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## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

## 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): November 17, 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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#### Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure

On November 17, 2016, officers of Investar Holding Corporation (the "Company") will make presentations regarding the Company at the Sandler O'Neill East Coast Financial Services Conference in Naples, 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. An y f o rwa r d - lo oking st atem e nts are based on the h i s t o r ica l per f o r man c e o f t h e Compan y a n d i t s subs i dia r ie s o r on the Company's cur r ent plan s, estimates and expectation s. The i n clusi o n of thi s forward-lo o ki n g i n f o rmati o n s h oul d n ot be re g arded as a repres e ntation by the Company that the future plans, estimates or e x pecta t ions by t h e Compan y will be ach i eved. S u ch forward-lo o k i n g statement s are sub j ect t o vari o u s r i sks a n d uncerta i n t i es and assump t i ons relat i ng to t h e Compan y ' s operati o ns, fina n cial results, fi n ancial co n d i t i o n, business p r ospects, g ro w t h st ra teg y a n d li q ui di t y. If o ne o r mo re of t h es e or o t he r r isk s o r unce r tai n tie s ma t e r i a lize, or i f th e C om p any 's unde r l y in g as s ump t i o n s prove to be incorrect, the Company 's actual r es u lts m ay v ary m ate ri ally f r om t h os e indicated in these s t atement s. The Company d oes n ot un d er t a k e an y o b li g ati o n t o p u bl i c l y u p dat e or re v ie w an y f o r wa r d - loo k in g st atement t, whet h er a s a re s u l t o f ne w i n form atio n, fut u r e deve l opment t s or ot h e r w ise. A n u m b e r o f impo r tan t f act o rs cou l d cause act ual results to d i ffer materially from t h ose in d icated b y th e f or w ar d - l o ok i n g sta t ements. These factors include, but are not limit t ed to, the follow i ng, any one or more of which co u l d mater i ally affect t h e o u t c ome of future events:

- b us ines s and econ o m i c con d it i on s ge nerally a n d i n t h e fi n a ncials erv i ces in d u stry in partic u l ar, whether na t i onally, region all y or in the mark ets i n 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 ona l i n f o rmati o n on thes e an d ot h er ris k f acto rs ca n b e fo u n d i n I t em 1 A. "Risk Factor s" and Item 7. "Special Note Regar di n g Fo r wa r d-L o ok i n g S t atement s" i n t h e C ompan y's A nn u a l Re p o rt on Fo rm 1 0-K for the year end e d December 31, 2015, f i led wit h the Secu r ities and Exchange Commission.

#### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d)	Exhibits
Exhibit Number	Description of Exhibit
99.1	Presentation slides to be used at the Sandler O'Neill East Coast Financial Services Conference on November 17, 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.

#### INVESTAR HOLDING CORPORATION

Date: November 17, 2016

By: /s/ John J. D'Angelo

John J. D'Angelo President and Chief Executive Officer

Exhibit 99.1



## NASDAQ: ISTR

# Sandler O'Neill East Coast Financial Services Conference November 17, 2016



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;
- · 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;
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- 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
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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 Item 7. "Special Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements" in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

### www.investarbank.com

#### NASDAQ: ISTR

We encourage everyone to visit the Investors Section of our website at <u>www.investarbank.com</u>, 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 timecritical 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 SEPTEMBER 30, 2016



Market Data							
Shares Outstanding	7,131,186						
Market Cap	\$109.5 million						
Price per Share	\$15.35						
Dividend Yield (YTD)	0.25%						
Price/ Tangible Book Value	99.2%						
Price/LTM EPS	14.62						

Financial Highlights						
Assets	\$1.2 billion					
Net Loans	\$839.4 million					
Deposits	\$907.0 million					
Tangible Equity	\$110.3 million					
TE/TA	9.59%					
Net Income	\$6.0 million					
ROAA	0.74%					
ROAE	7.17%					
NPAs/Assets	0.80%					
Net Interest Margin	3.36%					
Cost of Funds	0.94%					





