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): September 21, 2020

FIRST WESTERN FINANCIAL, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Colorado (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

001-38595 (Commission File Number)

37-1442266 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

1900 16th Street, Suite 1200 Denver, Colorado (Address of principal executive offices)

80202

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (303) 531-8100

Former name or former address, if changed since last report: Not Applicable

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:

- 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))

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).

Х 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 \mathbf{X} complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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

Title of each class	Trading Symbol	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, no par value	MŸFŴ	The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

First Western Financial, Inc. (the "Company") is furnishing investor presentation materials as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K, which may be presented at meetings with investors, analysts, and others, in whole or in part and possibly with modifications, during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2020.

As provided in General Instruction B.2 to Form 8-K, the information furnished in Exhibit 99.1 of this Current Report on Form 8-K 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, and such information shall not 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 filing.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d)	Exhibits.
Exhibit Number	Description
99.1	First Western Financial, Inc. Investor Presentation

104 Cover Page Interactive Data File (the cover page XBRL tags are embedded in the Inline XBRL document).

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, thereunto duly authorized.

FIRST WESTERN FINANCIAL, INC.

Date: September 21, 2020

By: /s/ Scott C. Wylie Scott C. Wylie Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President

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Investor Presentation Stephens Bank Forum 2020



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This presentation contains "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. These forward-looking statements reflect the current views of First Western Financial, Inc.'s ("First Western") management with respect to, among other things, future events and First Western's financial performance. These statements are often, but not always, made through the use of words or phrases such as "may," "should," "could," "predict," "potential," "believe," "will likely result," "expect," "continue," "will," "anticipate," "seek," "estimate," "intend," "plan," "project," "future" "forecast," "goal," "target," "would" and "outlook," or the negative variations of those words or other comparable words of a future or forward-looking nature. These forward-looking statements are not historical facts, and are based on current expectations, estimates and projections about First Western's industry, management's beliefs and certain assumptions made by management, many of which, by their nature, are inherently uncertain and beyond First Western's control. Accordingly, First Western cautions you that any such forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and are subject to risks, assumptions and uncertainties that are difficult to predict. Although First Western believes that the expectations reflected in these forward-looking statements are reasonable as of the date made, actual results may prove to be materially different from the results expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. Those following risks and uncertainties, among others, could cause actual results and future events to differ materially from those set forth or contemplated in the forward-looking statements: the COVID-19 pandemic and its effects; integration risks in connection with acquisitions; the risk of geographic concentration in Colorado, Arizona, Wyoming and California; the risk of changes in the economy affecting real estate values and liquidity; the risk in our ability to continue to originate residential real estate loans and sell such loans; risks specific to commercial loans and borrowers; the risk of claims and litigation pertaining to our fiduciary responsibilities; the risk of competition for investment managers and professionals; the risk of fluctuation in the value of our investment securities; the risk of changes in interest rates; and the risk of the adequacy of our allowance for credit losses and the risk in our ability to maintain a strong core deposit base or other low-cost funding sources. Additional information regarding these and other risks and uncertainties to which our business and future financial performance are subject is contained in our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") on March 12, 2020 and other documents we file with the SEC from time to time. All subsequent written and oral forward-looking statements attributable to First Western or persons acting on First Western's behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by this paragraph. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of this presentation. First Western undertakes no obligation to publicly update or otherwise revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise (except as required by law).

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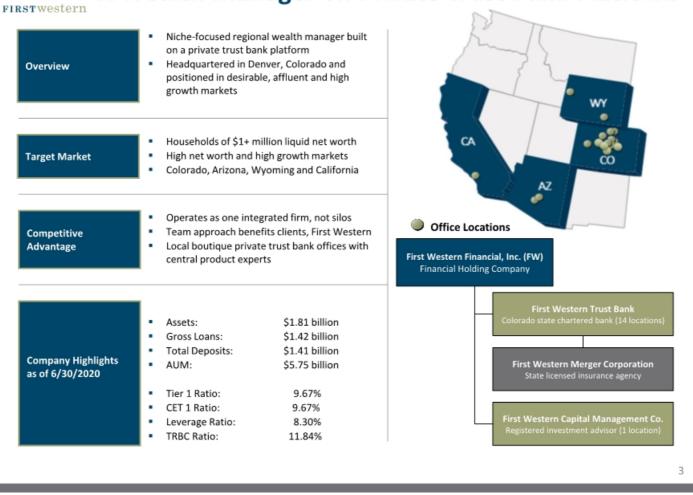
This presentation contains certain non-GAAP financial measures intended to supplement, not substitute for, comparable GAAP measures. Reconciliations of non-GAAP financial measures to GAAP financial measures are provided at the end of this presentation. Numbers in the presentation may not sum due to rounding.

Our common stock is not a deposit or savings account. Our common stock is not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any governmental agency or instrumentality.

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Great Markets, Scarce Investment Opportunity

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First Western Market Favorability⁽¹⁾

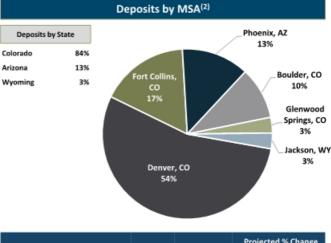
Colorado (2019)

- #4 fastest growing state with GDP CAGR of 3.6% (2014-2018) ٠
- #4 best state economy (Business Insider) ٠
- #8 best state for business (Forbes)
- Denver, Colorado (2019)
 - #3 best large city to start a business
 - #5 highest job growth among major cities (2010-2018)
 - #7 highest gross metro product among major cities (2012-2017)
- Fort Collins, Colorado (2019)
 - Gross metro product CAGR of 6.2% (2013-2018)
 - Manufacturing for Anheuser-Busch, Broadcom, Intel .
- Phoenix, Arizona (2018)
 - Added nearly 100,000 residents from July 2017-July 2018
 - Second fastest growing metro in the U.S.

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

As of March 31, 2020	Current Ownership	Total Assets (\$bn)
FirstBank	Private	20.2
NBH Bank	Public (NYSE: NBHC)	6.0
Bank of Colorado	Private (Sub. of Pinnacle Bancorp-NE)	4.6
Sunflower Bank	Private	4.3
Alpine Bank	Private	3.9
ANB Bank	Private	2.7
Citywide Banks	HTLF (Acquired in 2017)	2.3
First Western Trust Bank	Public (Nasdaq: MYFW)	1.4

 Source: 2019 Downtown Denver Partnership Report; Raymond James research; Ft. Collins Chamber of Commerce; City of Phoenix; U.S. Census Bureau
 Source: S&P Global Market Intelligence as of 66/30/2019.
 Percentage income growth for households with over \$200,000 in current household income (HHI). Note: Demographic data provided by Nielsen per US Census data. (1)



MSA	State	Market Share	Projected % Change in HHI of \$200M + (2019-2024) ⁽³⁾
Denver-Aurora-Lakewood	CO	0.64	35.49
Fort Collins	CO	2.10	44.99
Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale	AZ	0.12	41.62
Boulder	со	0.94	28.76
Jackson	WY/ID	1.49	21.42
Glenwood Springs	CO	0.93	24.61
National Average		1	31.93
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Small market share and gro	wing household	income means	lots of room to grow

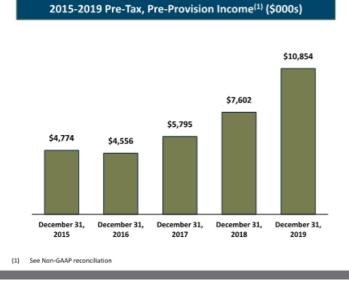
Strong Operational and Financial Momentum FIRSTwestern

