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	FORM 10-Q		
QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECT For the	FION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EX e quarterly period ended September 30, 2023 OR		
☐ TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECT			
	Commission File Number 001-38595		
	WESTERN FINANCIAL, IN		
Colorado (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)		37-1442266 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)	
1900 16th Street, Suite 1200 Denver, CO (Address of principal executive offic	es)	80202 (Zip Code)	
Registrant's t	elephone number, including area code: 303.5	31.8100	
Securities	s registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the A	act:	
Title of each class	Trading Symbol	Name of each exchange on which reg	istered
Common Stock, no par value	MYFW	The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC	
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has file during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter perior requirements for the past 90 days. ⊠ Yes □ No			
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submit Regulation S-T ($\S 232.405$ of this chapter) during the pre \boxtimes Yes \square No			
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large a emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.			
Large accelerated filer □		Accelerated filer	\boxtimes
Non-accelerated filer □		Smaller reporting company	X
		Emerging growth company	X
If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark or revised financial accounting standards provided pursu	•	ded transition period for complying with	any new
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell of	company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act).	☐ Yes ☒ No	
Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the	registrant's classes of common stock, as of the l	atest practicable date.	
		utstanding as of mber 1, 2023	
Common Stock, no par value	9,	561,769	

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Important Notice about Information in this Quarterly Report

Unless we state otherwise or the context otherwise requires, references in this Quarterly Report to "we," "our," "us," "the Company" and "First Western" refer to First Western Financial, Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries, including First Western Trust Bank, which we sometimes refer to as "the Bank" or "our Bank."

The information contained in this Quarterly Report is accurate only as of the date of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and as of the dates specified herein.

CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q contains forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements reflect our current views with respect to, among other things, future events and our 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," "projection," "would" and "outlook," or the negative version of those words or other comparable words or phrases 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 our industry, management's beliefs and certain assumptions made by management, many of which, by their nature, are inherently uncertain and beyond our control, particularly with regard to developments related to soundness of other financial institutions. Accordingly, we caution 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 we believe 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.

There are or will be important factors that could cause our actual results to differ materially from those indicated in these forward-looking statements, including, but not limited to, the following:

- geographic concentration in Colorado, Arizona, Wyoming, Montana, and California;
- the soundness of other financial institutions;
- changes in the economy affecting real estate values and liquidity;
- risks associated with higher inflation;
- changes in interest rates;
- weak economic conditions and global trade;
- our ability to continue to originate residential real estate loans and sell such loans;
- risks specific to commercial loans and borrowers;
- claims and litigation pertaining to our fiduciary responsibilities;
- the soundness of certain securities brokerage firms;
- competition for investment managers and professionals and our ability to retain our associates;
- fluctuation in the value of our investment securities;
- the terminable nature of our investment management contracts;
- changes to the level or type of investment activity by our clients;
- investment performance, in either relative or absolute terms;
- legislative changes or the adoption of tax reform policies;
- external business disruptors in the financial services industry;
- the adequacy of our allowance for credit losses;
- liquidity risks;
- our ability to maintain a strong core deposit base or other low-cost funding sources;
- continued positive interaction with and financial health of our referral sources;
- retaining our largest trust clients;
- our ability to achieve our strategic objectives;
- competition from other banks, financial institutions and wealth and investment management firms;
- our ability to implement our internal growth strategy and manage the risks associated with our anticipated growth;

- the acquisition of other banks and financial services companies and integration risks and other unknown risks associated with acquisitions;
- the accuracy of estimates and assumptions;
- our ability to protect against and manage fraudulent activity, breaches of our information security, and cybersecurity attacks;
- our reliance on communications, information, operating and financial control systems technology and related services from third-party service providers;
- technological change;
- our ability to attract and retain clients;
- unforeseen or catastrophic events, including pandemics, wars, terrorist attacks, extreme weather events or other natural disasters;
- new lines of business or new products and services;
- regulation of the financial services industry;
- legal and regulatory proceedings, investigations and inquiries, fines and sanctions;
- limited trading volume and liquidity in the market for our common stock;
- fluctuations in the market price of our common stock;
- actual or anticipated issuances or sales of our common stock or preferred stock in the future;
- the initiation and continuation of securities analysts coverage of the Company;
- potential impairment of goodwill recorded on our balance sheet and possible requirements to recognize significant charges to earnings due to impairment of intangible assets;
- future issuances of debt securities;
- our ability to manage our existing and future indebtedness;
- available cash flows from the Bank; and
- other factors that are discussed in "Item 1A Risk Factors" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K.

