



### First Western Financial, Inc. The First, Western-Based Private Trust Bank

### Third Quarter 2020 Conference Call



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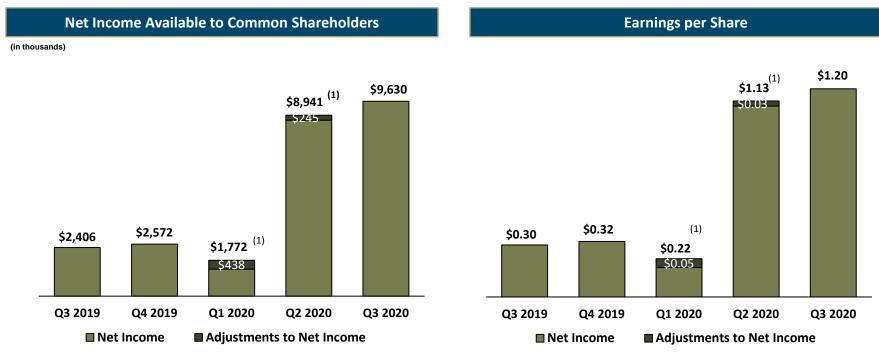
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Record Financial Performance	<ul> <li>Net income available to common shareholders of \$9.6 million, or \$1.20 EPS</li> <li>Gross revenue<sup>(1)</sup> of \$31.0 million, up 18.0% from 2Q20</li> <li>Book value per share and tangible book value<sup>(1)</sup> per share increased 7.1% and 8.8%, respectively, from 2Q20</li> </ul>
Investments in Talent and Platform Driving Expected Growth	<ul> <li>Strong organic balance sheet growth as established offices continue to achieve scale and new offices increase their contributions         <ul> <li>Gross loans increased 5.9% from 2Q20</li> <li>Total deposits increased 11.1% from 2Q20</li> </ul> </li> <li>Commercial banking initiative resulting in strong growth in commercial relationships, loans and deposits</li> </ul>
Record Quarter of Mortgage Production	<ul> <li>Total residential mortgage originations for sale of \$376.3 million</li> <li>Net gain on mortgage loans of \$12.3 million</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>COVID-19 loan modifications declined by 62.3% from June 30, 2020</li> </ul>
Positive Trends in Asset Quality	<ul> <li>COVID-19 loan modifications represented just 4.4% of total loans at September 30, 2020</li> </ul>
Assee Quality	Non-performing assets declined by 13.8% from end of prior quarter
	<ul> <li>History of exceptionally low credit losses continues</li> </ul>

#### **Net Income Available to Common Shareholders and** Earnings per Share

- Record financial performance despite ongoing impact of COVID-19 pandemic
- Net income of \$9.6 million, or \$1.20 diluted earnings per share, in 3Q20
- Mortgage activity providing significant contribution to current earnings, while balance sheet growth and improving leverage demonstrating sustainable progress to improving profitability and returns

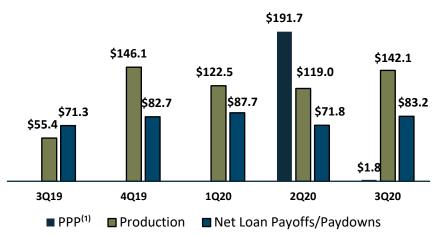




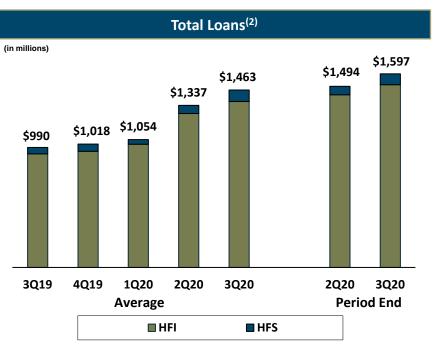
- Total loans held-for-investment (HFI) increased \$83.3 million, or 23.6% from prior quarter
- Balanced growth across most areas of the portfolio
- Commercial banking initiative shifting loan portfolio more towards business-related loans

#### Loan Production & Net Loan Payoffs/Paydowns

(in millions)



