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A Wealth Manager on Private Trust Bank Platform

Overview

- Niche-focused regional wealth manager built on a private trust bank platform
- Headquartered in Denver, Colorado and positioned in desirable, affluent and high growth markets

Target Market

- Households of \$1+ million liquid net worth
- High net worth and high growth markets
- Colorado, Arizona, Wyoming and California

Competitive Advantage

- Operates as one integrated firm, not silos
- Team approach benefits clients, First Western
- Local boutique private trust bank offices with central product experts

Company Highlights as of 12/31/2018

(Dollars in millions, unless otherwise noted)

Assets: \$1,084.3
 Gross Loans: \$894.0
 Total Deposits: \$937.8
 AUM: \$5.2 billion

CET1 Ratio: 11.35%
 Tier 1 Ratio: 11.35%
 Leverage Ratio: 9.28%
 TRBC Ratio: 13.06%



First Western Financial, Inc. (FW)
Financial Holding Company

First Western Trust Bank
Colorado state chartered bank (13 locations)

First Western Merger Corporation
State licensed insurance agency

First Western Capital Management Co.
Registered investment advisor (1 location)



MYFW: Our Five Core Strengths

Differentiated, Proven in the Marketplace

- Niche-focused franchise headquartered in Denver, Colorado
- Well-positioned in many attractive markets in Arizona, California, Colorado and Wyoming
- Specialized central expertise to compete with siloed national, regional firms
- Delivered through local, boutique trust banking teams so clients "owned" by MYFW, not associates

Built in Operating Leverage

- Strong profit center margins at maturity, growth opportunities in current and new markets
- Revenue growth in both fee income and net interest income, with asset sensitive balance sheet
- Scalable, leverageable high fixed cost Product and Support Centers
- Operating expense investment already in place for growth and expansion

Highly Desirable Recurring Fee Income

- ~50% fee income, consistently through MYFW history
- Primarily recurring trust and investment management ("TIM") fees
- Low risk, "sticky" wealth/trust business with comprehensive product offering
- Multiple entry points with ConnectView® proprietary review process to service, cross-sell

Experienced, Tested Team

- Executives are major bank/professional firm trained, with deep relationships in communities
- Achieved growth through business and economic cycles, capital constraints
- Healthy relationship with all regulators with strong risk management culture
- CEO with proven track record for creating value in previous bank ownership

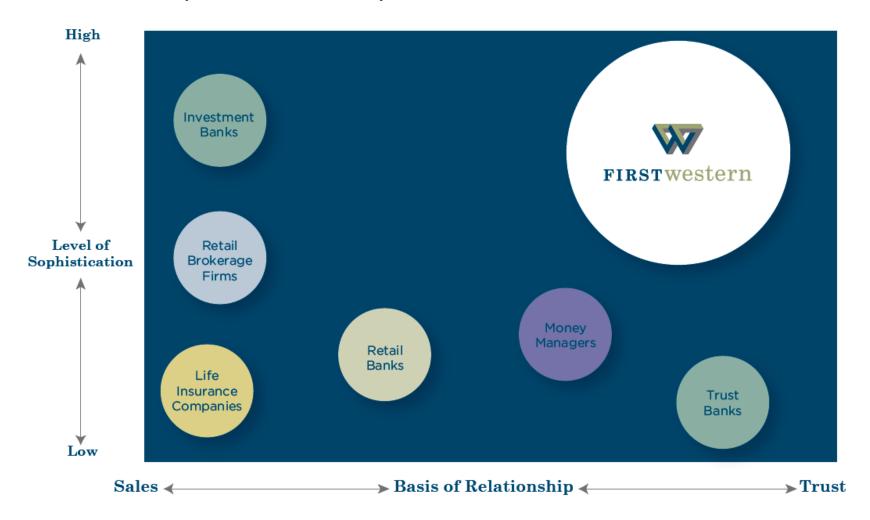
Unique Opportunity for Investors

- At critical mass but small market share, many current and new market opportunities
- Proven ability to expand: (1) Organically, (2) By expansion and (3) By acquisition
- Few large Colorado bank alternatives for investors and clients, creating lift-out opportunities
- MYFW was been capital constrained: IPO provided growth capital, paid off high cost capital, debt