The foregoing factors should not be construed as exhaustive and should be read together with the other cautionary statements included in the section titled Risk Factors in Part I, Item 1A of our Annual Report on Form 10-K, filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") on March 15, 2023. If one or more events related to these or other risks or uncertainties materialize, or if our underlying assumptions prove to be incorrect, actual results may differ materially from what we anticipate. Accordingly, you should not place undue reliance on any such forward-looking statements. Any forward-looking statement speaks only as of the date on which it is made, and we do not undertake any obligation to publicly update or review any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future developments or otherwise. New factors emerge from time to time, and it is not possible for us to predict which will arise. In addition, we cannot assess the impact of each factor on our business or the extent to which any factor, or combination of factors, may cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statements.

PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FIRST WESTERN FINANCIAL, INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (UNAUDITED) (in thousands, except share amounts)

		ptember 30, 2023	Do	ecember 31, 2022
Assets				
Cash and cash equivalents:				
Cash and due from banks	\$	6,439	\$	4,926
Interest-bearing deposits in other financial institutions		265,045		191,586
Total cash and cash equivalents		271,484		196,512
Held-to-maturity securities, at amortized cost, net of allowance for credit losses of \$71 and \$0, (fair value of \$66,487 and \$74,718), respectively		75,539		81,056
Correspondent bank stock, at cost		11,305		7,110
Mortgage loans held for sale, at fair value		12,105		8,839
Loans held for sale, at fair value		_		1,965
Loans (includes \$15,464 and \$23,321 measured at fair value, respectively)		2,530,459		2,469,413
Allowance for credit losses		(23,175)		(17,183)
Loans, net		2,507,284		2,452,230
Premises and equipment, net		25,410		25,118
Accrued interest receivable		11,633		10,445
Accounts receivable		5,292		4,873
Other receivables		3,052		1,973
Goodwill and other intangible assets, net		31,916		32,104
Deferred tax assets, net		6,624		6,914
Company-owned life insurance		16,429		16,152
Other assets		24,680		21,457
Total assets	\$	3,002,753	\$	2,866,748
Liabilities				
Deposits:				
Noninterest-bearing	\$	476,308	\$	583,092
Interest-bearing		1,943,688		1,822,137
Total deposits		2,419,996		2,405,229
Borrowings:				
Federal Home Loan Bank and Federal Reserve borrowings		259,930		146,886
Subordinated notes		52,279		52,132
Accrued interest payable		3,203		1,125
Other liabilities		21,089		20,512
Total liabilities		2,756,497		2,625,884
Shareholders' Equity				
Preferred stock - no par value; 10,000,000 shares authorized; 0 issued and outstanding		_		_
Common stock - no par value; 90,000,000 shares authorized; 9,560,209 and 9,495,440 shares issued and outstanding as of September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022, respectively		_		_
Additional paid-in capital		192,573		190,494
Retained earnings		54,261		51,887
Accumulated other comprehensive loss		(578)		(1,517)
Total shareholders' equity		246,256		240,864
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$	3,002,753	\$	2,866,748

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements (unaudited).

FIRST WESTERN FINANCIAL, INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (UNAUDITED) (in thousands, except per share amounts)