Loan Portfolio Composition <sup>(2)</sup>							
(in thousands, as of quarter-end)							
	3Q 2019	2Q 2020	3Q 2020				
Cash, Securities and Other	\$146,622	\$371,111	\$371,481				
Construction and Development	42,059	74,793	105,717				
1 - 4 Family Residential	366,238	418,409	446,959				
Non-Owner Occupied CRE	138,753	229,150	243,564				
Owner Occupied CRE	119,497	117,426	154,138				
Commercial and Industrial	111,187	213,271	185,625				
Total Loans HFI Mortgage loans held-for-sale	\$924,356	\$1,424,160	\$1,507,484				
(HFS)	69,231	69,604	89,872				
Total Loans	\$993,587	\$1,493,764	\$1,597,356				



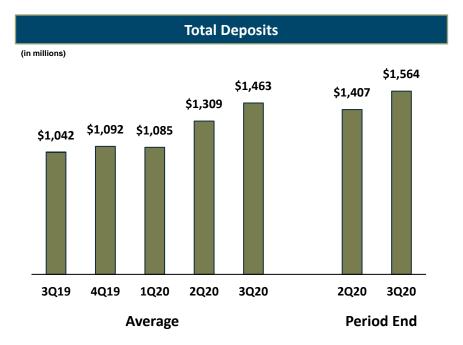
#### (1) Bank originated

(2) Excludes deferred (fees) costs, and amortized premium/(unaccreted discount), net



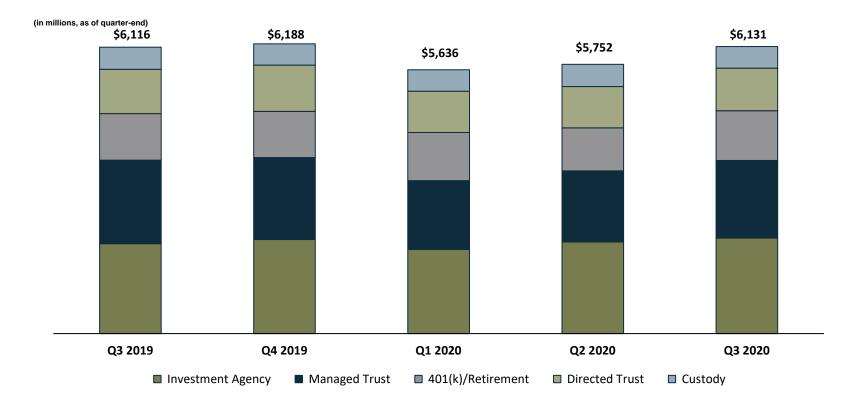
- Total deposits increased \$156.7 million, or 11.1%, from end of prior quarter
- PPP-related deposits accounted for \$29.0 million of quarter end total deposits
- Growth almost entirely attributable to increases in commercial DDA relationships
- Noninterest-bearing deposits increased to 30.2% of total deposits at 3Q20 from 20.9% at 3Q19

Deposit Portfolio Composition							
(in thousands, as of quarter-end)							
	3Q 2019	2Q 2020 <sup>(1)</sup>	3Q 2020 <sup>(1)</sup>				
Money market deposit accounts	\$620,434	\$759,997	\$805,634				
Time deposits	170,457	152,897	177,391				
NOW	83,022	88,560	101,708				
Savings accounts	3,456	7,415	5,976				
Noninterest-bearing accounts	231,535	398,063	472,963				
Total Deposits	\$1,108,904	\$1,406,932	\$1,563,672				



# **Trust and Investment Management**

- Total assets under management increased \$378.8 million from June 30, 2020 to \$6.13 billion at September 30, 2020
- Increase was primarily attributable to client contributions to existing accounts and improving market conditions





### **Paycheck Protection Program Overview**

Impact on 3Q20 Financials <sup>(1)</sup> (\$ in Millions)	
Net Interest Income	
Amortization of SBA Fee Income and deferred loan origination expense <sup>(2)</sup>	\$0.4
Interest Income from PPP loans, less PPPLF funding cost	\$0.3
Net Interest Income	\$0.7
Expense: Salaries & Employee Benefits	
Deferred Loan Origination Expense	(\$0.1)
Net Impact of PPP	\$0.8

(\$ in Millions)	At or for the three months ended 9/30/20
Total Loans	\$206.1
Average Loan Size	\$0.3
Total Deposits	\$29.0
PPPLF Advances	\$204.1
Net Interest Margin Impact	-31 bps
Remaining Fees to be Recognized Pre-Tax <sup>(3)</sup>	\$2.1

PPP Loan Forgiveness (\$ in Millions)	As of 10/16/20
Loans Submitted to SBA	\$85.2
Number of Loans Forgiven by SBA	46
Amount of Loans Forgiven by SBA	\$2.1
Loans under \$50K not yet forgiven	\$5.5