Rationale for Starting First Western

Competition is Everyone and No One





Team: Ready to Take MYFW to the Next Level

| Name | Title | Years at FW | Years in Industry | Prior Experience |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------|---|
| Scott C. Wylie | Chairman, CEO & President | 16 | 31 | Chairman & CEO, Northern Trust Bank of Colorado Chairman & CEO, Trust Bank of Colorado CEO, Equitable Bancshares of Colorado and Women's Bank, Chairman, Equitable Bank Chairman, American Fundware President & CEO, Bank and Trust of Puerto Rico Associate, First Boston Corporation |
| Julie A. Courkamp | Chief Financial Officer & Treasurer | 12 | 18 | Assurance services with PricewaterhouseCoopers Executive roles within First Western with responsibility for Accounting & Finance, Risk, Technology and Operations |
| John E. Sawyer | Chief Investment Officer | 1 | 25 | Chief Investment & Fiduciary Officer, BBVA Compass Bank President & COO, Florida-based boutique wealth management firm Executive with Credit Suisse, Morgan Keegan & Co., and First Tennessee Capital Markets |
| Scott J. Lawley | Chief Credit Officer | - | 31 | Sr. Credit Officer & Segment Risk Officer, Huntington National Bank Credit advisor, chief underwriter, CRE credit officer PNC Bank, US Bank Lending positions with Fleet Bank |
| Josh M. Wilson | Regional President, CO / WY | 6 | 19 | CFO, international oil and gas operating company PC President at First Western Executive with Bank One, JP Morgan and Vectra Private Bank |
| Dan C. Thompson | Regional President, AZ / CA | 14 | 25 | Team Leader within Private Wealth Advisors , Merrill Lynch Positions in the High Net Worth and Q.A. group, Charles Schwab & Co. |



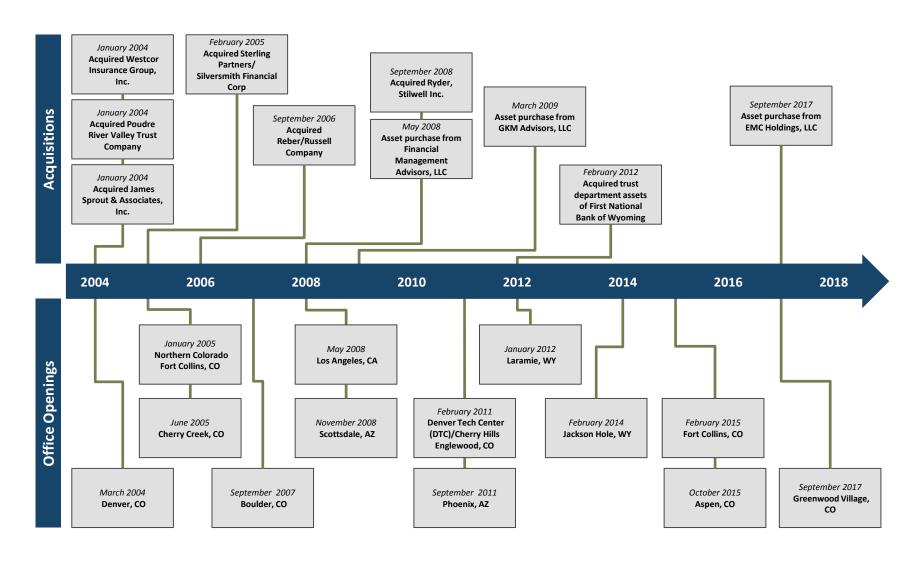
MYFW's Sophisticated Board of Directors

| Name | Title | Primary Business |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| Scott C. Wylie | Chairman, CEO & President | First Western Financial, Inc. |
| Julie A. Caponi, CPA | Board Director / Trustee | Former Finance Executive at Arconic, Inc. (fka Alcoa Inc.) Former audit partner at Deloitte Board member & Audit Committee chair for FCF (NYSE) |
| David R. Duncan | Board Director / Trustee | Energy Winery Executive, Silver Oak Cellars Entrepreneur, board member, business leader |
| Thomas A. Gart | Board Director / Trustee | Real Estate Developer Specialty Retail Executive Family business, PE investing across broad range of industries |
| Patrick H. Hamill | Board Director / Trustee | Real Estate Developer Home Builder Executive Entrepreneur, business/community leader, real estate expertise |
| Luke A. Latimer | Board Director / Trustee | Utility Maintenance Construction Executive Family business, public bank board |
| Eric D. Sipf, CPA ⁽¹⁾ | Board Director / Trustee | Former Healthcare Executive US Army Asset management, finance, bank board, M&A |
| Mark L. Smith | Board Director / Trustee | Real Estate Developer Entrepreneur, community leadership, real estate expertise |
| Joseph C. Zimlich, CPA | Board Director / Trustee | Family Office ExecutiveCorporate leadership, board, investment management |