Drivers of Improved Performance

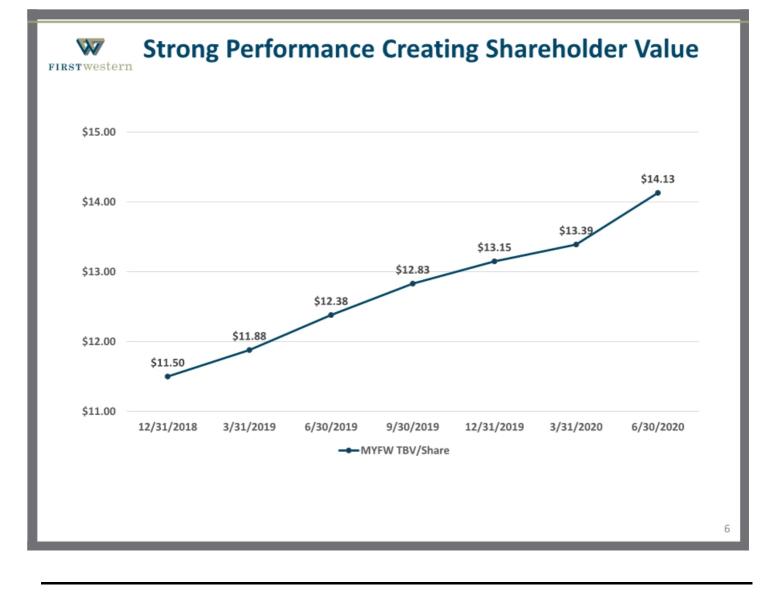
Robust balance sheet growth

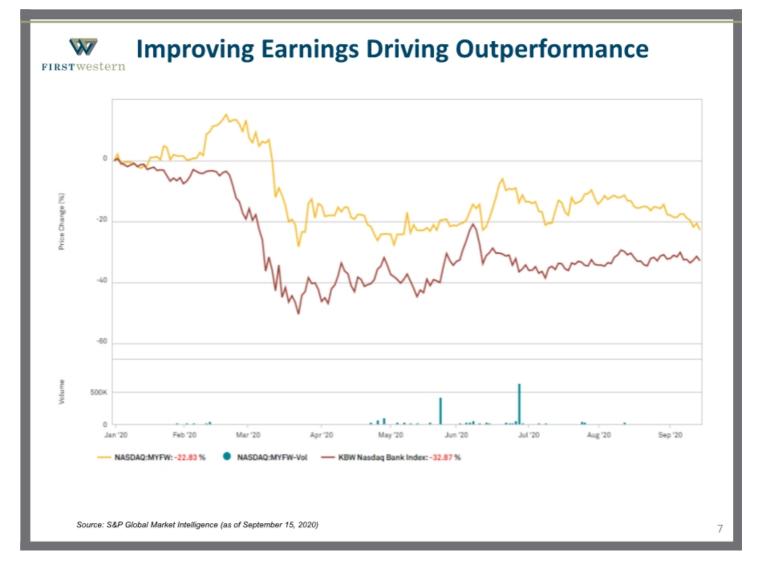
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- Higher fee income driven by robust mortgage activity
- Consistent new client acquisition activity driving growth in assets under management
- Highly leverageable operating platform driving improved efficiencies
- Outstanding asset quality and low credit costs













Franchise Overview

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 associated
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 neutral 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's 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 and 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 Attractive revenue and earnings growth story trading at discount to tangible book value

Cross-Selling a Diverse Set of Products and Services V

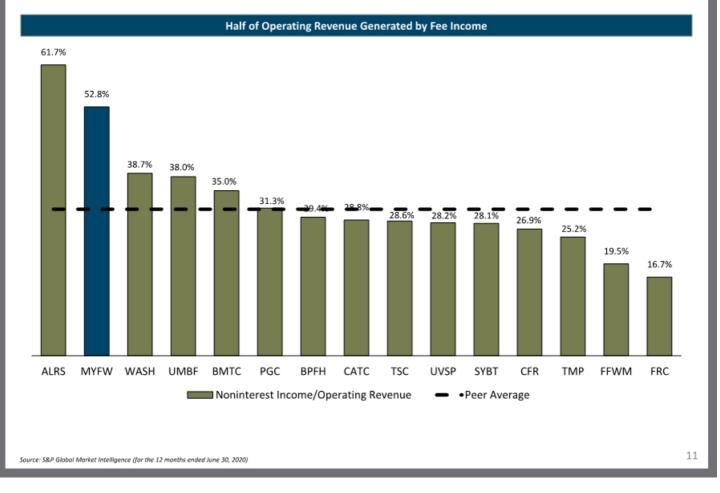
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Our local profit centers team with specialized product experts through ConnectView®

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 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 	1

Private Bank Model Generates Strong Fee Income

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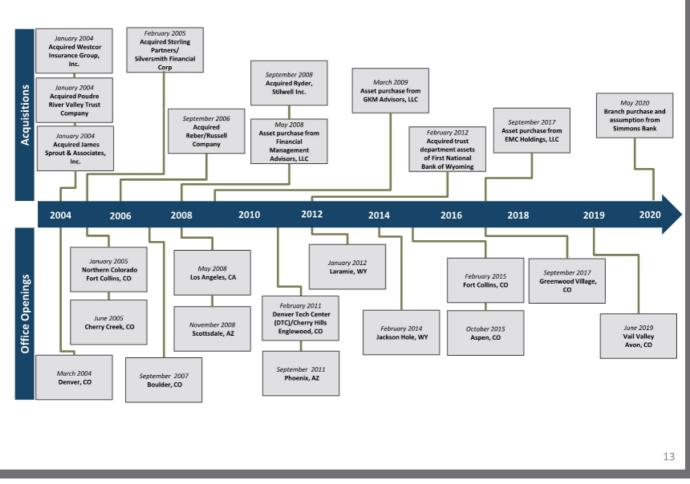


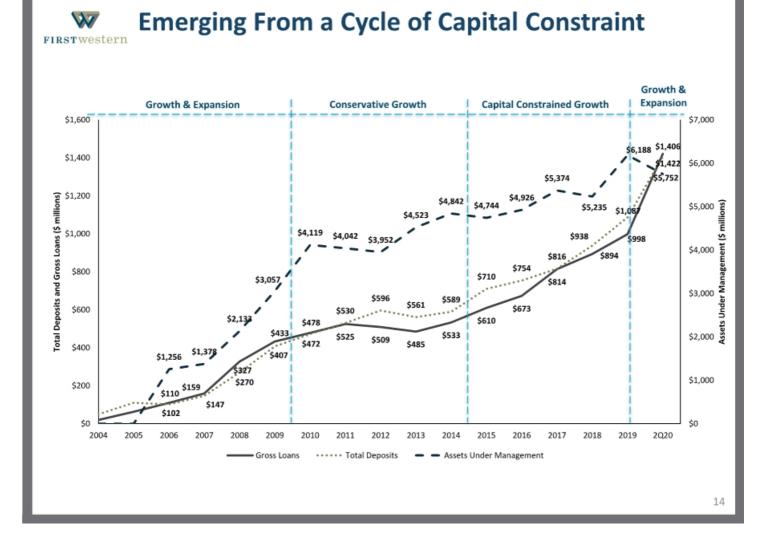


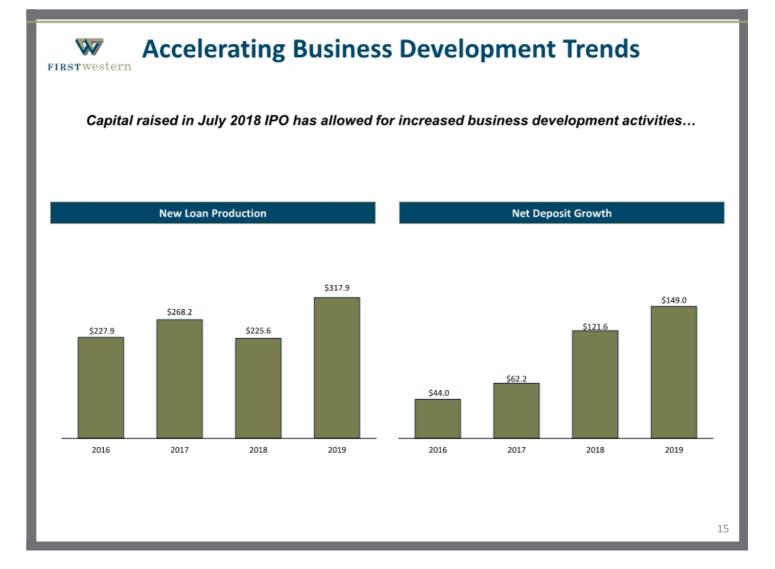
Driving Profitable Growth

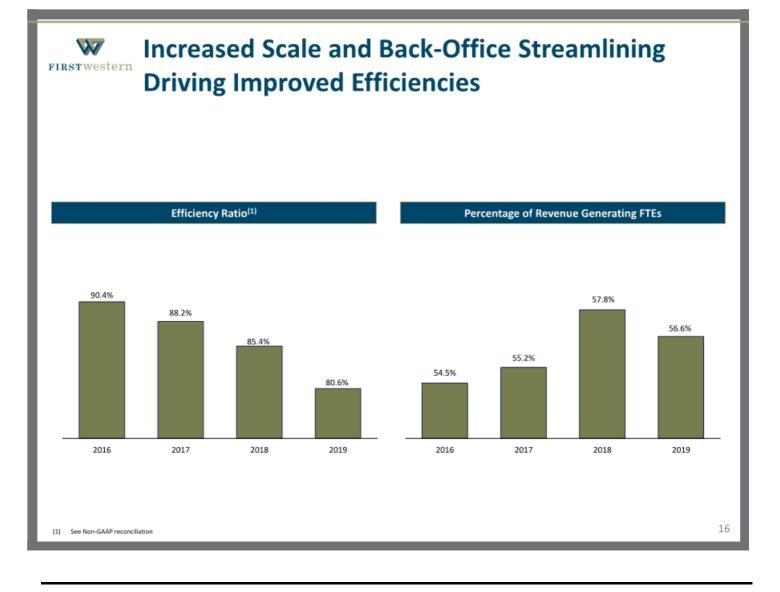
W Success in Expansion and Acquisition Growth

