — | — | 5,783 |
| Subordinated debt, net of unamortized issuance costs | 44,225 | 44,201 | 42,989 |
| Junior subordinated debt | 8,515 | 8,484 | 8,384 |
| Accrued taxes and other liabilities | 15,920 | 17,358 | 14,683 |
| Total liabilities | 2,538,025 | 2,455,994 | 2,270,605 |
| STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY | | | |
| Preferred stock, no par value per share; 5,000,000 shares authorized | — | — | — |
| Common stock, \$1.00 par value per share; 40,000,000 shares authorized; 9,901,847, 9,901,078, and 10,343,494 shares issued and outstanding, respectively | 9,902 | 9,901 | 10,343 |
| Surplus | 146,587 | 146,155 | 154,932 |
| Retained earnings | 108,206 | 100,247 | 76,160 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive (loss) income | (48,913) | (50,603) | 1,163 |
| Total stockholders' equity | 215,782 | 205,700 | 242,598 |
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity | \$ 2,753,807 | \$ 2,661,694 | \$ 2,513,203 |

INVESTAR HOLDING CORPORATION
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME
(Amounts in thousands, except share data)
(Unaudited)

| | For the three months ended | | | For the twelve months ended | |
|---|----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| | December 31, 2022 | September 30, 2022 | December 31, 2021 | December 31, 2022 | December 31, 2021 |
| INTEREST INCOME | | | | | |
| Interest and fees on loans | \$ 25,958 | \$ 23,924 | \$ 22,248 | \$ 93,373 | \$ 90,230 |
| Interest on investment securities | 3,086 | 2,874 | 1,291 | 10,278 | 4,500 |
| Other interest income | 328 | 204 | 214 | 918 | 812 |
| Total interest income | 29,372 | 27,002 | 23,753 | 104,569 | 95,542 |
| INTEREST EXPENSE | | | | | |
| Interest on deposits | 3,052 | 1,315 | 1,217 | 6,250 | 7,487 |
| Interest on borrowings | 3,801 | 2,220 | 1,069 | 8,534 | 4,241 |
| Total interest expense | 6,853 | 3,535 | 2,286 | 14,784 | 11,728 |
| Net interest income | 22,519 | 23,467 | 21,467 | 89,785 | 83,814 |
| Provision for loan losses | 1,268 | 1,162 | 658 | 2,922 | 22,885 |
| Net interest income after provision for loan losses | 21,251 | 22,305 | 20,809 | 86,863 | 60,929 |
| NONINTEREST INCOME | | | | | |
| Service charges on deposit accounts | 799 | 820 | 674 | 3,090 | 2,422 |
| Gain on call or sale of investment securities, net | — | — | — | 6 | 2,321 |
| Loss on sale or disposition of fixed assets, net | (67) | (103) | (406) | (258) | (408) |
| Gain (loss) on sale of other real estate owned, net | 2 | 50 | — | 9 | (5) |
| Swap termination fee income | — | — | — | 8,077 | 1,835 |
| Gain on sale of loans | — | — | 80 | 37 | 199 |
| Servicing fees and fee income on serviced loans | 13 | 17 | 37 | 74 | 204 |
| Interchange fees | 492 | 511 | 527 | 2,036 | 1,920 |
| Income from bank owned life insurance | 346 | 341 | 308 | 1,305 | 1,146 |
| Change in the fair value of equity securities | 12 | (27) | 10 | (90) | 214 |
| Income from insurance proceeds | 1,384 | — | — | 1,384 | — |
| Other operating income | 460 | 1,056 | 451 | 2,680 | 2,194 |
| Total noninterest income | 3,441 | 2,665 | 1,681 | 18,350 | 12,042 |
| Income before noninterest expense | 24,692 | 24,970 | 22,490 | 105,213 | 72,971 |
| NONINTEREST EXPENSE | | | | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 1,071 | 1,087 | 1,240 | 4,435 | 4,988 |
| Salaries and employee benefits | 7,545 | 9,345 | 7,146 | 34,974 | 35,527 |
| Occupancy | 713 | 810 | 778 | 2,915 | 2,753 |
| Data processing | 1,006 | 861 | 678 | 3,600 | 3,112 |
| Marketing | 74 | 84 | 106 | 262 | 275 |
| Professional fees | 436 | 460 | 467 | 1,774 | 1,585 |
| Loss on early extinguishment of subordinated debt | — | — | — | 222 | — |
| Acquisition expense | — | — | — | — | 2,448 |
| Other operating expenses | 3,068 | 3,320 | 3,497 | 12,683 | 12,374 |
| Total noninterest expense | 13,913 | 15,967 | 13,912 | 60,865 | 63,062 |
| Income before income tax expense | 10,779 | 9,003 | 8,578 | 44,348 | 9,909 |
| Income tax expense | 1,881 | 1,699 | 1,642 | 8,639 | 1,909 |
| Net income | \$ 8,898 | \$ 7,304 | \$ 6,936 | \$ 35,709 | \$ 8,000 |
| EARNINGS PER SHARE | | | | | |
| Basic earnings per common share | \$ 0.90 | \$ 0.74 | \$ 0.67 | \$ 3.54 | \$ 0.77 |
| Diluted earnings per common share | 0.88 | 0.73 | 0.67 | 3.50 | 0.76 |
| Cash dividends declared per common share | 0.095 | 0.095 | 0.08 | 0.365 | 0.31 |