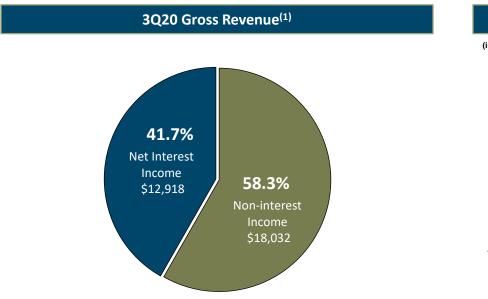
(1) All numbers represented do not include the impact of taxes

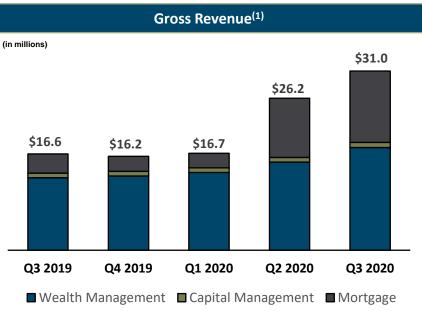
(2) The deferred loan origination expenses are recorded in non-interest expenses (Salaries and Benefits) and amortized through net interest income

(3) Includes \$4.4 million in SBA fee income less \$2.3 million of deferred loan origination expense



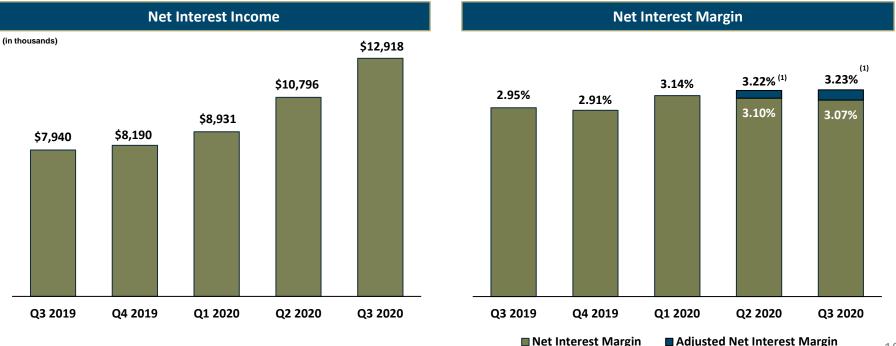
- Gross revenue<sup>(1)</sup> increased 18.0% from 2Q20
- Strong year-over-year growth in both net interest income and non-interest income
  - Relative to 2Q20, net interest income growth exceeded non-interest income growth





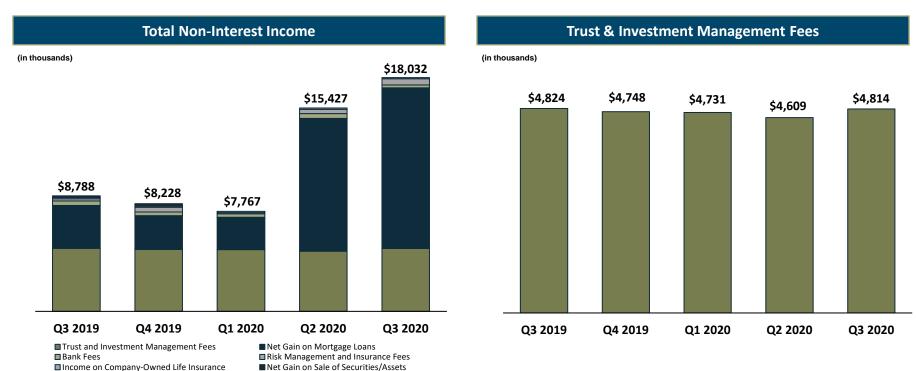
## **Net Interest Income & Net Interest Margin**

- Net interest income increased 19.7% from 2Q20, primarily due to an increase in average loan balances
- Net interest margin, including impact of PPP loans, remained relatively stable at 3.07%
- Net interest margin, excluding impact of PPP and purchase accretion<sup>(1)</sup>, increased to 3.23% in 3Q20
- Cost of deposits decreased 11 bps to 0.29% in 3Q20 from 0.40% in 2Q20
- Redeployment of excess liquidity and additional opportunities to reduce deposit costs should result in higher NIM going forward