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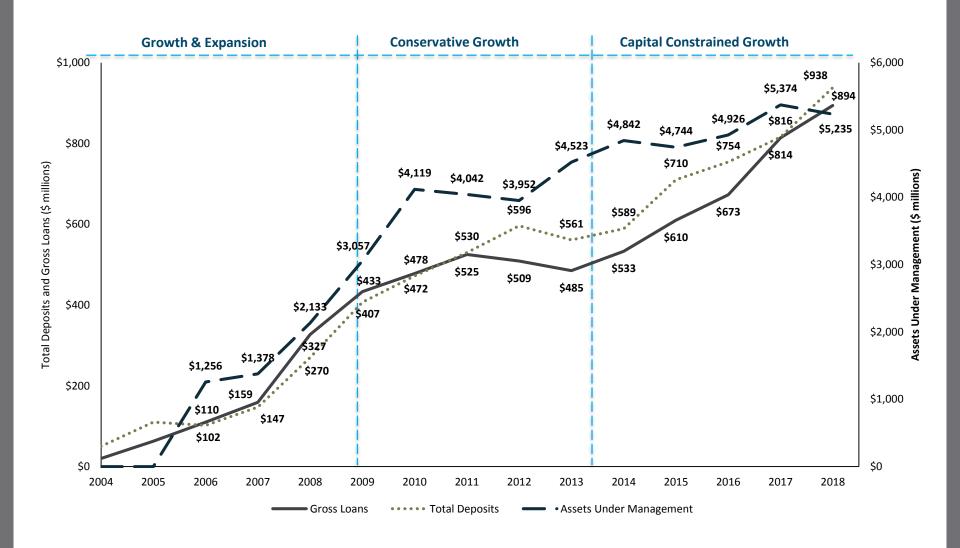


Success in Expansion and Acquisition Growth





Currently in a Cycle of Capital Constraint





Great Markets, Scarce Investment Opportunity

First Western Market Favorability(1)

Denver, Colorado (2018)

- #1 best metro for small business employment
- #5 best economy among large U.S. cities, population tripled ('00)
- Employment reached record-high in 2Q 2018 (up 4.1% YoY)

Fort Collins, Colorado (2017)

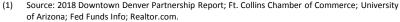
- #1 for stable & growing housing market
- · Manufacturing for Anheuser-Busch, Broadcom, Intel

Phoenix, Arizona (2017)

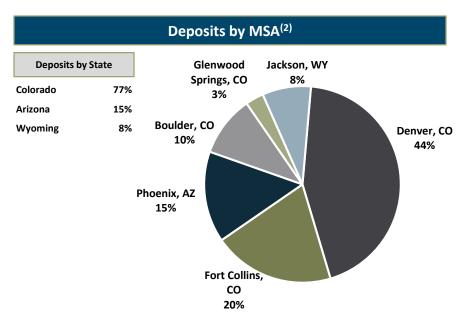
- Total personal income rose 4.3% for state
- Employment increased 3.5% for state
- #3 in personal income growth, #5 for economic momentum

Colorado Chartered Banks (Assets > ~\$1.0 billion)

| As of September 30, 2018 | Current Ownership | Total Assets (\$bn) |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| FirstBank | Private | 18.4 |
| NBH Bank | Public (NYSE: NBHC) | 5.6 |
| Bank of Colorado | Private (Sub. of Pinnacle Bancorp-NE) | 3.9 |
| CoBiz Bank | BOKF (Acquired in 2018) | 3.8 |
| Guaranty B&TC | IBTX (Acquired in 2018) | 3.8 |
| Sunflower Bank | Private | 3.7 |
| Alpine Bank | Private | 3.7 |
| ANB Bank | Private | 2.6 |
| Citywide Banks | HTLF (Acquired in 2017) | 2.3 |
| First Western Trust Bank | Public (Nasdaq: MYFW) | 1.1 |



⁽²⁾ Source: S&P Global Market Intelligence as of 06/30/2018.



| MSA | State | Market Share | Projected % Change in HHI of \$200M + (2019-2024) ⁽³⁾ |
|-------------------------|-------|------------------|--|
| Denver-Aurora-Lakewood | СО | 0.45 | 35.49 |
| Fort Collins | СО | 2.15 | 44.99 |
| Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale | AZ | 0.13 | 41.62 |
| Boulder | СО | 0.83 | 28.76 |
| Jackson | WY/ID | 2.90 | 21.42 |
| Glenwood Springs | СО | 1.17 • | 24.61 |
| National Average | | | 31.93 |
| | | | † |

 ${\it Small market share and growing high household income means lots of room\ to\ grow}$

⁽³⁾ Percentage income growth for households with over \$200,000 in current household income (HHI). Note: Demographic data provided by Nielsen per US Census data.