John J. D'Angelo,	Founding President and Chief Executive Officer
President & CEO	New Orleans native; graduate of Louisiana State University
	<ul> <li>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</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>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</li> </ul>
	Current ownership of 1.9%
Christopher L. Hufft, Chief Financial Officer	<ul> <li>Joined the Bank in February 2014 as Chief Accounting Officer, and assumed the role of Chief Financial Officer in October of 2015.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>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</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>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</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>B.S. Accounting – Louisiana State University</li> </ul>
Travis M. Lavergne, Chief Credit Officer	<ul> <li>Served as Executive Vice President and Chief Credit Officer since March, 2013 and Chief Risk Management Officer since joining in July 2012</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Prior to joining the Bank, Mr. Lavergne was a Senior Examiner at the Louisiana Office of Financial Institutions from September 2005 to July 2012</li> </ul>
	B.S. Finance – Louisiana State University





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

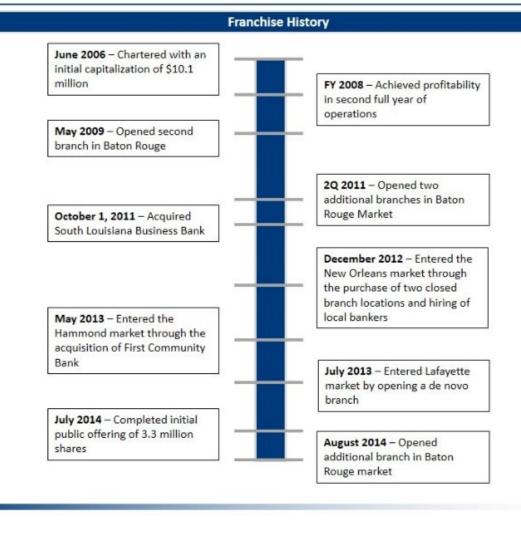
**Key Areas Staffed with Experienced Bankers** 

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



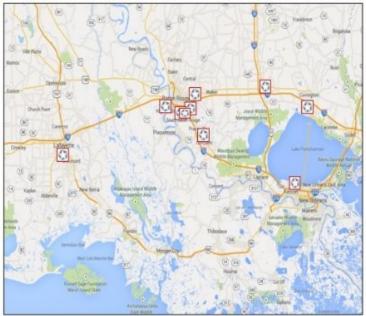








### Branch Map



## Current

- Total Assets: \$1.2 billion
- 10 full-service branches in the Baton Rouge, New Orleans, Hammond, and Lafayette markets
- 155 employees at September 30, 2016
- Two new branches opening in 2017
- Institutional ownership 43%
- Insider ownership 10%
- 5-year CAGRs<sup>1</sup>
  - Assets 37.6%
  - Loans 36.2%
  - Deposits 32.0%

(1) For the five years ended December 31, 2015





## 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

OPPORTUNISTIC ACQUIRER



- 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 loans<sup>1</sup>
- \$38.6 million in deposits<sup>1</sup>

#### 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 loans<sup>1</sup>
- \$86.5 million in deposits<sup>1</sup>

#### 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 assets<sup>2</sup>
- 81% of Louisiana-headquartered banks < \$500 million in assets<sup>2</sup>

Based on fair values at time of closing As of March 51, 2015



Total Assets (in thousands)

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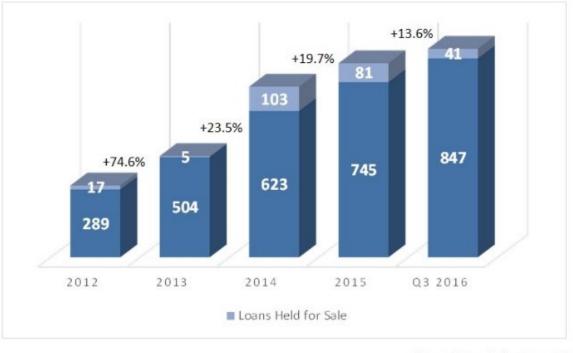