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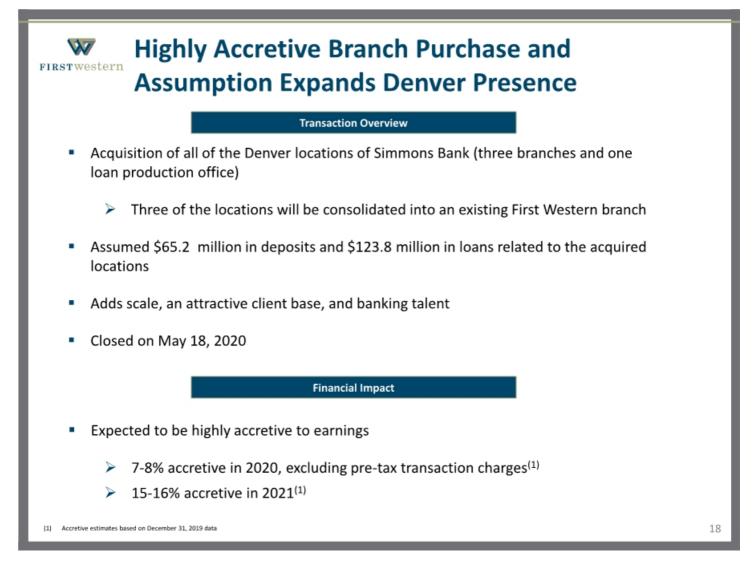




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Revenue Growth Strategies

Expand commercial loan production platform
 Building expertise in specific vertical markets
 Louched medical and dental practice group in 1Q20
 Beplicate same model in additional vertical markets







Recent Financial Trends

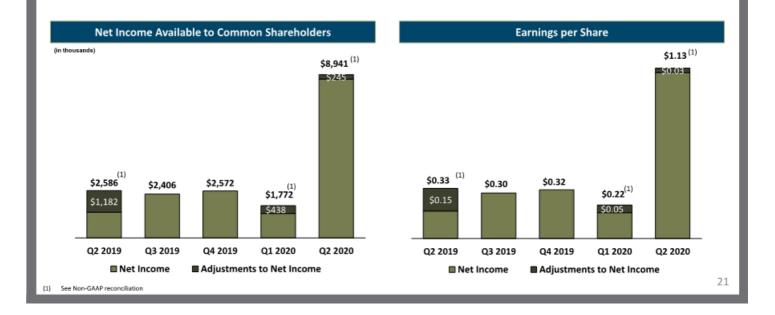
Overview of 2Q20

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Record Financial Performance	 Net income available to common shareholders of \$8.7 million, or \$1.10 EPS Gross revenue⁽¹⁾ of \$26.2 million, up 57.0% from 1Q20 Book value, and tangible book value⁽¹⁾, per share increased 8.0% and 5.5%, respectively, from 1Q20 	
Strong Balance Sheet Growth and Stable Asset Quality	 Strong Balance Sheet growth with a combination of PPP, branch acquisition and organic growth Gross loans increased 36.3% from 1Q20 Total deposits increased 19.4% from 1Q20 Non-performing loans increased just \$1.0 million, NPA to total assets down 15 bps to 0.67% 	
Record Quarter of Mortgage Production	 Total residential mortgage originations of \$344.3 million Net gain on mortgage loans of \$10.2 million 	
Completion of Branch Purchase and Assumption Agreement	 Earlier than anticipated closing reduced deposit premium by 1% Smooth integration of new employees and clients Updated review of acquired loans prior to closing resulted in adversely graded loans not being purchased in the branch acquisition Branch consolidation to occur during 3Q20 	
(1) See Non-GAAP reconciliation		20

Net Income Available to Common Shareholders and Earnings per Share

- Record financial performance despite impact of COVID-19 pandemic
- Financial results impacted by \$0.2 million (or \$0.03 per diluted share)⁽¹⁾ in tax effected acquisition-related expenses related to branch acquisition
- Net income of \$8.7 million, or \$1.10 diluted earnings per share, in 2Q20



Loan Portfolio

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- Total loans held-for-investment (HFI) increased \$381.7 million, or 36.6% from prior quarter
 - PPP contributed \$191.7 million
 - Branch acquisition contributed \$123.8 million
- Non-PPP organic loan growth, including Mortgage loans held for sale of \$71.7 million
- Strongest growth in C&I, CRE, Construction, and Cash, Securities and Other portfolios

Loan Portfolio Composition⁽²⁾

(in thousands, as of quarter-end)

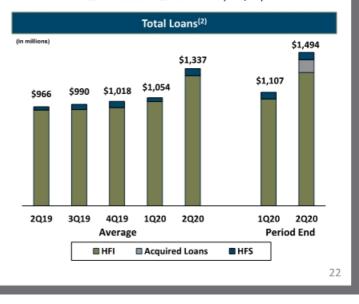
2Q 2019	1Q 2020	2Q 2020
\$149,503	\$147,157	\$371,111
40,826	25,461	74,793
373,836	412,306	418,409
152,664	192,350	229,150
112,660	121,138	117,426
108,516	144,066	213,271
\$938,005	\$1,042,478	\$1,424,160
36,289	64,120	69,604
\$974,294	\$1,106,598	\$1,493,764
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Bank originated
 Excludes deferred costs, and amortized premium/(unaccreted discount), net

Loan Production & Net Loan Payoffs/Paydowns



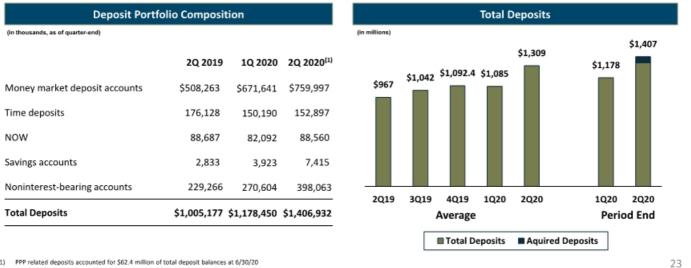
■ PPP⁽¹⁾ ■ Production ■ Net Loan Payoffs/Paydowns