The Roadmap to Shareholder Value Creation

Short-Term Goals

Embedded earnings growth drivers

- Benefit from operating leverage
- Integrate mortgage and capital management operations
- Leverage other product groups

Accelerate revenue growth

- Leverage expanded trust and IM teams
- Add trust and IM products, services
- Build traction with Wealth Advisors

Add commercial banking depth

- Cross sales to target wealth management clients
- High margin products through existing channels

Long-Term Goals

- Drive to \$5 billion in total assets, \$25 billion TIM assets through both organic growth and acquisitions
 - ~50 offices
 - \$7-8 million in revenue per office
 - 60% contribution margin per office
- Build footprint, scale and operating leverage with M&A
 - Capital and earnings accretive
- Create, roll out virtual private bank
 - Robo advisor tied to bank
 - "Buy up" into expert advice
- Upgrade wealth management platform
 - Fully integrated front end
- Sell wholesale TIM services to other banks

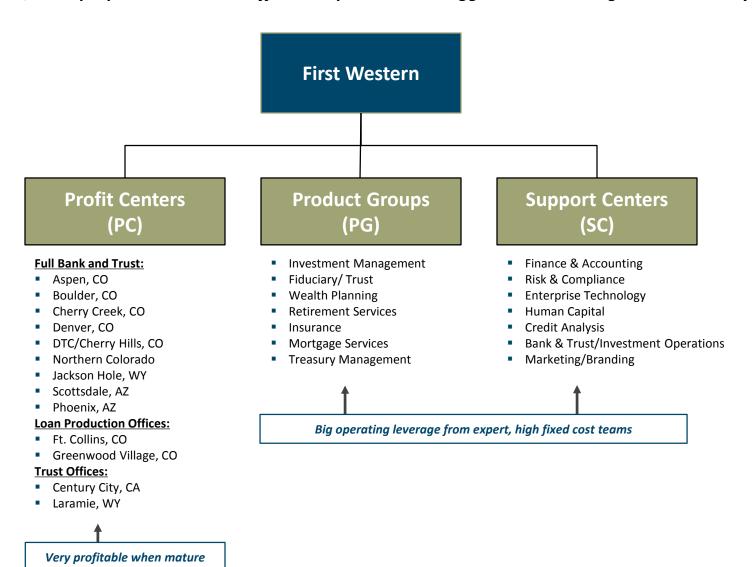
Our mission is to be the BPBFWWMC – Best Private Bank for the Western Wealth Management Client

We believe First Western can be a unique, niche focused regional powerhouse with high fee income and consistent strong earnings from our scalable wealth management platform



Organizational Structure Built for Scale

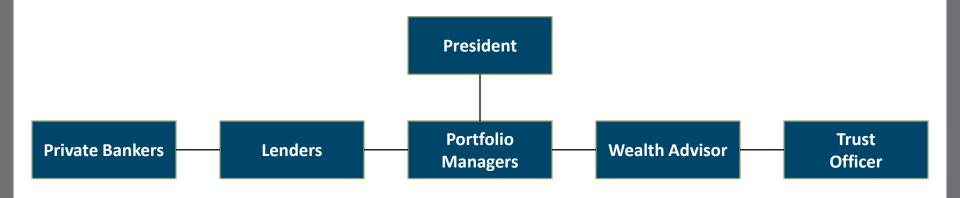
Our local, boutique private trust bank offices compete with the biggest wealth managers in the country...





Integrated Team Approach in Boutique Offices

... by working as a team to grow relationships



1. Team-based incentives

2. Relationship-based wealth management

3. Many relationship managers to one client

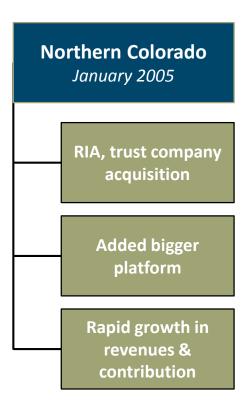
4. Product group specialists

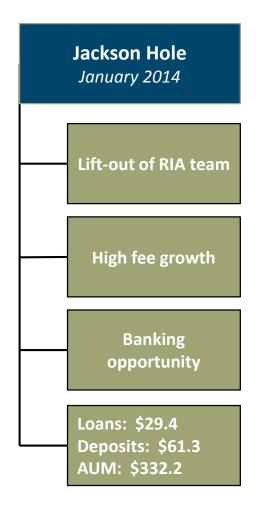
5. Holistic view of the client – ConnectView®

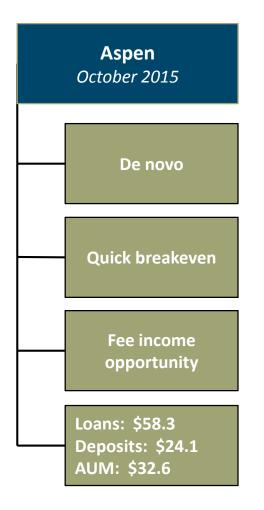


Different Paths to Profit Center Success

We build new offices through acquisition or de novo, and start with either banking or investment professionals







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Note: Dollars in millions.