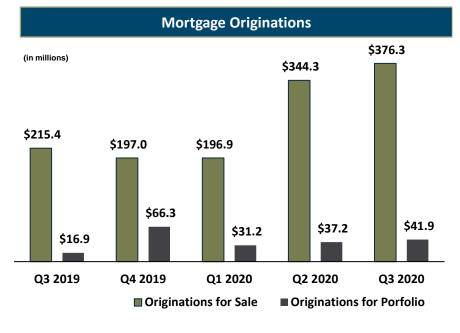


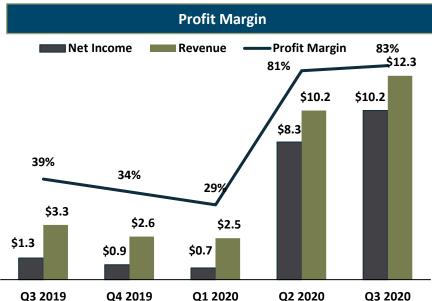
- Non-interest income increased 16.9% from 2Q20
- Increase primarily due to record quarter of net gain on mortgage loans
- Increasing economic activity and clients added through branch acquisition contributing to increase in fee income





- Record mortgage originations in 3Q20
- Refi/Purchase mix of 59%/41% in 3Q20, compared to 73%/27% in 2Q20 and 54%/46% in 3Q19
- Mortgage profit margins have increased from 39% in 3Q19 to 83% in 3Q20



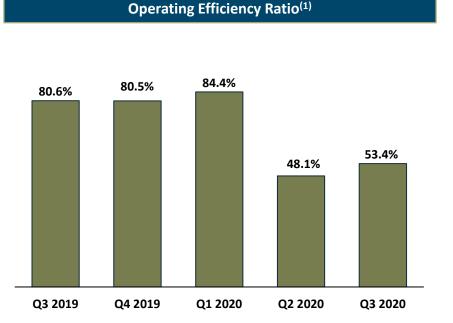




## **Non-Interest Expense and Efficiency Ratio**

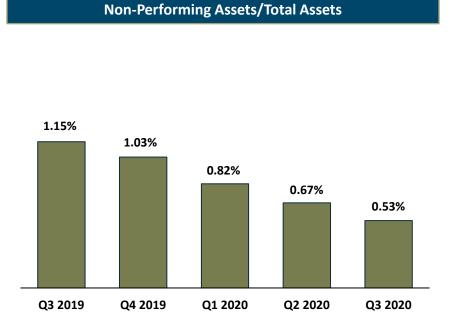
- Non-interest expense increased 31.5% from 2Q20
- Increase in non-interest expense primarily due to deferred loan origination expense related to PPP loans that reduced expense levels in 2Q20
- Full quarter impact of personnel and offices added through branch acquisition also contributed to increase in non-interest expense
- Balance sheet growth and mortgage activity continue to drive significant improvement in efficiency ratio

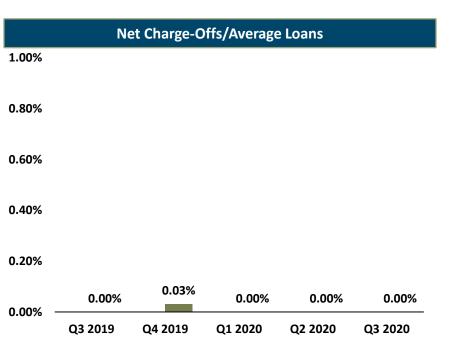






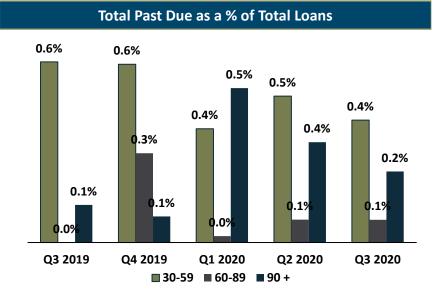
- Generally stable to improving trends across the portfolio
- Non-performing assets decreased by \$1.7 million, and declined as a percentage of total assets to 0.53% from 0.67% in 2Q20
- Minimal charge-offs again in the quarter



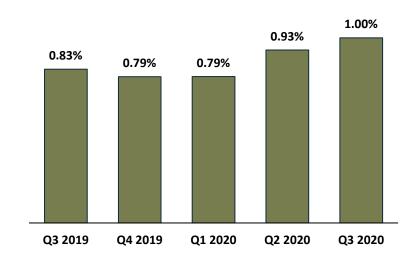




- \$1.5 million provision expense reflects the growth in the loan portfolio, as well as continued economic uncertainty
- Increased loan level reviews and portfolio monitoring continue through the duration of the pandemic
- Past due loans as a percentage of total loans declined from Q2 2020