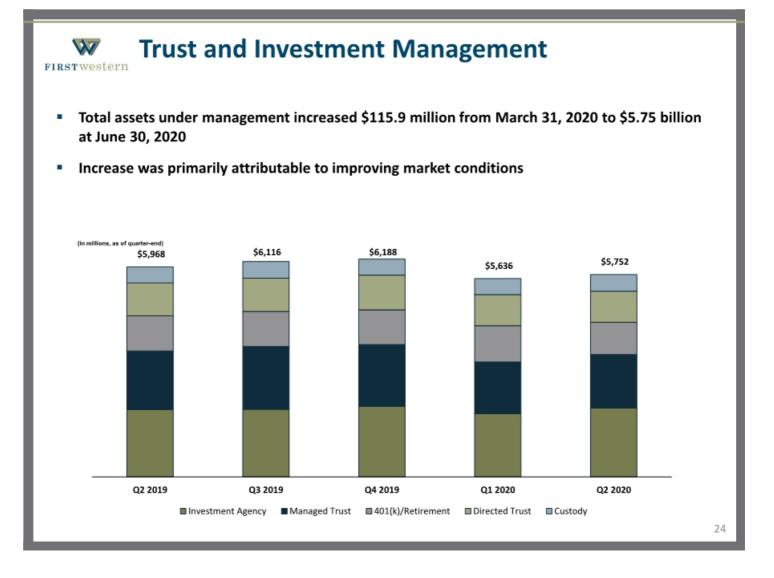
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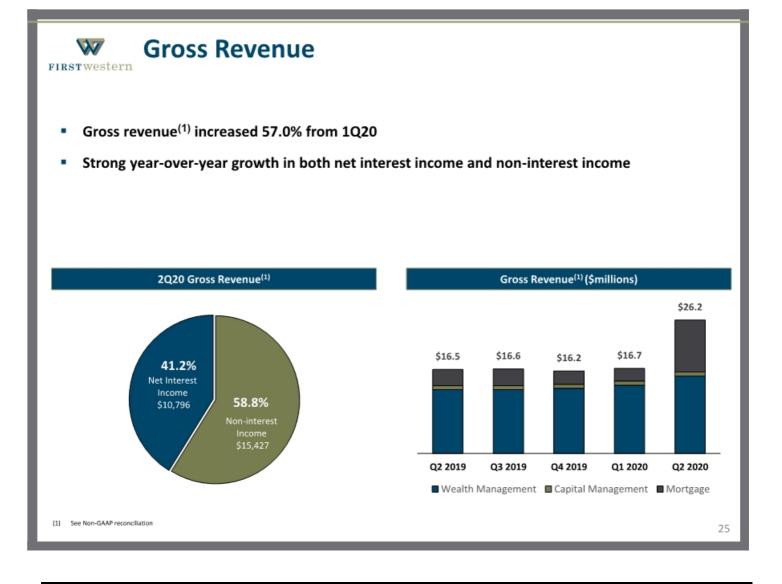
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- Total deposits increased \$228.5 million, or 19.4%, from end of prior quarter
- Branch acquisition contributed \$65.2 million in deposits at quarter end
- PPP contributed to \$62.4 million in deposits at quarter end
- Growth almost entirely attributable to increases in noninterest-bearing and money market accounts
- Non-maturity deposits increased to 89.1% of total deposits in 2Q20 from 82.5% in 2Q19



(1) PPP related deposits accounted for \$62.4 million of total deposit balances at 6/30/20





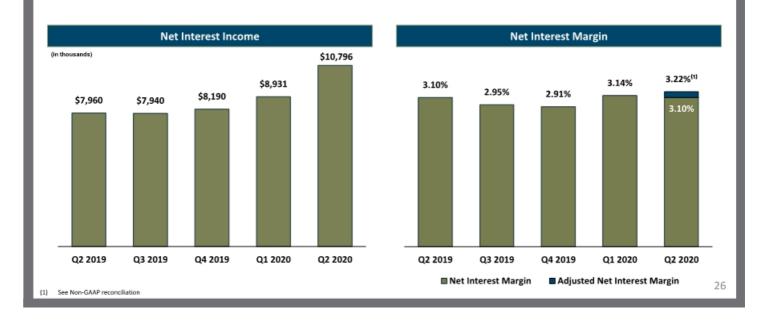
Net Interest Income & Net Interest Margin

Net interest income increased 20.9% from 1Q20, due to three primary factors: \$0.7 million from branch acquisition, \$0.6 million from PPP loans and \$0.6 million from higher average loan balances attributed to organic growth

- Net interest margin decreased to 3.10%, due to a 46 bp decline in earning asset yields
- Cost of deposits decreased 48 bps to 0.40% from 0.88% in 1Q20

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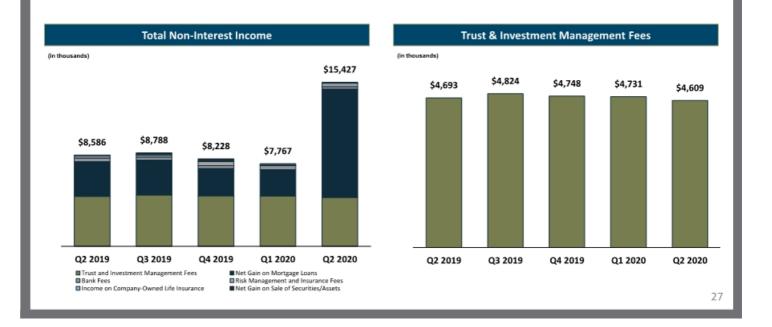
Net interest margin, excluding impact of PPP⁽¹⁾, was 3.22% in 2Q20



W Non-Interest Income

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- Non-interest income increased 98.6% from 1Q20
- Increase primarily due to record quarter of net gain on mortgage loans
- Increase in risk management and insurance fees offset slight decline in trust and investment management fees



W Mortgage Operations

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- Record mortgage originations in 2Q20
- Refi/Purchase mix of 73%/27% in 2Q20, compared to 63%/37% in 1Q20 and 30%/70% in 2Q19
- Mortgage sale margins have increased by 27.8% from 2Q19 to 2Q20 to 81.5%

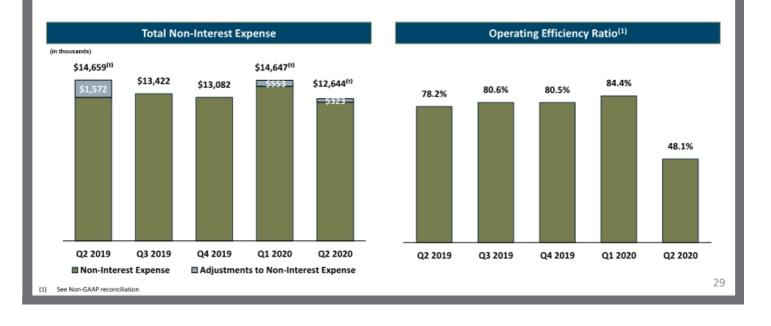




Non-Interest Expense and Efficiency Ratio

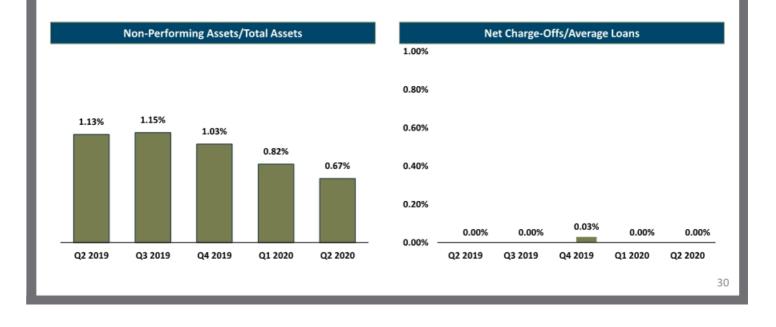
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- Non-interest expense decreased 13.7% from 1Q20
- Decrease was attributable to the capitalization of \$2.9 million in PPP loan origination expense that will be amortized over the expected 24-month life of the loans, or earlier as borrowers receive forgiveness.
- Non-interest expense in 2Q20 included \$0.3 million in pretax expense related to branch acquisition
- Balance sheet growth and mortgage activity accelerated improvement in efficiency ratio
- Following branch consolidations in 3Q20, run rate for non-interest expense expected to range from \$15.3-\$15.7 million per quarter



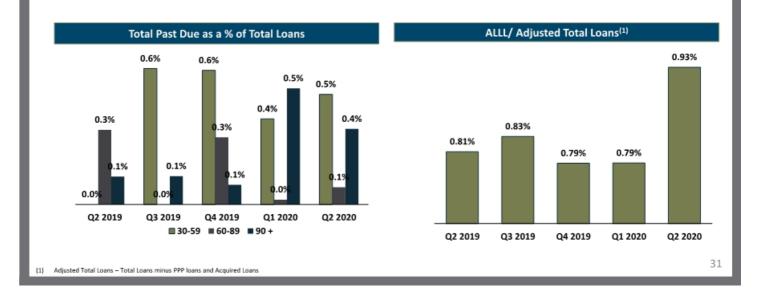
FIRSTWESTERN Asset Quality

- Non-performing assets increased by \$1.0 million, but declined as a percentage of total assets to 0.67% from 0.82% in 1Q20
- Minimal charge-offs in the quarter
- \$1.1 million discount based on fair value of loans added through branch acquisition