Acquire, Cross Sell Clients Using Product Groups

Our local profit centers team with specialized product experts through ConnectView®

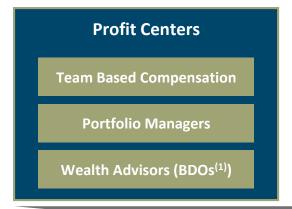
| Commercial Banking | Corporate loans to match specific needs Well-versed in working with complex cash flows and business models Customized treasury management products and services |
|--|---|
| Retirement / 401(k) Plan Consulting | Retirement plan consultants partnering with businesses to sponsor retirement plans Creative corporate retirement plan design, analysis solutions, fiduciary liability management HSAs, third party administrative services, ERISA compliance and education |
| Residential Mortgage Lending | Mortgage banking specializing in high net worth lending Underwritten to Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac guidelines Portfolio lending and secondary sales |
| Wealth Planning | Wealth planning with specialized services (e.g. philanthropic) Proprietary ConnectView® approach, with access to CFPs, CPAs and estate planning attorneys Charitable giving tax strategies, deferred-compensation plans, life insurance, key person insurance |
| Investment Management | Provide a broad range of asset and sub asset classes Create unique solutions through internal research, proprietary and third-party investment options Central team creates the platform for Portfolio Managers to service clients, manage accounts |
| Trust | Fiduciary wealth management with expert review of client objectives, creating solutions Irrevocable life insurance trust, conservatorship, successor trustee, directed custodial trusteeship |

WY tax-exempt asset protection, special needs trusts, escrow services, family office services



Teamwork Drives Client Satisfaction, Retention

Example of investment management teamwork shows how MYFW, not relationship managers, owns our clients











Our High-Quality, Recurring Revenues

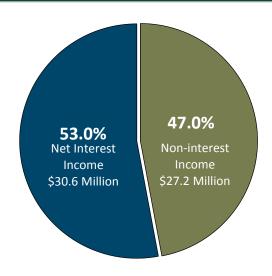
Earnings Themes

- Diverse, stable, desirable revenue mix
- Attractive markets and business model
- Robust earnings growth
- Investments made in long term growth

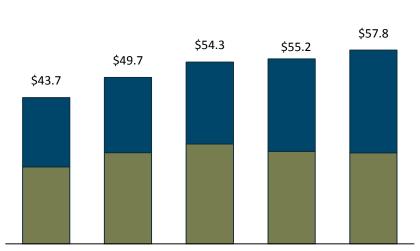
Built-in operating leverage:

- Infrastructure capable of supporting a much larger bank
- 2. Cost reductions
- 3. Use of IPO proceeds

2018 Gross Revenue



Gross Revenue⁽¹⁾ (\$millions)



December 31, 2014 December 31, 2015 December 31, 2016 December 31, 2017 December 31, 2018

■ Non-Interest Income, excluding net gain/(loss) on sale of securities

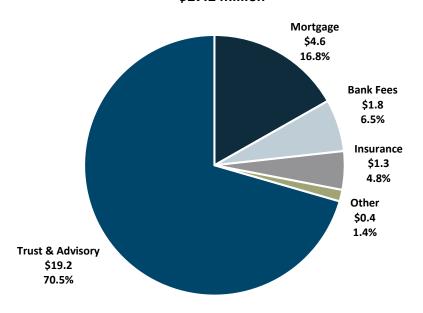
■ Net Interest Income



Predictable, Growing Sources of Fee Income

2018Y Non-Interest Income (\$millions)

\$27.2 million

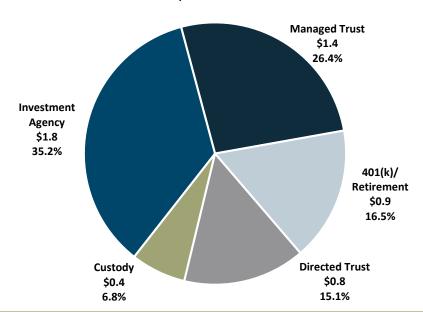


Trust and Investment Management

- Guided architecture
- Customized investment solutions
- Internally manage ~\$1.0 billion in AUM

AUM Composition by Account Type (\$billions)

\$5.2 billion



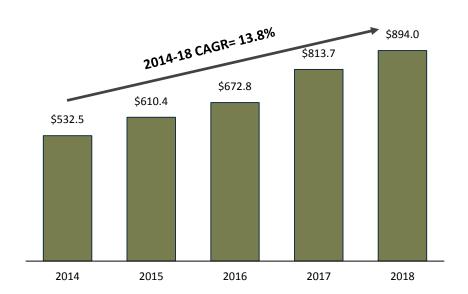
Wealth Management Segment Non-Interest Income (\$millions)