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## Total Loans (in thousands)



\* Growth % excludes Loans HFS



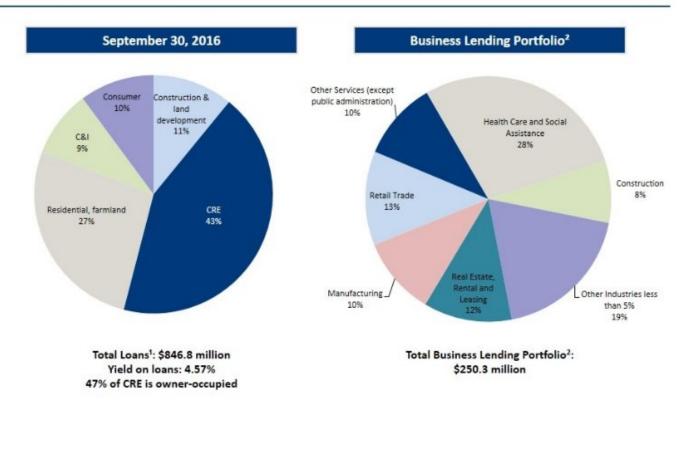
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		Decem	iber 31,		Septemb	er 30,	Increase/(D	ncrease/ (Decrease)		
	2014	1	2015		201	6				
(dollars in thousands)	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%		
Mortgage loans on real estate										
Construction and land development	\$ 71,350	11.4%	\$ 81,863	11.0%	\$ 92,355	10.9%	\$ 10,492	12.8%		
1-4 Family	137,519	22.1	156,300	21.0	175,392	20.7	\$19,092	12.2		
Multifamily	17,458	2.8	29,694	4.0	42,560	5.0	\$12,866	43.3		
Farmland	2,919	0.5	2,955	0.4	8,281	1.0	\$5,326	180.2		
Commercial real estate										
Owner-occupied	119,668	19.2	137,752	18.5	172,952	20.5	\$35,200	25.6		
Nonowner-occupied	105,390	16.9	150,831	20.2	192,270	22.7	41,439	27.5		
Commercial and industrial	54,187	8.7	69,961	9.4	77,312	9.1	\$7,351	10.5		
Consumer	114,299	18.4	116,085	15.5	85,706	10.1	(\$30,379)	(26.2		
Total loans	\$ 622,790	100%	\$ 745,441	100%	\$ 846,828	100%	\$101,387	13.6%		
Loans held for sale	103,396		80,509		40,553		(39,956)	(49.6)		
Total gross loans	\$ 726,186		\$ 825,950		\$ 887,381		\$ 61,431	7.4%		



LOAN COMPOSITION



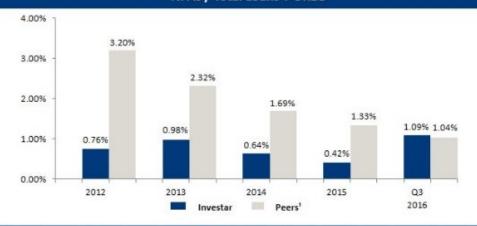


Total loans includes gross loans less loans held for sale
 Susiness lending portfolio includes owner-occupied CRE and C&I loans as of September 30, 2016