ALLL/ Adjusted Total Loans<sup>(1)</sup>





- Modified loan balances declined by 62.3% during 3Q20
- New loan modification requests have slowed considerably, offering on exception basis only as of June 30
  - > One new loan modification made in July and one in September
- Most initial modifications were for 180 days or less
- Only one modified loan has been granted a second 90-day modification (\$750,000)

	As reported June 30, 2020			As of September 30, 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%	\$55.8 million	32	4.3%
Commercial & Industrial	\$42.5 million	18	3.5%	\$5.0 million	5	0.4%
1-4 Family	\$41.7 million	31	3.4%	\$4.4 million	6	0.3%
All Other	\$9.7 million	9	0.8%	\$1.5 million	1	0.1%
Total	\$176.9 million	98	14.5%	\$66.7 million	44	5.1%



#### Portfolio Loan Level Reviews

Borrowers providing current financials and ۲ cash flow forecasts

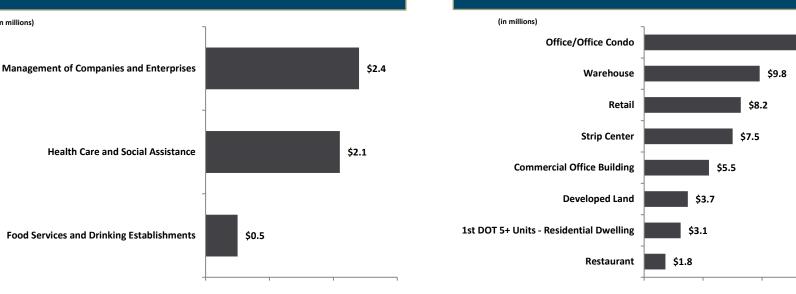
Modified C&I Loans by Industry Exposure

- Increased monitoring and oversight
- **Identify emerging issues early**

(in millions)

#### **Modified Loan Characteristics** (as of September 30, 2020)

Commercial / Consumer Mix	97% / 3%
Total Modified Loans	\$66.7 million
Number of Loans	44
Average Loan Size	\$1.5 million
Loan-to-Value (Avg)	46%
Seasoning (Avg)	3.6 years



#### Modified CRE Loans by Collateral Type

\$16.2

# **Near-Term Outlook and Expectations**

- Significant growth in tangible book value expected to continue
  - Core earnings and operating leverage improvement expected to continue
  - > PPP fee recognition and pending sale of LA Fixed Income Team
- Asset quality showing strength despite continuation of pandemic
- Initial synergies being realized from branch acquisition
- Net interest margin expected to expand as excess liquidity is redeployed and deposit costs continue to decline
- Strong mortgage originations continuing in 4Q20
- Healthy loan pipeline should continue to drive organic loan growth
- Commercial banking initiative accelerating following the addition of talent from branch acquisition in May
  - Adding expertise to target niche industries
  - Building SBA lending capability
  - Actively participating in Main Street Lending Program