	Thre	ee Months En	ded September 30,	Nine Months En	ed September 30,		
		2023	2022	2023	2022		
Interest and dividend income:							
Loans, including fees	\$	34,141	\$ 24,988	\$ 99,804	\$ 64,821		
Loans accounted for under the fair value option		300	513	1,078	859		
Investment securities		607	653	1,863	1,408		
Interest-bearing deposits in other financial institutions		1,292	533	4,361	1,314		
Dividends, restricted stock		141	108	459	143		
Total interest and dividend income		36,481	26,795	107,565	68,545		
Interest expense:							
Deposits		17,467	2,706	46,423	4,752		
Other borrowed funds		2,248	1,027	6,368	1,855		
Total interest expense	'	19,715	3,733	52,791	6,607		
Net interest income		16,766	23,062	54,774	61,938		
Less: Provision for credit losses ⁽¹⁾		329	1,756	1,862	2,485		
Net interest income, after provision for credit losses		16,437	21,306	52,912	59,453		
Non-interest income:							
Trust and investment management fees		4,846	4,639	14,083	14,586		
Net gain on mortgage loans		654	728	2,447	3,955		
Net loss on loans held for sale		_	_	(178)	_		
Bank fees		427	587	1,610	1,847		
Risk management and insurance fees		145	115	375	307		
Income on company-owned life insurance		96	88	277	261		
Net gain on equity interests		_	6	_	7		
Net loss on loans accounted for under the fair value option		(252)	(134)	(1,919)	(289		
Unrealized (loss)/gain recognized on equity securities		(19)	75	(20)	342		
Other		202	85	(808)			
Total non-interest income		6,099	6,189	15,867	21,275		
Total income before non-interest expense		22,536	27,495	68,779	80,728		
Non-interest expense:		<u> </u>					
Salaries and employee benefits		10,968	11,566	35,214	36,569		
Occupancy and equipment		1,807	1,836	5,660	5,610		
Professional services		1,867	2,316	5,648	5,869		
Technology and information systems		906	1,172	2,569	3,294		
Data processing		1,159	888	3,350	3,062		
Marketing		355	403	1,125	1,388		
Amortization of other intangible assets		62	77	188	231		
Net gain on assets held for sale		_	(1)		(4		
Net gain on sale of other real estate owned		_	(41)		(41		
Other		1,190	1,044	3,607	3,223		
Total non-interest expense	'	18,314	19,260	57,361	59,201		
Income before income taxes		4,222	8,235	11,418	21,527		
Income tax expense		1,104	2,014	2,974	5,300		
Net income available to common shareholders	\$	3,118	\$ 6,221	\$ 8,444	\$ 16,227		
Earnings per common share:							
Basic	\$	0.33	\$ 0.66	\$ 0.89	\$ 1.72		
Diluted		0.32	0.64	0.87	1.67		

⁽¹⁾ Provision for credit loss amounts for periods prior to the ASC 326 adoption date of January 1, 2023 are reported in accordance with previously applicable GAAP.

FIRST WESTERN FINANCIAL, INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (UNAUDITED) (in thousands)

	Three	e Months En	ded Se	eptember 30,	Ni	ne Months End	ded September 30,		
	2023			2022		2023	2022		
Net income	\$	3,118	\$	6,221	\$	8,444	\$	16,227	
Other comprehensive income/(loss) items:									
Unrealized losses on available-for-sale securities		_		_		_		(2,591)	
Income tax effect				_		_		638	
Amortization of net unrealized loss for the reclassification of available-for-sale securities transferred to held-to-maturity included in interest									
income		86		97		266		183	
Income tax effect		(21)		(24)		(72)		(45)	
Unrealized gain on cash flow hedge		299		_		983			
Income tax effect		(73)				(238)			
Total other comprehensive income/(loss) items		291		73		939		(1,815)	
Comprehensive income	\$	3,409	\$	6,294	\$	9,383	\$	14,412	

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements (unaudited).

FIRST WESTERN FINANCIAL, INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY (UNAUDITED) (in thousands, except share amounts)