INVESTAR HOLDING CORPORATION
CONSOLIDATED AVERAGE BALANCE SHEET, INTEREST EARNED AND YIELD ANALYSIS
(Amounts in thousands)
(Unaudited)

| | For the three months ended | | | | | | | | |
|---|----------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|
| | December 31, 2022 | | | September 30, 2022 | | | December 31, 2021 | | |
| | Average Balance | Interest Income/ Expense | Yield/ Rate | Average Balance | Interest Income/ Expense | Yield/ Rate | Average Balance | Interest Income/ Expense | Yield/ Rate |
| Assets | | | | | | | | | |
| Interest-earning assets: | | | | | | | | | |
| Loans | \$ 2,033,117 | \$ 25,958 | 5.07% | \$ 1,954,493 | \$ 23,924 | 4.86% | \$ 1,885,979 | \$ 22,248 | 4.68% |
| Securities: | | | | | | | | | |
| Taxable | 466,881 | 2,978 | 2.53 | 466,012 | 2,769 | 2.36 | 287,692 | 1,156 | 1.59 |
| Tax-exempt | 16,958 | 108 | 2.52 | 16,528 | 105 | 2.50 | 20,267 | 135 | 2.63 |
| Interest-bearing balances with banks | | | | | | | | | |
| | 35,492 | 328 | 3.67 | 31,324 | 204 | 2.58 | 191,958 | 214 | 0.44 |
| Total interest-earning assets | 2,552,448 | 29,372 | 4.57 | 2,468,357 | 27,002 | 4.34 | 2,385,896 | 23,753 | 3.95 |
| Cash and due from banks | 33,363 | | | 33,291 | | | 47,384 | | |
| Intangible assets | 43,262 | | | 43,472 | | | 44,156 | | |
| Other assets | 71,972 | | | 98,936 | | | 139,064 | | |
| Allowance for loan losses | (23,441) | | | (22,445) | | | (21,289) | | |
| Total assets | <u>\$ 2,677,604</u> | | | <u>\$ 2,621,611</u> | | | <u>\$ 2,595,211</u> | | |
| Liabilities and stockholders' equity | | | | | | | | | |
| Interest-bearing liabilities: | | | | | | | | | |
| Deposits: | | | | | | | | | |
| Interest-bearing demand deposits | \$ 822,871 | \$ 1,084 | 0.52% | \$ 887,040 | \$ 594 | 0.27% | \$ 939,789 | \$ 413 | 0.17% |
| Brokered demand deposits | — | — | — | — | — | — | 16,405 | 2 | 0.04 |
| Savings deposits | 160,046 | 18 | 0.04 | 173,582 | 20 | 0.05 | 178,751 | 43 | 0.09 |
| Time deposits | 499,351 | 1,950 | 1.55 | 396,204 | 701 | 0.70 | 462,611 | 759 | 0.65 |
| Total interest-bearing deposits | 1,482,268 | 3,052 | 0.82 | 1,456,826 | 1,315 | 0.36 | 1,597,556 | 1,217 | 0.30 |
| Short-term borrowings | 284,384 | 2,785 | 3.89 | 191,210 | 1,156 | 2.40 | 6,772 | 4 | 0.22 |
| Long-term debt | 106,218 | 1,016 | 3.79 | 124,924 | 1,064 | 3.38 | 129,842 | 1,065 | 3.26 |
| Total interest-bearing liabilities | 1,872,870 | 6,853 | 1.45 | 1,772,960 | 3,535 | 0.79 | 1,734,170 | 2,286 | 0.52 |
| Noninterest-bearing deposits | 590,020 | | | 612,777 | | | 603,162 | | |
| Other liabilities | 3,129 | | | 9,250 | | | 16,414 | | |
| Stockholders' equity | 211,585 | | | 226,624 | | | 241,465 | | |
| Total liability and stockholders' equity | <u>\$ 2,677,604</u> | | | <u>\$ 2,621,611</u> | | | <u>\$ 2,595,211</u> | | |
| Net interest income/net interest margin | | <u>\$ 22,519</u> | <u>3.50%</u> | | <u>\$ 23,467</u> | <u>3.77%</u> | | <u>\$ 21,467</u> | <u>3.57%</u> |