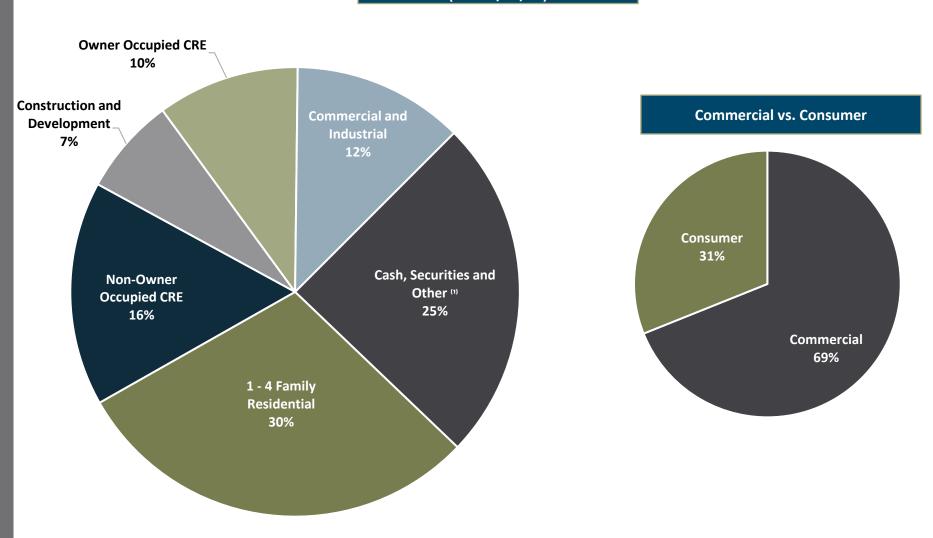




### Appendix

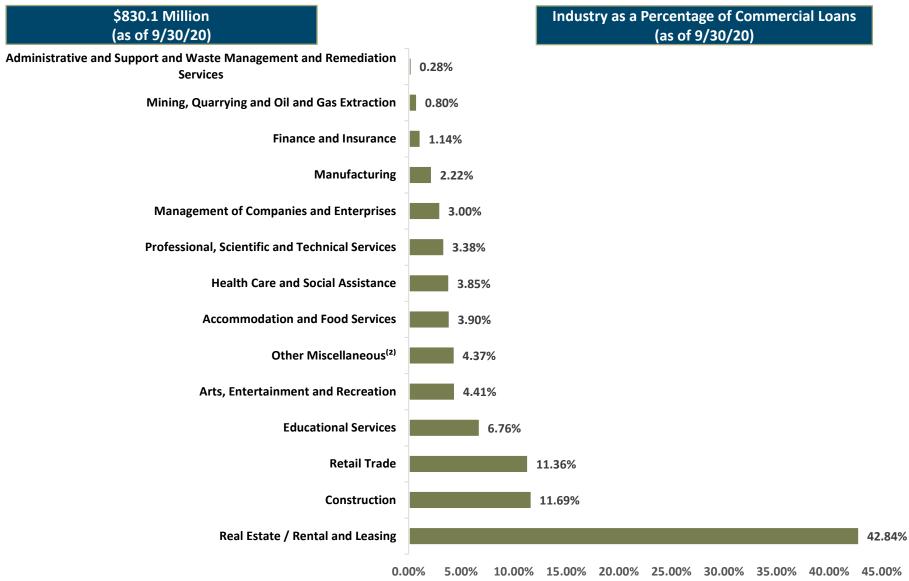
## **Loan Portfolio Composition**

\$1.5 Billion (as of 9/30/20)



### Commercial Loans by Industry<sup>(1)</sup>

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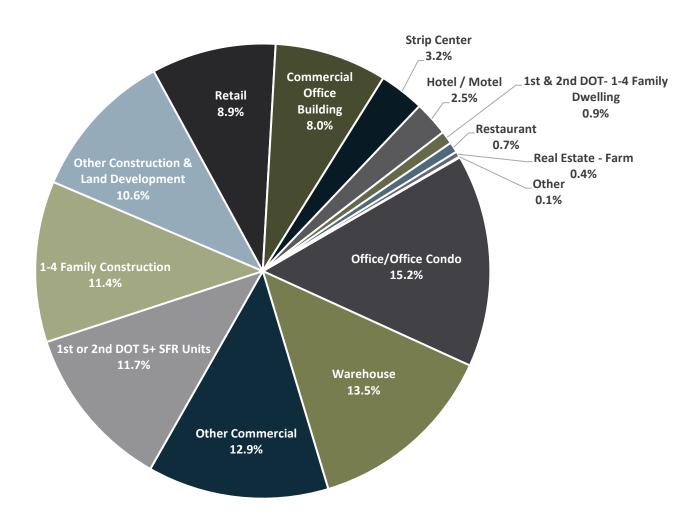
(1) Excludes PPP loans

(2) Represents the aggregate of individual industries; no one industry is more than 2% of Commercial loans

# **CRE<sup>(1)</sup> Loans By Property Type**

\$503.4 Million (as of 9/30/20)

#### Property Type as a Percentage of CRE Loans (as of 9/30/20)





### **CRE Portfolio Characteristics and Underwriting**

Portfolio Characteristics - CRE					
Loan Balances Outstanding (9/30/20)	\$503.4 million				
Number of Loans	270				
Average Loan Size	\$1.9 million				
Loan-to-Value (Avg)	47.7%				
Seasoning (Avg)	2.3 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 9/30/20)**

Industry Exposure	Outstanding Balances (\$ in millions)	% of Total Loans	Unused Commitments (\$ in Millions)	Portfolio Characteristics		
Energy Related	\$6.7	0.4%	\$16.8	<ul> <li>Indirect business or personal exposure to energy industry</li> <li>Collateral type: 47% life insurance, 39% IM accounts, 14% other assets</li> </ul>		
Accommodations	\$20.1	1.3%	\$5.7	<ul> <li>Portfolio consists of nine loans</li> <li>Largest loan is in prominent geographic region with multiple sources of repayment and personal guarantee</li> </ul>		
Food Service, Drinking Establishments	\$12.3	0.8%	\$2.8	<ul> <li>Portfolio consists of nineteen borrowers</li> <li>Average loan balance of approximately \$648,000</li> <li>Includes loans directly to restaurants and those with &gt; 50% cash flows from restaurants</li> </ul>		