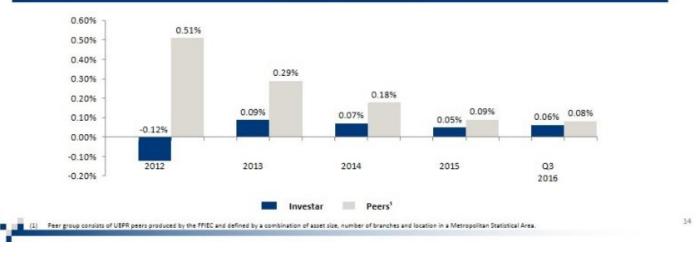




NPAs / Total Loans + OREO

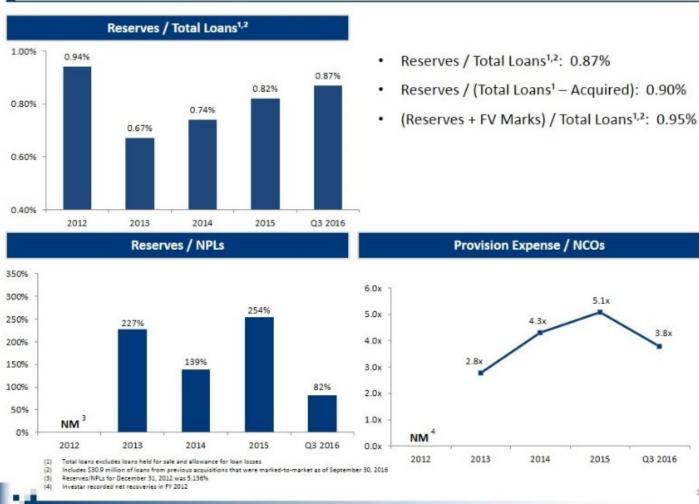






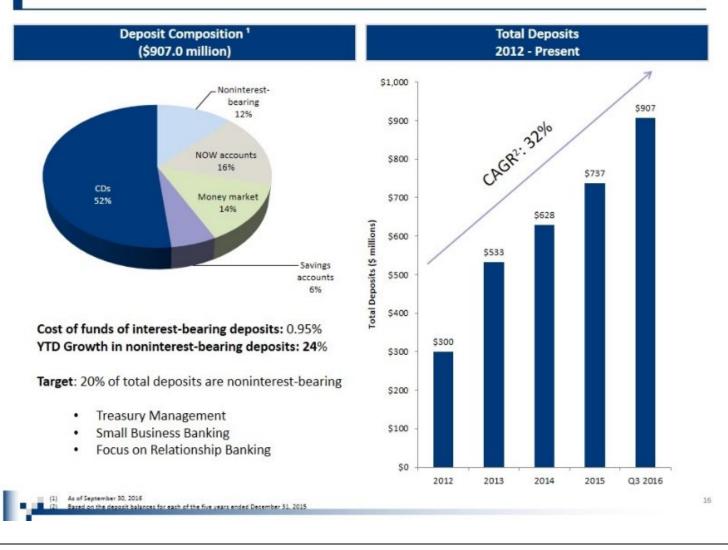






# DEPOSIT COMPOSITION AND GROWTH





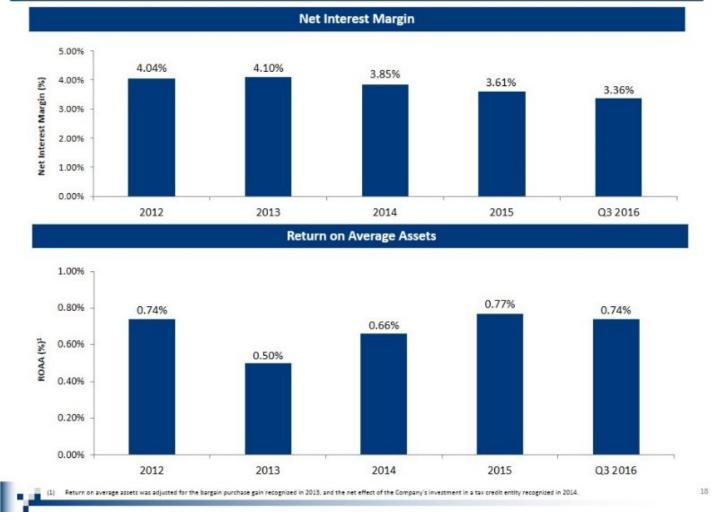




	Nine Months Ended September 30,	VoarF	nded December 31	
Amounts in thousands, except share data	2016	2015	2014	2013
Financial Highlights		and the second second	11 - 11 - 11 - 11 - 11 - 11 - 11 - 11	
Total Assets	\$1,154,205	\$1,031,555	\$879,354	\$634,94
Gross Loans <sup>(1)</sup>	\$887,381	\$825,950	\$726,186	\$509,12
Total Deposits	\$907,051	\$737,406	\$628,118	\$532,60
Total Stockholders' Equity	\$113,576	\$109,350	\$103,384	\$55,48
Shares Outstanding	7,131,186	7,264,282	7,262,085	3,945,11
Capital Ratios				
Tangible Equity / Tangible Assets	9.59%	10.32%	11.43%	8.74
Tier 1 Leverage Ratio	10.10%	11.40%	12.61%	9.53
Total Capital Ratio	12.11%	12.73%	14.41%	11.51
Asset Quality Ratios				
NPAs / Total Assets	0.80%	0.30%	0.69%	0.79
NPLs / Loans	1.06%	0.32%	0.54%	0.30
Loan Loss Reserves / Total Loans	0.87%	0.82%	0.74%	0.67
Loan Loss Reserves / NPLs	82.4%	254.2%	138.6%	227.0
NCOs / Avg Loans	0.06%	0.05%	0.07%	0.09
Performance Ratios				
Net Income	\$6,032	\$7,073	\$5,397	\$3,16
ROAE	7.17%	6.60%	6.80%	6.10
ROAA	0.74%	0.77%	0.73%	0.64
Net Interest Margin	3.36%	3.61%	3.85%	4.10