INVESTAR HOLDING CORPORATION
CONSOLIDATED AVERAGE BALANCE SHEET, INTEREST EARNED AND YIELD ANALYSIS
(Amounts in thousands)
(Unaudited)

| | For the twelve months ended | | | | | |
|---|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|
| | December 31, 2022 | | | December 31, 2021 | | |
| | Average Balance | Interest Income/ Expense | Yield/ Rate | Average Balance | Interest Income/ Expense | Yield/ Rate |
| Assets | | | | | | |
| Interest-earning assets: | | | | | | |
| Loans | \$ 1,937,255 | \$ 93,373 | 4.82% | \$ 1,902,070 | \$ 90,230 | 4.74% |
| Securities: | | | | | | |
| Taxable | 442,767 | 9,796 | 2.21 | 275,963 | 3,948 | 1.43 |
| Tax-exempt | 18,746 | 482 | 2.57 | 20,259 | 552 | 2.73 |
| Interest-bearing balances with banks | 45,542 | 918 | 2.02 | 176,349 | 812 | 0.46 |
| Total interest-earning assets | 2,444,310 | 104,569 | 4.28 | 2,374,641 | 95,542 | 4.02 |
| Cash and due from banks | 34,327 | | | 39,262 | | |
| Intangible assets | 43,588 | | | 41,299 | | |
| Other assets | 103,711 | | | 138,096 | | |
| Allowance for loan losses | (22,093) | | | (20,704) | | |
| Total assets | <u>\$ 2,603,843</u> | | | <u>\$ 2,572,594</u> | | |
| Liabilities and stockholders' equity | | | | | | |
| Interest-bearing liabilities: | | | | | | |
| Deposits: | | | | | | |
| Interest-bearing demand deposits | \$ 900,405 | \$ 2,411 | 0.27% | \$ 858,660 | \$ 2,398 | 0.28% |
| Brokered demand deposits | 1,773 | 7 | 0.42 | 77,432 | 715 | 0.92 |
| Savings deposits | 173,460 | 79 | 0.05 | 168,194 | 247 | 0.15 |
| Time deposits | 427,498 | 3,753 | 0.88 | 508,954 | 4,127 | 0.81 |
| Total interest-bearing deposits | 1,503,136 | 6,250 | 0.42 | 1,613,240 | 7,487 | 0.46 |
| Short-term borrowings | 134,192 | 4,093 | 3.05 | 9,323 | 19 | 0.20 |
| Long-term debt | 127,288 | 4,441 | 3.49 | 129,318 | 4,222 | 3.26 |
| Total interest-bearing liabilities | 1,764,616 | 14,784 | 0.84 | 1,751,881 | 11,728 | 0.67 |
| Noninterest-bearing deposits | 600,286 | | | 553,083 | | |
| Other liabilities | 10,425 | | | 18,852 | | |
| Stockholders' equity | 228,516 | | | 248,778 | | |
| Total liability and stockholders' equity | <u>\$ 2,603,843</u> | | | <u>\$ 2,572,594</u> | | |
| Net interest income/net interest margin | | <u>\$ 89,785</u> | <u>3.67%</u> | | <u>\$ 83,814</u> | <u>3.53%</u> |

INVESTAR HOLDING CORPORATION
RECONCILIATION OF NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES
INTEREST EARNED AND YIELD ANALYSIS ADJUSTED FOR ACCELERATED PPP INCOME, INTEREST RECOVERIES, AND ACCRETION
(Amounts in thousands)
(Unaudited)