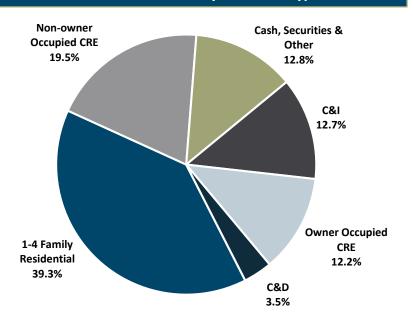


Our Balanced, Private Banking Loan Portfolio

Historical Gross Loans (\$millions)



Q4 2018 Loan Portfolio by Collateral Type (1)



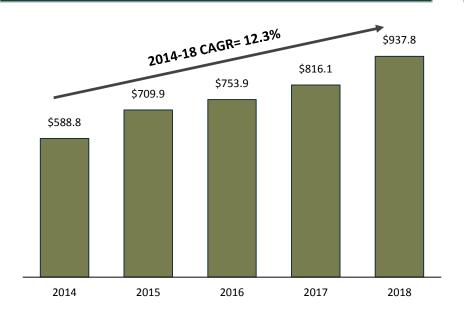
Lending Strategy

- Grew gross loans at 17.1% LQA
- Added production from mortgage acquisition
- Return on equity based relationship pricing
- High net worth, relationship lending model

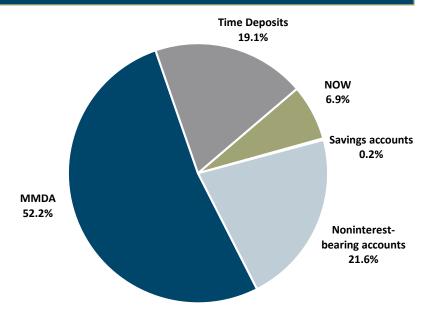


A Balanced, Growing Core Deposit Base





Q4 2018 Deposit Composition(1)



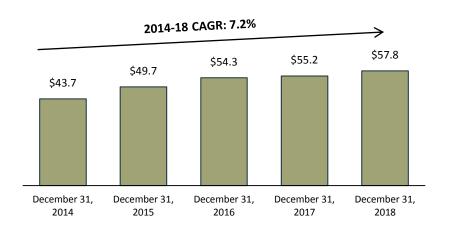
Deposit Strategy

- Increase share of wallet
- Relationship lending, trust/IM deposits
- Generate leads through BDOs and Treasury Management

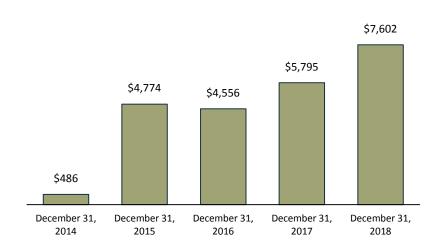


Revenue Growth Exceeded Expenses by 95%

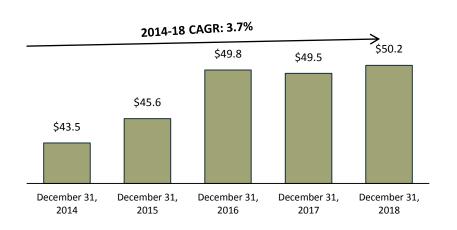
Gross Revenue⁽¹⁾ (\$millions)



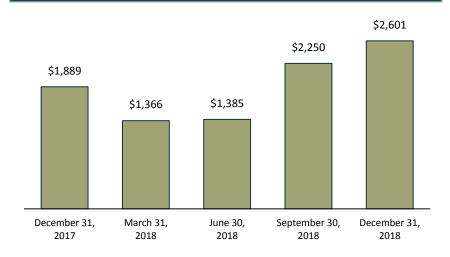
2013-2018 Pre-Tax, Pre-Provision Income⁽¹⁾ (\$000s)



Total Non-Interest Expenses (\$millions)



2017-18 Quarterly Pre-Tax, Pre-Provision Income⁽¹⁾ (\$000s)



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See Non-GAAP reconciliation



MYFW's Embedded Earnings Growth Drivers

Removed Capital Constraints

- Lowered capital costs by ~\$2.7 million (after-tax) per year
- Historical balance sheet growth was Basel III constrained to qualify as small BHC (<\$1 billion in assets)

Added Revenue Generators

- Experienced executive leadership added in 2018
- Added wealth advisors/BDOs
- Added MLOs in offices in 2018 and 2019
- Generate referrals for new client relationships
- Develop new products to meet the needs of our clients