Asset Quality

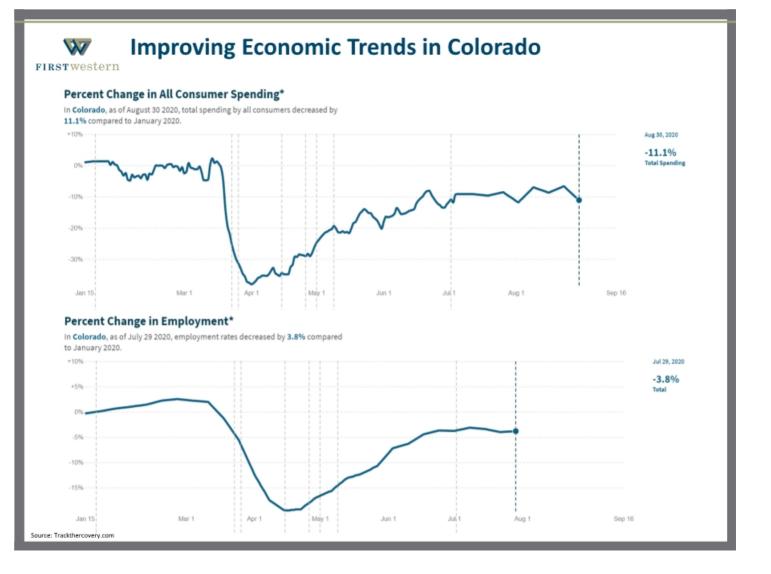
- \$2.1 million provision expense resulting from an increase based on the additional variability surrounding the COVID modifications made during the quarter and increased economic uncertainty.
- Increased loan level reviews and portfolio monitoring
- Past due loans as a % of total loans remains steady







COVID-19 Impact Overview



Paycheck Protection Program Overview

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- \$204.6 million in total PPP loans originated, including \$12.9 million purchased PPP loans
- 281 new relationships added, total loans of \$93.0 million
- \$2.4 million ⁽²⁾ income remaining to be recognized ⁽¹⁾
- Amortizing PPP fees and loan origination expense over 24-month life of loans but expected to be recognized in the second half of 2020 as the borrowers apply for forgiveness

Impact on 2Q20 Financials (2)

(\$ in Millions)	At or for the three months ended 6/30/20	
Total Loans	\$204.6	
Average Loan Size	\$0.3	
Total Deposits	\$62.4	
PPPLF Advances	\$204.3	
Net Interest Margin Impact	-12 bps	

Net Interest Income	
Amortization of SBA Fee Income and Deferred Loan Origination Expense (3)	\$0.3
Interest Income from PPP loans, less PPPLF funding cost	\$0.3
Net Interest Income	\$0.6
Expense: Salaries & Employee Benefits	
Deferred Loan Origination Expense	(\$2.9)
Net Impact of PPP	\$3.5

(1)

(2) (3)

Includes \$5.0 million in SBA fee income less \$2.6 million of deferred loan origination expense All numbers represented do not include the impact of taxes The deferred loan origination expenses are recorded in non-interest expenses (Salaries and Benefits) and amortized through net interest inc



- Modified 98 loans totaling \$176.9 million during 2Q20, including \$30.8 million acquired with branch acquisition
- New deferral requests have slowed considerably, offering on exception basis only as of June 30
 - > One new loan modification made in July and one expected in September
- Most initial modifications were for either 90 or 180 days
- Modified loan balances have declined by 51% during 3Q20
 - Only one modified loan has been granted a second 90-day deferral (\$750,000)

	As reported June 30, 2020			As of August 31, 2020		
	Modified Loan Balances	Loan Count	% of Loans (ex. PPP)	Modified Loan Balances	Loan Count	% of Loans (ex. PPP)
Commercial Real Estate	\$83.0 million	40	6.8%	\$68.1 million	37	5.4%
Commercial & Industrial	\$42.5 million	18	3.5%	\$5.3 million	6	0.4%
1-4 Family	\$41.7 million	31	3.4%	\$12.2 million	10	1.0%
All Other	\$9.7 million	9	0.8%	\$1.5 million	1	0.1%
Total	\$176.9 million	98	14.5%	\$87.1 million	54	6.9%

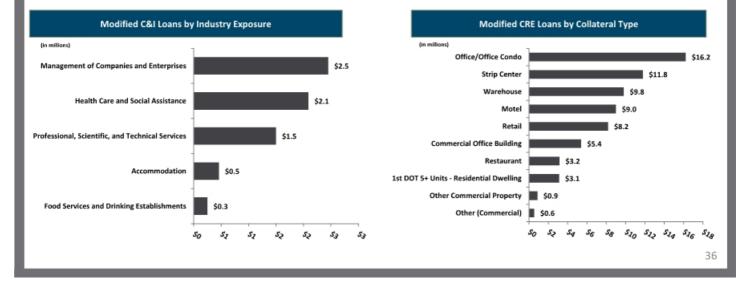
Loan Modification Overview FIRSTwestern

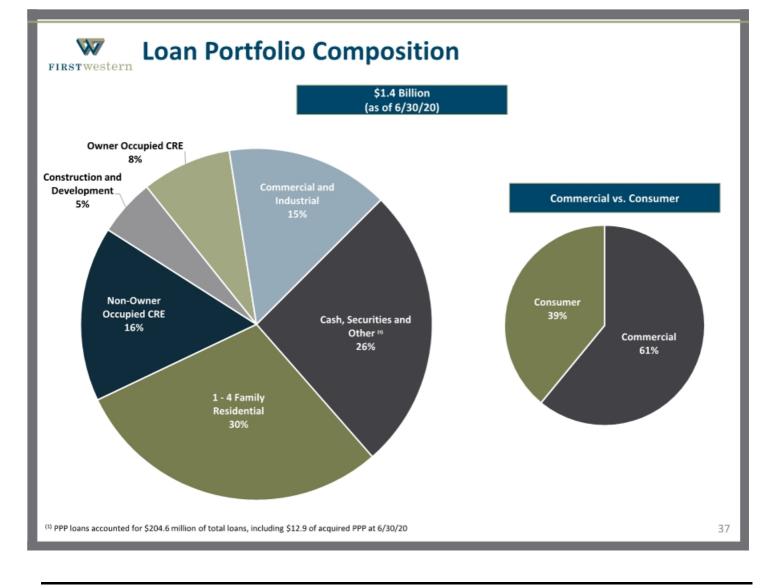
Portfolio Loan Level Reviews

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- Borrowers providing current financials and . cash flow forecasts
- Increased monitoring and oversight .
- Identify emerging issues early .

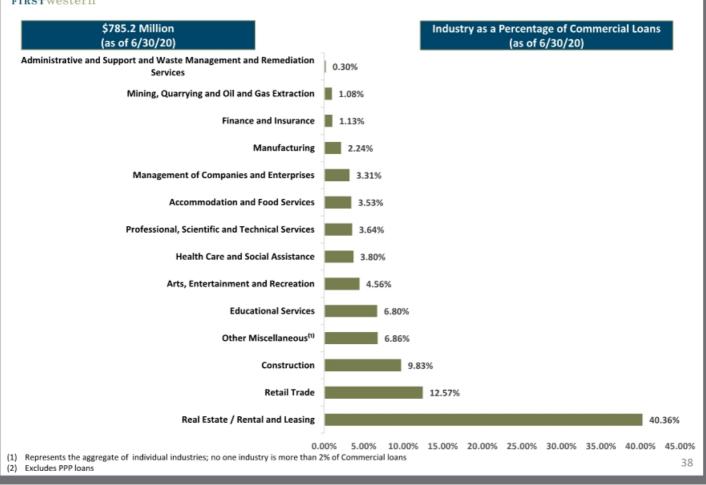
Modified Loan Characteristics (as of August 31, 2020)			
Commercial / Consumer Mix	89% / 11%		
Total Modified Loans	\$87.1 million		
Number of Loans	54		
Average Loan Size	\$1.6 million		
Loan-to-Value (Avg)	48%		
Seasoning (Avg)	3.2 years		

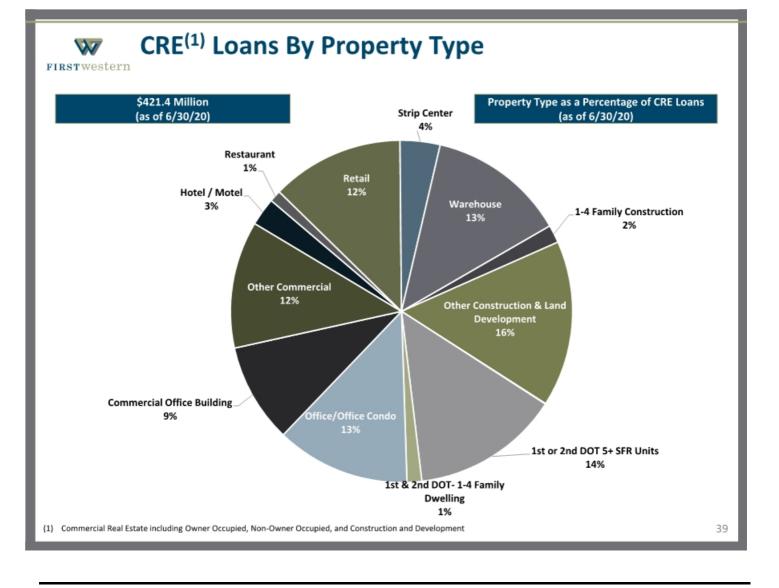




Commercial Loans by Industry⁽²⁾

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CRE Portfolio Characteristics and Underwriting