| | For the three months ended | | | | | | | | |
|---|----------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|
| | December 31, 2022 | | | September 30, 2022 | | | December 31, 2021 | | |
| | Average Balance | Interest Income/ Expense | Yield/ Rate | Average Balance | Interest Income/ Expense | Yield/ Rate | Average Balance | Interest Income/ Expense | Yield/ Rate |
| Interest-earning assets: | | | | | | | | | |
| Loans | \$ 2,033,117 | \$ 25,958 | 5.07% | \$ 1,954,493 | \$ 23,924 | 4.86% | \$ 1,885,979 | \$ 22,248 | 4.68% |
| Adjustments: | | | | | | | | | |
| Accelerated fee income for forgiven or paid off PPP loans | | — | | | 58 | | | 812 | |
| Interest recoveries | | — | | | 121 | | | 119 | |
| Accretion | | 66 | | | 142 | | | 211 | |
| Adjusted loans | 2,033,117 | 25,892 | 5.05 | 1,954,493 | 23,603 | 4.79 | 1,885,979 | 21,106 | 4.44 |
| Securities: | | | | | | | | | |
| Taxable | 466,881 | 2,978 | 2.53 | 466,012 | 2,769 | 2.36 | 287,692 | 1,156 | 1.59 |
| Tax-exempt | 16,958 | 108 | 2.52 | 16,528 | 105 | 2.50 | 20,267 | 135 | 2.63 |
| Interest-bearing balances with banks | 35,492 | 328 | 3.67 | 31,324 | 204 | 2.58 | 191,958 | 214 | 0.44 |
| Adjusted interest-earning assets | 2,552,448 | 29,306 | 4.56 | 2,468,357 | 26,681 | 4.29 | 2,385,896 | 22,611 | 3.76 |
| Total interest-bearing liabilities | 1,872,870 | 6,853 | 1.45 | 1,772,960 | 3,535 | 0.79 | 1,734,170 | 2,286 | 0.52 |
| Adjusted net interest income/adjusted net interest margin | | \$ 22,453 | 3.49% | | \$ 23,146 | 3.72% | | \$ 20,325 | 3.38% |

INVESTAR HOLDING CORPORATION
RECONCILIATION OF NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES
INTEREST EARNED AND YIELD ANALYSIS ADJUSTED FOR PPP LOANS
(Amounts in thousands)
(Unaudited)

| | For the three months ended | | | | | | | | |
|---|----------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|
| | December 31, 2022 | | | September 30, 2022 | | | December 31, 2021 | | |
| | Average Balance | Interest Income/ Expense | Yield/ Rate | Average Balance | Interest Income/ Expense | Yield/ Rate | Average Balance | Interest Income/ Expense | Yield/ Rate |
| Interest-earning assets: | | | | | | | | | |
| Loans | \$ 2,033,117 | \$ 25,958 | 5.07% | \$ 1,954,493 | \$ 23,924 | 4.86% | \$ 1,885,979 | \$ 22,248 | 4.68% |
| Adjustments: | | | | | | | | | |
| PPP loans | 1,886 | 9 | 1.92 | 2,458 | 70 | 11.27 | 33,182 | 975 | 11.69 |
| Adjusted loans | 2,031,231 | 25,949 | 5.07 | 1,952,035 | 23,854 | 4.85 | 1,852,797 | 21,273 | 4.56 |
| Securities: | | | | | | | | | |
| Taxable | 466,881 | 2,978 | 2.53 | 466,012 | 2,769 | 2.36 | 287,692 | 1,156 | 1.59 |
| Tax-exempt | 16,958 | 108 | 2.52 | 16,528 | 105 | 2.50 | 20,267 | 135 | 2.63 |
| Interest-bearing balances with banks | 35,492 | 328 | 3.67 | 31,324 | 204 | 2.58 | 191,958 | 214 | 0.44 |
| Adjusted interest-earning assets | 2,550,562 | 29,363 | 4.57 | 2,465,899 | 26,932 | 4.33 | 2,352,714 | 22,778 | 3.84 |
| Total interest-bearing liabilities | 1,872,870 | 6,853 | 1.45 | 1,772,960 | 3,535 | 0.79 | 1,734,170 | 2,286 | 0.52 |
| Adjusted net interest income/adjusted net interest margin | | \$ 22,510 | 3.50% | | \$ 23,397 | 3.76% | | \$ 20,492 | 3.46% |