	Shares Common Stock	Additional Paid-In Capital	Retained Earnings	C	Accumulated Other omprehensive ncome (Loss)	Total
Balance as of July 1, 2022	9,478,710	\$ 189,494	\$ 40,195	\$	(1,665)	\$ 228,024
Net income	_	_	6,221		_	6,221
Other comprehensive income, net of tax and reclassifications	_	_	_		73	73
Settlement of share awards	11,796	(147)	_		_	(147)
Options exercised	1,500	33	_		_	33
Stock-based compensation	_	658	_		_	658
Balance as of September 30, 2022	9,492,006	\$ 190,038	\$ 46,416	\$	(1,592)	\$ 234,862
Balance as of July 1, 2023	9,545,071	\$ 191,968	\$ 51,143	\$	(869)	\$ 242,242
Net income	_	_	3,118		_	3,118
Other comprehensive income, net of tax and reclassifications	_	_	_		291	291
Settlement of share awards	8,638	(78)	_		_	(78)
Options exercised	6,500	130	_		_	130
Stock-based compensation	_	 553	<u> </u>		<u> </u>	 553
Balance as of September 30, 2023	9,560,209	\$ 192,573	\$ 54,261	\$	(578)	\$ 246,256
Balance as of January 1, 2022	9,419,271	\$ 188,629	\$ 30,189	\$	223	\$ 219,041
Net income	_	_	16,227		_	16,227
Other comprehensive loss, net of tax and reclassifications	_	_	_		(1,815)	(1,815)
Settlement of share awards	64,426	(835)	_		_	(835)
Options exercised	8,309	179	_		_	179
Stock-based compensation		 2,065				2,065
Balance as of September 30, 2022	9,492,006	\$ 190,038	\$ 46,416	\$	(1,592)	\$ 234,862
Balance as of January 1, 2023	9,495,440	\$ 190,494	\$ 51,887	\$	(1,517)	\$ 240,864
Cumulative change in accounting principle ⁽¹⁾	_	 <u> </u>	(5,319)		<u> </u>	 (5,319)
Balance at January 1, 2023 (as adjusted for change in accounting principle)	9,495,440	\$ 190,494	\$ 46,568	\$	(1,517)	\$ 235,545
Net income	_	_	8,444		_	8,444
Other comprehensive income, net of tax and reclassifications	_	_	_		939	939
Dissolution of RSI entity	_	751	(751)		_	_
Settlement of share awards	52,509	(361)	_		_	(361)
Options exercised	12,260	245	_		_	245
Stock-based compensation	_	1,444	_		_	1,444
Balance as of September 30, 2023	9,560,209	\$ 192,573	\$ 54,261	\$	(578)	\$ 246,256

⁽¹⁾ Refer to Note 1 - Organization and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies for further information.

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements (unaudited).

FIRST WESTERN FINANCIAL, INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (UNAUDITED) (in thousands)

	Nille Molitils Eli	ded September 30
	2023	2022
ash flows from operating activities		
Net income	\$ 8,444	\$ 16,22
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash from operating activities:		
Net amortization of investment securities	(12) 13
Stock dividends received on correspondent bank stock	(459) (15
Provision for credit losses	1,862	2,48
Loss on loans held for sale	178	_
Net gain on mortgage loans	(2,447) (3,95
Origination of mortgage loans held for sale	(217,774	(377,63
Proceeds from mortgage loans	216,913	398,21
Gain on disposal of fixed assets	_	(2
Depreciation and amortization	1,748	1,72
Net amortization of purchase accounting adjustments	555	36
Deferred income tax expense	155	45
Increase in cash surrender value of company-owned life insurance	(277) (26
Stock-based compensation	1,444	2,06
Gain on assets held for sale	_	(
Gain on sale of other real estate owned	_	(4
Change in fair value of equity securities	20	(34
Change in fair value of loans accounted for under the fair value option	1,919	28
Change in fair value of loans held for sale	(269) 1,17
Net changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Change in accounts receivable	(227) 39
Change in accrued interest receivable and other assets	50	(2,64
Change in accrued interest payable and other liabilities	(1,757	(2,23
Net cash provided by operating activities	10,066	36,23
ash flows from investing activities		
Activity in available-for-sale securities:		
Maturities, prepayments, and calls	_	3,2
Purchases	_	(9,0
Activity in held-to-maturity securities:		
Maturities, prepayments, and calls	5,717	5,99
Purchases	_	(31,44
Purchases of correspondent bank stock	(23,727	
Redemption of correspondent bank stock	19,991	2,0
Contributions to low-income housing tax credit investments	(1,140	
Loan and note receivable originations and principal collections, net	(101,180	` `
Purchases of premises and equipment	(1,890	
Proceeds from loans held for sale previously classified as loans held for investment	40,602	
Purchases of loans	(1,162	
Proceeds from sale of assets held for sale	(1,102	12
Proceeds from sale of other real estate owned		2:
Net cash used in investing activities	(62,789	-
ash flows from financing activities	(02,70)	(117,11
Net change in deposits	14,767	(38,2
Payments to Federal Home Loan Bank borrowings	(1,262,893	•
Proceeds from Federal Home Loan Bank borrowings	1,306,462	
Payments to Federal Reserve borrowings	(292,059	· · · · · ·
Proceeds from Federal Reserve borrowings	361,534	