Portfolio Characteristics - CRE				
Loan Balances Outstanding (6/30/20)	\$421.4 million			
Number of Loans	219			
Average Loan Size	\$1.9 million			
Loan-to-Value (Avg)	47.4%			
Seasoning (Avg)	3 years			
Net Charge-offs in 2019 & 2020	0.00%			

Underwriting Criteria

- We require our CRE loans to be secured by seasoned and well-managed properties with adequate margins
- We generally obtain a guaranty from experienced owners and managers with outside cash flows and/or other assets
- Loan amounts generally do not exceed 80% or 75% of the property's appraised value for owneroccupied and non-owner occupied, respectively
- Aggregate debt service ratios, including the guarantor's cash flow and the borrower's other projects, are required by policy to have a minimum annual cash flow to debt service ratio of 2.0x

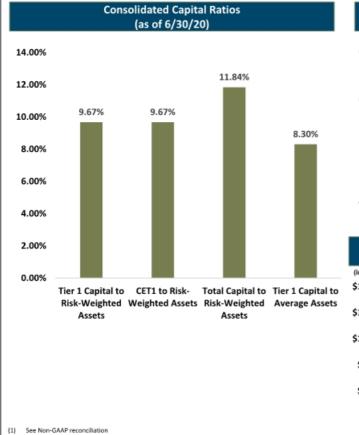


Exposure to Stressed Industries (as of 6/30/20)

Industry Exposure	Outstanding Balances (\$ in millions)	% of Total Loans	Unused Commitments (\$ in Millions)	Portfolio Characteristics
Energy Related	\$8.4	0.6%	\$16.3	 Indirect business or personal exposure to energy industry Collateral type: 54% IM accounts, 32% life insurance, 14% other assets
Accommodations	\$17.7	1.2%	\$5.7	 Portfolio consists of eight loans Largest loan is in prominent geographic region with multiple sources of repayment and personal guarantee
Food Service, Drinking Establishments	\$9.8	0.7%	\$2.8	 Portfolio consists of nineteen borrowers Average loan balance of approximately \$517,000 Includes loans directly to restaurants and those with > 50% cash flows from restaurants

Capital and Liquidity Overview

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(as of 6/30/2	
Liquidity Reserves: Total Available Cash Unpledged Investment Securities	\$190,159,663 \$42,123,068
Borrowed Funds: Unsecured: Credit Lines	\$ 54,000,000
<i>Secured</i> : FHLB Available FRB Available Brokered Remaining Capacity	\$402,470,791 \$ 1,174,905 \$209,154,867
Total Liquidity Funding Sources Loan to Deposit Ratio	\$899,083,294 101.1%

Liquidity Funding Sources

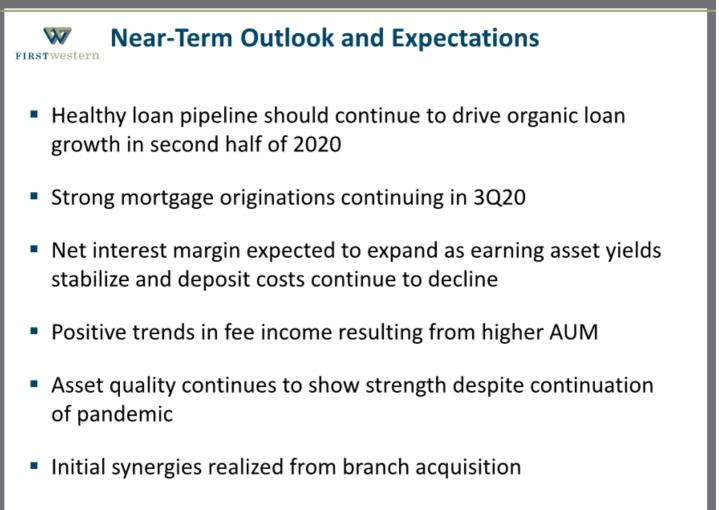








Creating Additional Shareholder Value



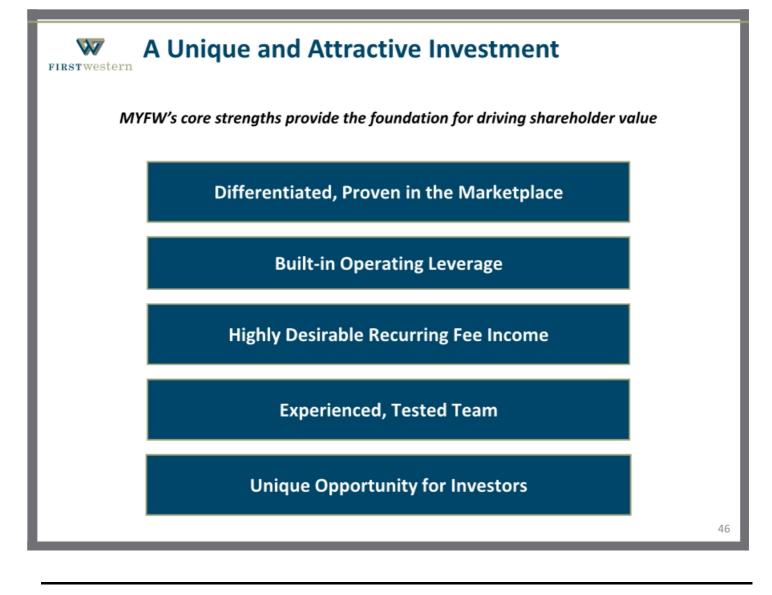
W Long-Term Goals to Drive Shareholder Value

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- 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







Appendix





Organizational Overview



Team: Ready to Take MYFW to the Next Level

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Name	Title	Years at FW	Years in Industry	Prior Experience
Scott C. Wylie	Chairman, CEO & President	18	33	 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	14	20	 Assurance services with PricewaterhouseCoopers Executive roles within First Western with responsibility for Accounting & Finance, Risk, Technology and Operations
John E. Sawyer	Chief Investment Officer	3	27	 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	2	33	 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	8	21	 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	16	27	 Team Leader within Private Wealth Advisors , Merrill Lynch Positions in the High Net Worth and Q.A. group, Charles Schwab & Co.

Senior management team upgraded over past year to prepare for next phase of growth

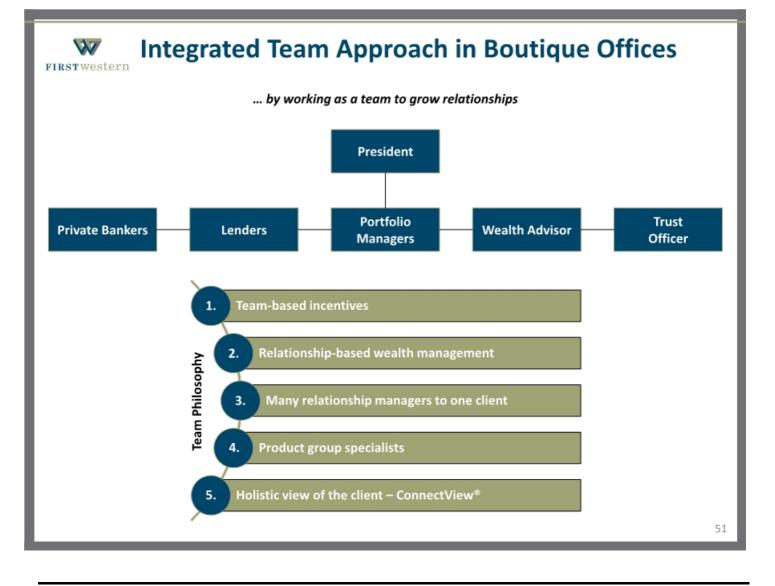
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MYFW's Sophisticated Board of Directors