## **Capital and Liquidity Overview**



#### Liquidity Funding Sources (as of 9/30/20)

<i>Liquidity Reserves:</i> Total Available Cash Unpledged Investment Securities	\$249,542,451 \$ 34,412,685
Borrowed Funds:	
Unsecured: Credit Lines	\$ 54.000.000
Credit Lines	φ 54,000,000
Secured:	
FHLB Available	\$401,870,448
FRB Available	\$ 1,035,353
Brokered Remaining Capacity	\$204,724,959
Total Liquidity Funding Sources Loan to Deposit Ratio	\$945,585,896 96.3%

Tangible Common Equity / TBV Per Share<sup>(1)</sup>





Consolidated Efficiency Ratio		For t	he Three Months Ende	d,	
(Dollars in thousands)	September 30, 2019	December 31, 2019	March 31, 2020	June 30, 2020	September 30, 2020
Non-interest expense	\$13,442	\$13,082	\$14,647	\$12,644	\$16,632
Less: amortization	52	7	2	38	4
Less: provision on other real estate owned	-	-	-	-	100
Less: loss on assets held for sale	-	-	553	-	-
Adjusted non-interest expense	\$13,390	\$13,075	\$14,092	\$12,606	\$16,528
Net interest income	\$7,940	\$8,190	\$8,931	\$10,796	\$12,918
Non-interest income	8,788	8,228	7,767	15,427	18,032
Less: Net gain on sale of securities	119	-	-	-	-
Less: Net gain on sale of assets	-	183	-	-	-
Total income	\$16,609	\$16,235	\$16,698	\$26,223	\$30,950
Efficiency ratio	80.6%	80.5%	84.4%	48.1%	53.4%
Consolidated Tangible Common Book Value Per Share		As of	the Three Months Ende	ed,	
(Dollars in thousands)	September 30, 2019	December 31, 2019	March 31, 2020	June 30, 2020	September 30, 2020
Total shareholders' equity	\$125,732	\$127,678	\$128,703	\$139,417	\$149,576
Less:					
Goodwill	19,686	\$19,686	\$19,686	\$24,191	\$24,191
Intangibles held for sale <sup>(1)</sup>	3,553	3,553	3,000	3,000	3,000
Other intangibles, net	36	28	26	76	72
Tangible common equity	102,457	104,411	105,991	112,150	122,313
Common shares outstanding, end of period	7,983,284	7,940,168	7,917,489	7,939,024	7,951,749
Tangible common book value per share	\$12.83	\$13.15	\$13.39	\$14.13	\$15.38



Wealth Management Gross Revenue		For the Three Months Ended,					
(Dollars in thousands)	September 30, 2019	December 31, 2019	March 31, 2020	June 30, 2020	September 30, 2020		
Total income before non-interest expense	\$12,554	\$12,534	\$13,023	\$13,114	\$16,232		
Less: Net gain on sale of securities	119	-	-	-	-		
Less: Net gain on sale of assets	-	183	-	-	-		
Plus: Provision for loan loss	100	447	367	2,124	1,496		
Gross revenue	\$12,535	\$12,798	\$13,390	\$15,238	\$17,728		

Capital Management Gross Revenue	For the Three Months Ended,					
(Dollars in thousands)	September 30, 2019	December 31, 2019	March 31, 2020	June 30, 2020	September 30, 2020	
Total income before non-interest expense	\$776	\$815	\$804	\$788	\$899	
Less: Net gain on sale of securities	-	-	-	-	-	
Less: Net gain on sale of assets	-	-	-	-	-	
Plus: Provision for loan loss		-	-	-	-	
Gross revenue	\$776	\$815	\$804	\$788	\$899	

Mortgage Gross Revenue		For the Three Months Ended,					
(Dollars in thousands)	September 30, 2019	December 31, 2019	March 31, 2020	June 30, 2020	September 30, 2020		
Total income before non-interest expense	\$3,298	\$2,622	\$2,504	\$10,197	\$12,323		
Less: Net gain on sale of securities	-	-	-	-	-		
Less: Net gain on sale of assets	-	-	-	-	-		
Plus: Provision for loan loss	-	-	-	-	-		
Gross revenue	\$3,298	\$2,622	\$2,504	\$10,197	\$12,323		