Reduce Expenses and Improve Operating Efficiency

- Eliminated redundancies and rent expense in 2018
- Capital investment in platform is now in place
- Minimal incremental back office expense needed to support continued growth
- Integrating technology into operations

Drive Client Acquisition and Increase Share of Wallet

- Added client relationship and profitability tools
 - Managed centrally by treasury desk
- Build out existing markets and employ highly capable associates with local market experience/relationships
- Identify new markets to establish profit centers without a proportionate increase in product group or support center expenses



Progress Report on Earnings Drivers

| Earnings Driver | 4Q18 Update | | | |
|------------------------------|---|--|--|--|
| Lower capital costs | First quarter with no preferred stock dividend payment | | | |
| Increased loan growth | Total gross loans up 17.1% annualized in 4Q18 Loan mix included more C&I, OO CRE | | | |
| Higher fee income | Slowdown in mortgage market driving lower gain on loan sales Restructuring to drive profitability | | | |
| Improved operating leverage | 2018 expense reductions eliminated redundancies Lower expense driving improved efficiency ratio | | | |
| Profit centers gaining scale | FY 2018 total revenue increases for some profit centers: • Aspen: +53% • Denver: +42% • Scottsdale: +41% • Cherry Creek: +24% • Jackson Hole: +20% | | | |



- Revenue growth driven by investments in business development platform
 - Full executive team in place for 2019
 - Business Development Officers becoming more seasoned and productive
 - Mortgage Loan Originators moving into existing offices
- Expansion of our mortgage team in the Arizona market
- Continued improvement in operating efficiencies
- Adding new client relationships and expanding existing with ConnectView®
- Opportunities to add clients and experienced talent resulting from consolidation in Colorado banking market



A Unique and Attractive Investment

MYFW's core strengths provide the foundation for driving shareholder value

Differentiated, Proven in the Marketplace **Built-in Operating Leverage Highly Desirable Recurring Fee Income Experienced, Tested Team Unique Opportunity for Investors**





Appendix



Holistic, Integrated Risk Management

Purpose

- Holistic approach for the oversight, control, and discipline to drive continuous improvement
- Everyone's responsibility and non-compliance is not an option
- Governance framework for the process of anticipating, identifying, assessing, managing and monitoring risks

Objectives

- Define risk appetite framework
- Define risk areas and responsibilities
- Identify key risk activities for the defined risk areas
- Establish risk tolerance for defined risk areas
- Establish systems for identifying and reporting risks, including emerging risks
- Monitor compliance with strategies designed to mitigate identified risks
- Ensure effective and timely implementation of corrective actions
- Integrate risk management framework objectives into performance evaluation framework

Responsibilities

ERM Committee:

- Oversee and support the Senior Risk Officer
- Establish risk tolerances and parameters ("risk appetite") to assess risks and design adequate mitigation strategies

Senior Risk Officer:

- ERM program to create and monitor risk management practices
 - Perform company-wide risk assessment, including relative risk ratings
 - Assign risk owners and approve action plans
 - · Review and monitor risk mitigation initiatives and status
 - Review and report to ERM committee:
 - · Specific areas of risk and respective Risk Area Owner responsible for the risks existing in that area
 - Magnitude of all material business risks
 - Processes, procedures and controls in place to manage material risks
 - Overall effectiveness of the risk management process
 - Evaluate risks and provide guidance on new or proposed products, services or businesses



Key Themes of ERM- In the Business

Ensure Compliance

- Meet regulatory requirements
- Comply with good industry practices
- Effective, efficient, and smart compliance a change agent for better business decisions

Limit Potential Losses

- Create appropriate transparency on risk, capital and balance-sheet usage, accounting implications
- Effectively limit risks and avoid reputational damage
- Strong risk controlling and monitoring
- Maintain both economic as well as accounting perspective

Improve Profitability

- Ensure decision-oriented processes
- Maintain efficient and lean risk management standardization and differentiation
- Improve quality of problem loan management
- Optimize ALM and transfer pricing in cooperation with CFO/treasury

Support Growth

- Anticipate changes in the Company's risk profile
- Ensure scalability and flexibility of core processes
- Improve balance-sheet management
- Contribute to powerful product offering

Risk Overlay for Decision Making

- Integrated risk, finance and capital perspective into business planning and management process
- Strong risk and finance capabilities through frontline tools, trainings, and incentives in IT/operations, HC