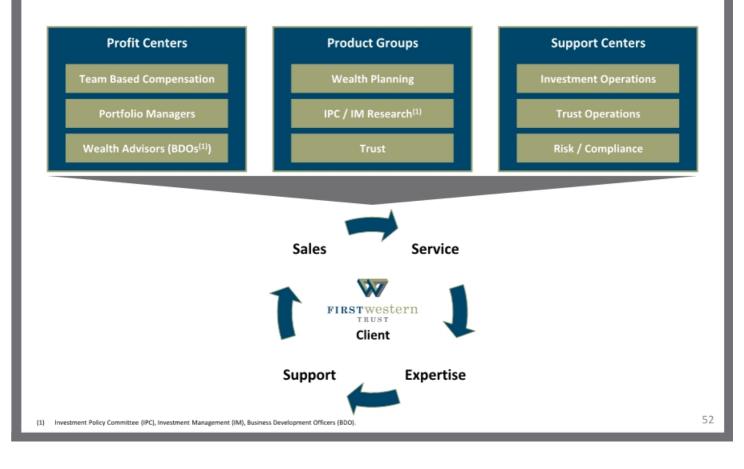
Name	Title	Primary Business
Scott C. Wylie	Chairman, CEO & President	First Western Financial, Inc.
Julie A. Caponi, CPA	Board Director / Trustee	 Former Finance Executive at Arconic, Inc. (fka Alcoa Inc.) Former audit partner at Deloitte Board member & Audit Committee chair for FCF (NYSE)
David R. Duncan	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 Executive Corporate leadership, board, investment management

CPA license inactive (1)





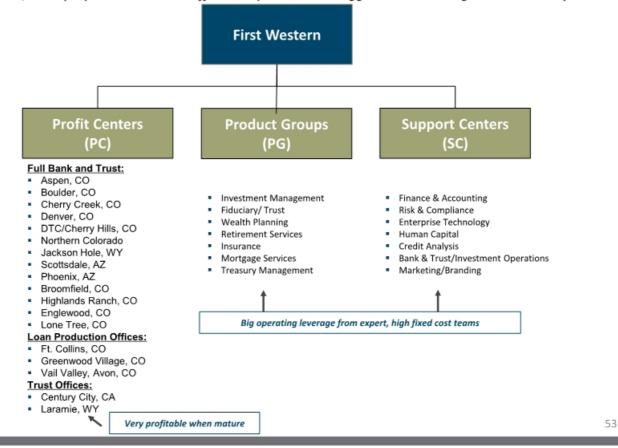
Example of investment management teamwork shows how MYFW, not relationship managers, owns our clients



Organizational Structure Built for Scale FIRSTwestern

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



Holistic, Integrated Risk Management

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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 	
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Key Themes of ERM– In the Business

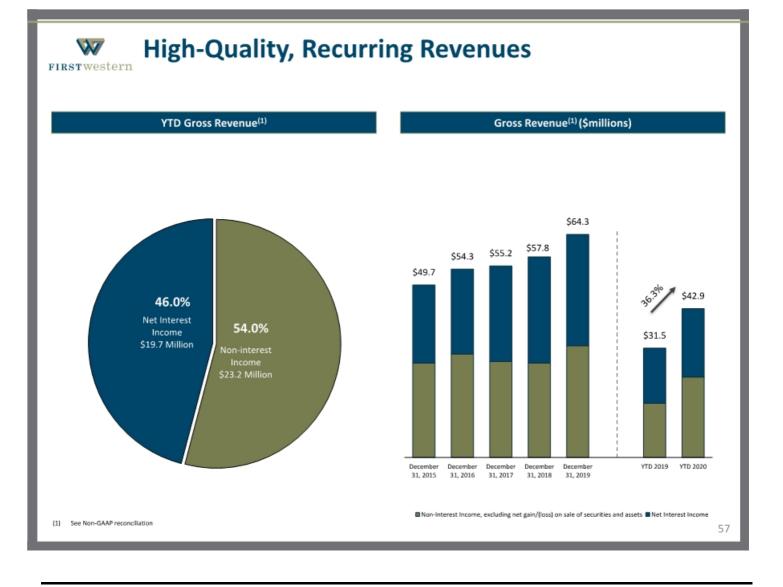
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Ensure Compliance	 Meet regulatory requirements Comply with good industry practices including placing a priority on cybersecurity Effective, efficient, and smart compliance – a change agent for better business decisions 	
Limit Potential Losses	 Create 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 	55



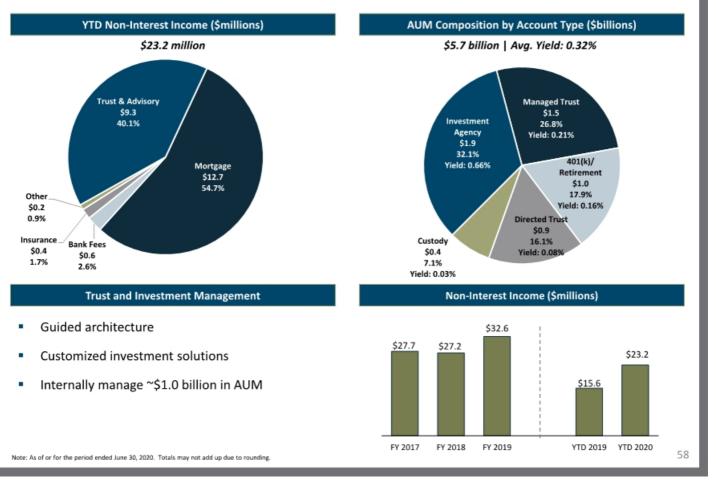


Historical Financial Trends



Predictable, Growing Sources of Fee Income

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A Balanced, Private Banking Loan Portfolio

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FIRSTwestern Historical Gross Loans (\$millions) Q2 2020 Loan Portfolio by Collateral Type (1) \$1,422.0 2015-19 CAGR= 12.8% \$988.0 Non-owner Occupied C&I \$894.0 15.0% \$813.7 \$672.8 \$610.4 1-4 Family Owner Residential Occupied 29.3% CRE 8.2% C&D 5.3% 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2Q20 59 As of June 30, 2020, excluding deferred costs/(fees) and unamortized discounts/(unaccreated premiums), net (1)

Strong Asset Quality with Low Credit Losses

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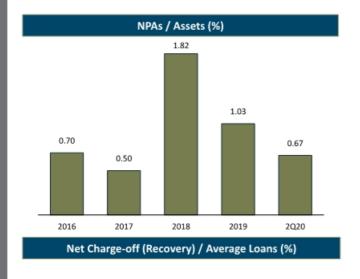
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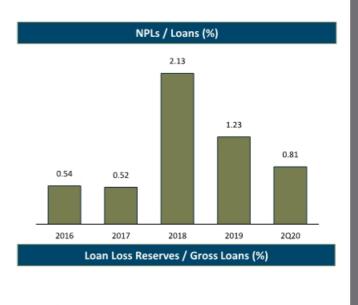


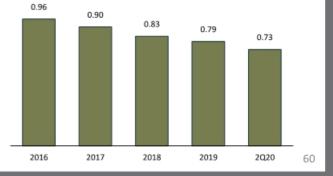
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A Balanced, Growing Core Deposit Base FIRSTwestern

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Historical Total Deposits (\$millions) Q2 2020 Deposit Composition⁽¹⁾ Time Deposits \$1,406.9 10.9% NOW 6.3% 2015-19 CAGR= 11.2% Savings \$1,086.8 accounts \$937.8 0.5% \$816.1 \$753.9 \$709.9 MMDA 54.0% 2015 2017 2019 2016 2018 2Q20 61 (1) As of June 30, 2020





Non-GAAP Reconciliations



Consolidated Efficiency Ratio For the Three Months Ended,					
(Dollars in thousands)	June 30, 2019	September 30, 2019	December 31, 2019	March 31, 2020	June 30, 2020
Non-interest expense	\$14,659	\$13,442	\$13,082	\$14,647	\$12,644
Less: Amortization	142	52	7	2	38
Less: Goodwill impairment	1,572	-	-	-	-
Less: loss on assets held for sale		-	-	553	-
Adjusted non-interest expense	\$12,945	\$13,390	\$13,075	\$14,092	\$12,606
Net interest income	\$7,960	\$7,940	\$8,190	\$8,931	\$10,796
Non-interest income	8,586	8,788	8,228	7,767	15,427
Less: Net gain on sale of securities		119	-	-	
Less: Net gain on sale of assets		-	183	-	
Total income	\$16,546	\$16,609	\$16,235	\$16,698	\$26,223
Efficiency ratio	78.2%	80.6%	80.5%	84.4%	48.1%
Consolidated Tangible Common Book Value Per Share		As of	the Three Months Ended		
(Dollars in thousands)	June 30, 2019	September 30, 2019	December 31, 2019	March 31, 2020	June 30, 2020
otal shareholders' equity	\$122,157	\$125,732	\$127,678	\$128,703	\$139,417
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Goodwill	23,239	19,686	\$19,686	\$19,686	\$24,191
Intangibles held for sale ⁽¹⁾	-	3,553	3,553	3,000	3,000
Other intangibles, net	88	36	28	26	76
angible common equity	98,830	102,457	104,411	105,991	112,150
Common shares outstanding, end of period	7,983,866	7,983,284	7,940,168	7,917,489	7,939,024
angible common book value per share	\$12.38	\$12.83	\$13.15	\$13.39	\$14.13