Efficiency Ratio <sup>(2)</sup>	65.63%	68.72%	74.90%	78.07
Per Share Data				
Tangible Book Value per Share	\$15.47	\$14.62	\$13.79	\$13.2
Diluted Earnings per Share	\$0.84	\$0.97	\$0.93	\$0.8





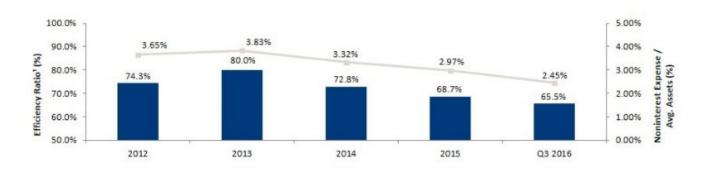


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#### **Expense Ratios**



		Decem	ber 31,		September 30,
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Employees	100	167	179	165	155
Locations	7	10	11	11	10

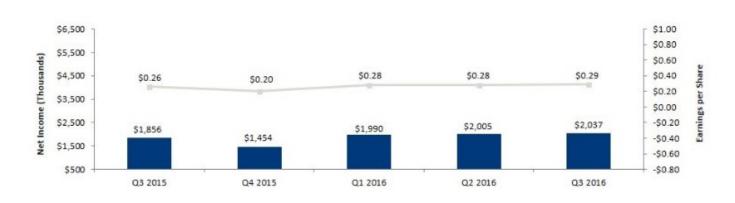


Efficiency ratio represents noninterest expenses divided by the sum of net interest income (before provision for loan losses) and noninterest income. The efficiency ratio was adjusted for the impairment related to the Company's investment in a tax credit entity for the year ended December 31, 2014 and for the bargain purchase gain recognized as a result of the acquisition of First Community Bank for the year ended December 31, 2014 and for the bargain purchase gain recognized as a result of the acquisition of First Community Bank for the year ended December 31, 2013.





## Net Income and Diluted Earnings Per Share







- 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







**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 book value per share or 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.