Improve Stakeholder Management

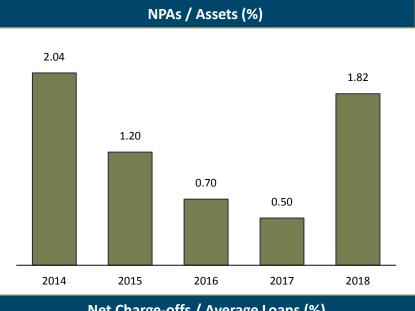
- Implement a strong risk and performance culture throughout the organization
- Improve planning and steering concepts, data management with CEO, CFO and treasury
- Satisfy Board requirements on transparency and decisions support
- Maintain effective relations with regulators

Define Governance and Organization

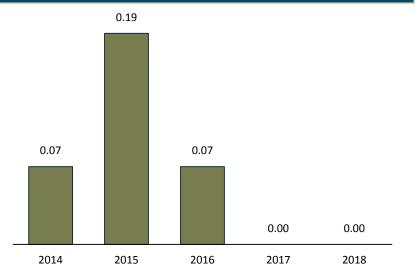
- Define risk structure's mandate and organization, create independent risk view in core decisions
- Ensure CFO's mandate and organization in capital and balance-sheet management, ALM, treasury, funding
- Define and implement ERM approach
- Ensure appropriate people development: knowledge, experience, stature, motivation and culture

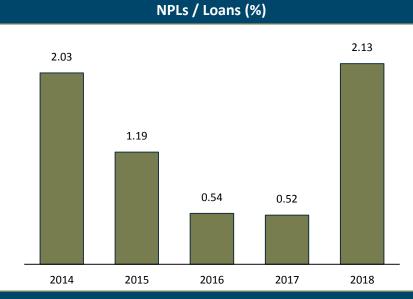


8 Quarters of No Charge-offs

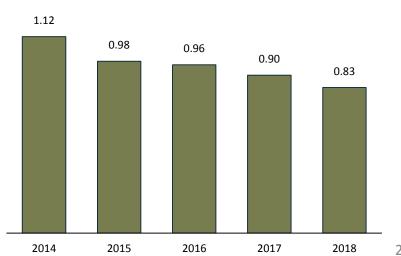








Loan Loss Reserves / Gross Loans (%)





Non-GAAP Reconciliation

| Consolidated Pre-tax, Pre-provision Income | | For the Three Months Ended, | | | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| (Dollars in thousands) | December 31, 2017 ⁽¹⁾ | March 31, 2018 | June 30, 2018 | September 30, 2018 | December 31, 2018 ⁽¹⁾ | |
| Net Income, as reported | \$45 | \$1,186 | \$1,048 | \$1,689 | \$1,724 | |
| Provision for loan losses | (4) | (187) | | 18 | 349 | |
| Income tax expense (benefit) | 1,848 | 367 | 337 | 543 | 528 | |
| Pre-tax, Pre-provision Income | \$1,889 | \$1,366 | \$1,385 | \$2,250 | \$2,601 | |

| Consolidated Pre-tax, Pre-provision Income | For the Twelve Months Ended December 31, | | | | |
|--|--|---------|---------|---------|----------------------------|
| (Dollars in thousands) | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 ⁽¹⁾ |
| Net Income, as reported | \$10,990 | \$2,650 | \$2,302 | \$2,023 | \$5,647 |
| Provision for loan losses | 1,455 | 1,071 | 985 | 788 | 180 |
| Income tax expense (benefit) | (11,959) | 1,053 | 1,269 | 2,984 | \$1,775 |
| Pre-tax, Pre-provision Income | \$486 | \$4,774 | \$4,556 | \$5,795 | \$7,602 |

| Tangible Common Equity Per Share | As of I | December 31, |
|---|-----------|--------------|
| (Dollars in thousands, except per share data) | 2017 | 2018 |
| Total shareholders' equity | \$101,846 | \$116,875 |
| Less | | |
| Preferred stock (liquidation preference) | 24,968 | |
| Goodwill | 24,811 | 24,811 |
| Intangibles, net | 1,233 | 402 |
| Tangible common equity | \$50,834 | \$91,662 |
| Common shares outstanding, end of period | | |
| Common shares outstanding, end of period | 5,833,456 | 7,968,420 |
| Tangible common book value per share | \$8.71 | \$11.50 |

(1) Quarterly information has not been audited or reviewed.

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Non-GAAP Reconciliation

| Consolidated Gross Revenue | | For the Years Ended, | | | |
|--|----------|----------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| (Dollars in thousands) | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 |
| Total income before non-interest expense | \$42,533 | \$49,339 | \$53,394 | \$54,501 | \$57,617 |
| Less: Net gain on sale of securities | 321 | 717 | 114 | 81 | - |
| Plus: Provision for credit loss | 1,455 | 1,071 | 985 | 788 | 180 |
| Gross Revenue | \$43,667 | \$49,693 | \$54,265 | \$55,208 | \$57,797 |