Consolidated Gross Revenue		For the Three Months Ended,					
(Dollars in thousands)	September 30, 2019	December 31, 2019	March 31, 2020	June 30, 2020	September 30, 2020		
Total income before non-interest expense	\$16,628	\$15,971	\$16,331	\$24,099	\$29,454		
Less: Net gain on sale of securities	119	-	-	-	-		
Less: Net gain on sale of assets	-	183	-	-	-		
Plus: Provision for loan loss	100	447	367	2,124	1,496		
Gross revenue	\$16,609	\$16,235	\$16,698	\$26,223	\$30,950		

### **W** Non-GAAP Reconciliation

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Adjusted net income available to common shareholders	For the Three Months Ended,					
(Dollars in thousands, except per share data)	September 30, 2019	December 31, 2019	March 31, 2020	June 30, 2020	September 30, 2020	
Net income available to common shareholders	\$2,406	\$2,572	\$1,334	\$8,696	\$9,630	
Plus: acquisition related expense including tax impact	-	-	-	245	-	
Plus: goodwill impairment including tax impact	-	-	-	-	-	
Plus: loss on intangibles held for sale including tax impact	-	-	438	-	-	
Adjusted net income to common shareholders	\$2,406	\$2,572	\$1,772	\$8,941	\$9,630	
Adjusted earnings per share		For the T	hree Months Ended	,		
(Dollars in thousands, except per share data)	September 30, 2019	December 31, 2019	March 31, 2020	June 30, 2020	September 30, 2020	
Earnings per share	\$0.30	\$0.32	\$0.17	\$1.10	\$1.20	
Plus: acquisition related expenses including tax impact	-	-	-	0.03	-	
Plus: goodwill impairment including tax impact	-	-	-	-	-	
Plus: loss on intangibles held for sale including tax impact		-	0.05	-	-	
Adjusted earnings per share	\$0.30	\$0.32	\$0.22	\$1.13	\$1.20	

Total Non-Interest Expense adjusted for Non-Operating items	For the Three Months Ended,					
(Dollars in thousands)	September 30, 2019	December 31, 2019	March 31, 2020	June 30, 2020	September 30, 2020	
Net income available to common shareholders	\$13,422	\$13,082	\$14,647	\$12,644	\$16,632	
Less: acquisition related expense	-	-	-	323	-	
Less: goodwill impairment	-	-	-	-	-	
Less: loss on intangibles held for sale	-	-	553	-	-	
Total Non-Interest Expense adjusted for Non-Operating items	\$13,422	\$13,082	\$14,094	\$12,321	\$16,632	

Allowance for loan losses to Bank originated loans excluding PPP			As of		
(Dollars in thousands)	September 30, 2019	December 31, 2019	March 31, 2020	June 30, 2020	September 30, 2020
Gross loans	924,356	996,559	1,042,478	1,424,160	1,507,484
Less: Branch acquisition	-	-	-	123,786	124,689
Less: PPP loans		-	-	191,676	193,213
Loans excluding acquired and PPP	924,356	996,559	1,042,478	1,108,698	1,189,582
Allowance for loan losses	7,675	7,875	8,242	10,354	11,845
Allowance for loan losses to Bank originated loans excluding PPP	0.83%	0.79%	0.79%	0.93%	1.00%



### **Non-GAAP Reconciliation**

Adjusted net interest margin	For the Three Months Ended June 30,				
(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			
Interest-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%		

Adjusted net interest margin	For the Three Months Ended September 30				
(Dollars in thousands)	Average Balance	Interest Earned/Paid	Average Yield/Rate		
Interest-bearing deposits in other financial					
institutions	178,756	99			
PPP adjustment	(38,618)	(45)			
Available-for-sale securities	40,528	173			
PPP adjustment	-	-			
Loans	1,462,872	14,138			
PPP adjustment	(201,208)	(870)			
Purchase accretion adjustment		(534)			
Adjusted total Interest-earning assets	1,442,330	12,961			
Interest-bearing deposits		1,067			
PPP adjustment		-			
Federal Home Loan Bank Topeka and					
Federal Reserve borrowings		204			
PPP adjustment		(180)			
Subordinated notes		221			
Adjusted total interest-bearing liabilities		1,312			
Net interest income		11 640			
		11,649			
Adjusted net interest margin			3.23%		