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| | December 31, 2022 | September 30, 2022 | December 31, 2021 |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Tangible common equity | | | |
| Total stockholders' equity | \$ 215,782 | \$ 205,700 | \$ 242,598 |
| Adjustments: | | | |
| Goodwill | 40,088 | 40,088 | 40,088 |
| Core deposit intangible | 2,959 | 3,172 | 3,848 |
| Trademark intangible | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Tangible common equity | <u>\$ 172,635</u> | <u>\$ 162,340</u> | <u>\$ 198,562</u> |
| Tangible assets | | | |
| Total assets | \$ 2,753,807 | \$ 2,661,694 | \$ 2,513,203 |
| Adjustments: | | | |
| Goodwill | 40,088 | 40,088 | 40,088 |
| Core deposit intangible | 2,959 | 3,172 | 3,848 |
| Trademark intangible | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Tangible assets | <u>\$ 2,710,660</u> | <u>\$ 2,618,334</u> | <u>\$ 2,469,167</u> |
| Common shares outstanding | 9,901,847 | 9,901,078 | 10,343,494 |
| Tangible equity to tangible assets | 6.37% | 6.20% | 8.04% |
| Book value per common share | \$ 21.79 | \$ 20.78 | \$ 23.45 |
| Tangible book value per common share | 17.43 | 16.40 | 19.20 |

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| | For the three months ended | | |
|---|----------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| | December 31, 2022 | September 30, 2022 | December 31, 2021 |
| Net interest income | (a) \$ 22,519 | \$ 23,467 | \$ 21,467 |
| Provision for loan losses | 1,268 | 1,162 | 658 |
| Net interest income after provision for loan losses | 21,251 | 22,305 | 20,809 |
| Noninterest income | (b) 3,441 | 2,665 | 1,681 |
| Loss on sale or disposition of fixed assets, net | 67 | 103 | 406 |
| Gain on sale of other real estate owned, net | (2) | (50) | — |
| Change in the fair value of equity securities | (12) | 27 | (10) |
| Income from insurance proceeds ⁽¹⁾ | (1,384) | — | — |
| Change in the net asset value of other investments ⁽²⁾ | 44 | (305) | — |
| Core noninterest income | (d) 2,154 | 2,440 | 2,077 |
| Core earnings before noninterest expense | 23,405 | 24,745 | 22,886 |
| Total noninterest expense | (c) 13,913 | 15,967 | 13,912 |
| Severance ⁽³⁾ | (624) | — | (5) |
| Employee Retention Credit, net of consulting fees ⁽⁴⁾ | 2,342 | — | 1,759 |
| Core noninterest expense | (f) 15,631 | 15,967 | 15,666 |
| Core earnings before income tax expense | 7,774 | 8,778 | 7,220 |
| Core income tax expense ⁽⁵⁾ | 1,555 | 1,659 | 1,379 |
| Core earnings | \$ 6,219 | \$ 7,119 | \$ 5,841 |
| Core basic earnings per common share | 0.63 | 0.71 | 0.56 |
| Diluted earnings per common share (GAAP) | \$ 0.88 | \$ 0.73 | \$ 0.67 |
| Loss on sale or disposition of fixed assets, net | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.03 |
| Income from insurance proceeds ⁽¹⁾ | (0.14) | — | — |
| Change in the net asset value of other investments ⁽²⁾ | — | (0.03) | — |
| Severance ⁽³⁾ | 0.05 | — | — |
| Employee Retention Credit, net of consulting fees ⁽⁴⁾ | (0.18) | — | (0.14) |
| Core diluted earnings per common share | \$ 0.62 | \$ 0.71 | \$ 0.56 |
| Efficiency ratio | (c) / (a+b) | 53.59% | 61.10% |
| Core efficiency ratio | (f) / (a+d) | 63.35 | 66.54 |
| Core return on average assets ⁽⁶⁾ | 0.92 | 1.08 | 0.89 |
| Core return on average equity ⁽⁶⁾ | 11.66 | 12.46 | 9.59 |
| Total average assets | \$ 2,677,604 | \$ 2,621,611 | \$ 2,595,211 |
| Total average stockholders' equity | 211,585 | 226,624 | 241,465 |

- (1) Income from insurance proceeds represents nontaxable income related to an insurance policy for a former executive officer of the Company and the Bank.
- (2) Change in net asset value of other investments represents unrealized gains or losses on Investar's investments in Small Business Investment Companies and other investment funds and is included in other operating income in the accompanying consolidated statements of income.
- (3) Severance in the fourth quarter of 2022 represents a comprehensive severance package for a former executive officer of the Company and the Bank.
- (4) ERC represents a broad based refundable payroll tax credit that incentivized businesses to retain employees on the payroll during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- (5) Core income tax expense for the quarter ended December 31, 2022 is calculated using an effective tax rate of 20.0%, which is adjusted to account for the exclusion of the income from insurance proceeds, which is nontaxable income, from the calculation of core earnings. Core income tax expense is calculated using the effective tax rates of 18.9% and 19.1% for the quarters ended September 30, 2022 and December 31, 2021, respectively.
- (6) Core earnings used in calculation. No adjustments were made to average assets or average equity.