(1) Represents the intangible portion of assets held for sale

Wealth Management Gross Revenue	For the Three Months Ended,					
(Dollars in thousands)	June 30, 2019	September 30, 2019	December 31, 2019	March 31, 2020	June 30, 2020	
Total income before non-interest expense	\$12,550	\$12,554	\$12,534	\$13,023	\$13,114	
Less: Net gain on sale of securities	-	119		-	-	
Less: Net gain on sale of assets	-	-	183	-	-	
Plus: Provision for (recovery of) credit loss	(78)	100	447	367	2,124	
Gross revenue	\$12,472	\$12,535	\$12,798	\$13,390	\$15,238	

Capital Management Gross Revenue		For the Three Months Ended,				
(Dollars in thousands)	June 30, 2019	September 30, 2019	December 31, 2019	March 31, 2020	June 30, 2020	
Total income before non-interest expense	\$798	\$776	\$815	\$804	\$788	
Less: Net gain on sale of securities	-	-	-	-	-	
Less: Net gain on sale of assets						
Plus: Provision for (recovery of) credit loss						
Gross revenue	\$798	\$776	\$815	\$804	\$788	

Mortgage Gross Revenue		For the Three Months Ended,					
(Dollars in thousands)	June 30, 2019	September 30, 2019	December 31, 2019	March 31, 2020	June 30, 2020		
Total income before non-interest expense	\$3,276	\$3,298	\$2,622	\$2,504	\$10,197		
Less: Net gain on sale of securities		-	-	-	-		
Less: Net gain on sale of assets			-				
Plus: Provision for (recovery of) credit loss							
Gross revenue	\$3.276	\$3,298	\$2.622	\$2,504	\$10,197		

Consolidated Gross Revenue	For the Three Months Ended,					
(Dollars in thousands)	June 30, 2019	September 30, 2019	December 31, 2019	March 31, 2020	June 30, 2020	
Total income before non-interest expense	\$16,624	\$16,628	\$15,971	\$16,331	\$24,099	
Less: Net gain on sale of securities	-	119			-	
Less: Net gain on sale of assets	-		183	-	-	
Plus: Provision for (recovery of) credit loss	(78)	100	447	367	2,124	
Gross revenue	\$16,546	\$16,609	\$16,235	\$16,698	\$26,223	

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Non-GAAP Reconciliation

Adjusted net income available to common shareholders		For the Three Months Ended,					
(Dollars in thousands, except per share data)	June 30, 2019	September 30, 2019	December 31, 2019	March 31, 2020	June 30, 2020		
Net income available to common shareholders	\$1,404	\$2,406	\$2,572	\$1,334	\$8,690		
Plus: acquisition related expense including tax impact			-	-	245		
Plus: goodwill impairment including tax impact	1,182	-	-	-			
Plus: loss on intangibles held for sale including tax impact				438			
Adjusted net income to common shareholders	\$2,586	\$2,406	\$2,572	\$1,772	\$8,941		
Adjusted earnings per share		For t	he Three Months En	ded,			
(Dollars in thousands, except per share data)	June 30, 2019	September 30, 2019	December 31, 2019	March 31, 2020	June 30, 2020		
Earnings per share	\$0.18	\$0.30	\$0.32	\$0.17	\$1.10		
Plus: acquisition related expenses including tax impact			-	-	0.0		
Plus: goodwill impairment including tax impact	0.15		-	-			
Plus: loss on intangibles held for sale including tax impact			-	0.05			
Adjusted earnings per share	\$0.33	\$0.30	\$0.32	\$0.22	\$1.1		
Allowance for loan losses to loans excluding PPP			As of				
(Dollars in thousands)	June 30, 2019	September 30, 2019	December 31, 201	9 March 31, 2020	June 30, 2020		
Total loans held for investment	938,005	924,35	6 996,55	9 1,042,478	1,424,160		
Less: Branch acquisition			-		123,780		
Less: PPP loans					191,670		
Loans excluding acquired and PPP	938,005	924,35	6 996,55	9 1,042,478	1,108,698		
Allowance for loan losses	7,575	7.67	75 7,87	5 8,242	10.354		
Allowance for loan losses to loans excluding PPP	0.81%	0.83	% 0.79	% 0.79%	0.93%		
Total Non-Interest Expense adjusted for Non-Operating items		For	the Three Months E	nded,			
(Dollars in thousands)	June 30, 2019	September 30, 2019	December 31, 2019	March 31, 2020	June 30, 2020		
Net income available to common shareholders	\$14,659	\$13,422	\$13,082	\$14,647	\$12,64		
Less: acquisition related expense			-	-	32		
Less: goodwill impairment	1,572	2 -	-	-			
Less: loss on intangibles held for sale				553			
Total Non-Interest Expense adjusted for Non-Operating items	\$13,087	\$13,422	\$13,082	\$14,094	\$12,32		

{1} Quarterly information has not been audited.

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W Non-GAAP Reconciliation

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ljusted net interest margin For the Three Months Ender				
(Dollars in thousands)	Average Balance	Interest Earned/Paid	Average Yield/Rate	
Interest-bearing deposits in other financial institutions	76,463	44		
PPP adjustment	20,587	25		
Available-for-sale securities	48,614	224		
PPP adjustment	-	-		
Loans	1,268,797	12,202		
PPP adjustment	(152,893)	(718)		
Adjusted total Interest-earning assets	1,261,568	11,777		
nterest-bearing deposits		1,319		
PPP adjustment		-		
Federal Home Loan Bank Topeka and Federal Reserve borrowings		129		
PPP adjustment		(39)		
Subordinated notes		226		
Adjusted total interest-bearing liabilities		1,635		
Net interest income		10,142		
Adjusted net interest margin			3.22	

Consolidated Gross Revenue	For the Six Months E	For the Six Months Ended June 30,			
(Dollars in thousands)	2019	2020			
Total income before non-interest expense	\$31,377	\$40,430			
Plus: Provision for credit loss	116	2,491			
Gross revenue	\$31,493	\$42,921			

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Consolidated Gross Revenue	For the Years Ended,				
(Dollars in thousands)	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Total income before non-interest expense	\$49,339	\$53,394	\$54,501	\$57,617	\$63,976
Less: Net gain on sale of securities	717	114	81	-	119
Less: Net gain on sale of assets					183
Plus: Provision for credit loss	1,071	985	788	180	662
Gross revenue	\$49,693	\$54,265	\$55,208	\$57,797	\$64,336
Consolidated Pre-tax, Pre-provision Income	For the Twelve Months Ended December 31,				
(Dollars in thousands)	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Net Income, as reported	\$2,650	\$2,302	\$2,023	\$5,647	\$8,009
Provision for loan losses	1,071	985	788	180	662
Income tax (benefit) expense	1,053	1,269	2,984	1,775	2,183
Pre-tax, Pre-provision Income	\$4,774	\$4,556	\$5,795	\$7,602	\$10,854
Consolidated Efficiency Ratio		For the Ye	ars Ended,		
(Dollars in thousands)	2016	2017	2018		2019
Non-interest expense	\$49,823	\$49,494	\$5	50,195	\$53,784
Less: Amortization	747	784		831	374
Less: Goodwill impairment		-		-	1,572
Adjusted non-interest expense	\$49,076	\$48,710	\$4	19,364	\$51,838
Net interest income	\$24,457	\$27,576	\$3	30,624	\$32,061
Non-interest income	29,922	27,713	2	27,173	32,577
Less: Net gain on securities	114	81			119
Less: Net gain on sale of assets	-	-		-	183
Total income	\$54,265	\$55,208	\$5	57,797	\$64,336
Efficiency ratio	90.4%	88.2%		85.4%	80.6%

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