			September 30,		
Dollar values in thousands except per share a mounts	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Total Stockholders' Equity - GAAP Adjustments	\$43,553	\$55,483	\$108,384	\$109,350	\$113,576
Goodwill	\$2,684	\$2,684	\$2,684	\$2,684	\$2,684
Other Intangibles	\$145	\$573	\$532	\$491	\$560
Tangible Equity	\$40,724	\$52,226	\$100,168	\$106,175	\$110,332
Total Assets - GAAP Adjustments	\$375,446	\$634,946	\$879,354	\$1,081,555	\$1,154,205
Goodwill	\$2,684	\$2,684	\$2,684	\$2,684	\$2,684
Other Intangibles	\$145	\$573	\$532	\$491	\$560
Tangible Assets	\$372,617	\$631,689	\$876,138	\$1,028,380	\$1,150,961
Total Shares Outstanding					
Book Value Per Share	\$13.56	\$14.06	\$14.24	\$15.05	\$15.93
Effect of Adjustment	(\$0.88)	(\$0.82)	(\$0.45)	(\$0.43)	(\$0.46)
Tangible Book Value Per Share	\$12.68	\$13.24	\$13.79	\$14.62	\$15.47
Total Equity to Total Assets	11.60%	8.74%	11.76%	10.60%	9.84%
Effect of Adjustment	(0.67)	(0.47)	(0.33)	(0.28)	(0.25)
Tangible Equity to Tangible Assets	10.93%	8.27%	11.43%	10.32%	9.59%



dollars in thousands, except share data) NTEREST IN COME			Nine Months Ended								
		2012	2013		2014		2015	Q3 2016		Q3 2015	
nterest and fees on loans	\$	13,968	\$ 21,686	\$	29,979	\$	35,076	\$	29,277	\$	25,85
nterest on investment securities		585	756		1,339		2,189		2,667		1,558
Other interest income		34	30		50		75		146		53
TOTAL INTEREST INCOME		14,857	22,472		31,368		37,340		32,090		27,467
NTEREST EXPENSE											
nterest on deposits		2,361	3,204		4,273		5,250		5,212		3,849
nterest on borrowings		181	256		402		632		920		387
TOTAL INTEREST EXPENSE		2,542	3,460		4,675		5,882	-	6,132		4,236
NET INTEREST INCOME		12,042	19,012		26,694		31,458		25,958		23,231
PROVISION FOR LOAN LOSSES		685	1,026		1,628		1,865	-	1,704		1,500
NET INTEREST INCOME AFTER PROVISION FOR LOAN LOSSES		11,360	17,986		25,066		29,593		24,254		21,731
NON-INTEREST INCOME											
ervice charges on deposit accounts		118	214		305		380		264		286
Sain on sale of investment securities, net		139	449		340		489		428		468
Vet gain on sale of assets		36	346		1,892		4,263		1,576		3,704
Bargain purchase gain		-	906		-		-		-		
ee income on loans held for sale, net		3,131	2,843		2,119		979		347		771
Other operating income		201	596		1,204		2,233	_	1,957		1,544
OTAL NON-INTEREST INCOME		3,625	5,354		5,860		8,344		4,572		6,773
NCOME BEFORE NON-INTEREST EXPENSE		14,985	23,340		30,926		37,937		28,826		28,504
NON-INTEREST EXPENSE											
alaries and employee benefits		7,461	11,772		14,565		16,398		11,708		12,040
mpairment on investment in tax credit entity		-	-		690		54		-		54
Operating expenses		4,184	7,252		9,129		10,901		8,328		8,025
TOTAL NON-INTEREST EXPENSE		11,645	19,024		24,384		27,353	<u></u>	20,036		20,119
NCOME BEFORE INCOME TAX EXPENSE		3,340	4,316		6,542		10,584		8,790		8,385
NCOME TAX EXPENSE		979	1,148		1,145		3,511	-	2,758		2,766
NET INCOME	\$	2,361	\$ 3,168	\$	5,397	\$	7,073	\$	6,032	\$	5,619
asic earnings per share	\$	0.79	\$ 0.86	\$	0.98	\$	0.98	\$	0.85	\$	0.78
Diluted earnings per share	\$	0.71	\$ 0.81	\$	0.93	Ś	0.97	Ś	0.84	\$	0.78