Proceeds from the exercise of stock options	245	179
Cash paid for withholding taxes on share-based awards	 (361)	(835
Net cash provided by financing activities	127,695	189,138
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	74,972	(221,735
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	 196,512	386,983
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 271,484	\$ 165,248
Supplemental cash flow information:		
Interest paid on deposits and borrowed funds	\$ 50,713	\$ 6,298
Income tax payment	2,935	4,534
Cash paid for lease liabilities	2,370	2,601
Supplemental noncash disclosures:		
Transfer of loans held for investment to loans held for sale	39,221	_
Adoption of ASU 2016-13, net of tax	5,319	_
Dissolution of RSI entity	751	_
Change in unrealized loss on available-for-sale securities	_	(2,591
Lease right-of-use-asset obtained in exchange for lease liabilities	1,704	43
Transfer of securities from available-for-sale to held-to-maturity	_	58,727
Transfers from loans to other real estate owned	_	378

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements (unaudited).

FIRST WESTERN FINANCIAL, INC. NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)

NOTE 1 - ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

<u>Business and Basis of Presentation</u>: The condensed consolidated financial statements include the accounts of First Western Financial, Inc. ("FWFI"), incorporated in Colorado on July 18, 2002, and its direct and indirect wholly-owned subsidiaries listed below (collectively referred to as the "Company," "we," "us," or "our").

FWFI is a bank holding company with financial holding company status registered with the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. FWFI wholly owns the following subsidiary: First Western Trust Bank (the "Bank"). The Bank wholly owns First Western Merger Corporation ("Merger Corp"), which is therefore indirectly wholly-owned by FWFI. RRI, LLC ("RRI"), which was wholly owned by the Bank, was dissolved on February 3, 2023. Ryder, Stilwell Inc. ("RSI"), which was wholly owned by FWFI, was dissolved on March 21, 2023.

The Company provides a fully-integrated suite of wealth management services including: private banking, personal trust, investment management, mortgage loans, and institutional asset management services to individual and corporate clients principally in Colorado (metro Denver, Aspen, Boulder, Fort Collins, and Vail Valley), Arizona (Phoenix and Scottsdale), California (Century City), Montana (Bozeman), and Wyoming (Jackson, Pinedale, and Rock Springs). The Company's revenues are generated from its full range of product offerings as noted above, but principally from net interest income (the interest income earned on the Bank's assets net of funding costs), fee-based wealth advisory, investment management, asset management and personal trust services, and net gains earned on mortgage loans.

The condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP") for interim financial information and pursuant to the rules and regulations of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). Accordingly, they do not include all the information and footnotes required by GAAP for complete financial statements. The December 31, 2022 condensed consolidated balance sheet has been derived from the audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2022.

In the opinion of management, all adjustments that were recurring in nature and considered necessary have been included for fair presentation of the Company's financial position and results of operations. Operating results for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2023 are not necessarily indicative of results that may be expected for the full year ending December 31, 2023. In preparing the condensed consolidated financial statements, the Company is required to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could be significantly different from those estimates.

The condensed consolidated financial statements and notes should be read in conjunction with the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2022 as filed with the SEC.

<u>Consolidation</u>: The Company's policy is to consolidate all majority-owned subsidiaries in which it has a controlling financial interest and variable-interest entities where the Company is deemed to be the primary beneficiary. All material intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

Business Combinations and Divestitures: Business combinations are accounted for under the acquisition method of accounting. Under the acquisition method of accounting, the total consideration transferred in connection with the acquisition is allocated to the tangible and intangible assets acquired, liabilities assumed, and any non-controlling interest in the acquired entity based on fair values. Goodwill acquired in connection with business combinations represents the excess of consideration transferred over the net tangible and identifiable intangible assets acquired. Certain assumptions and estimates are used in evaluating the fair value of assets acquired and liabilities assumed. These estimates may be affected by factors such as changing market conditions or changes in government regulations.

<u>Use of Estimates</u>: To prepare financial statements in conformity with GAAP, management makes estimates and assumptions based on available information. These estimates and assumptions affect the amounts reported in the condensed consolidated financial statements and the disclosures provided, and actual results could differ. Information available which could affect these judgments include, but are not limited to, changes in interest rates, changes in the performance of the economy, and changes in the financial condition of borrowers. Material estimates that are particularly susceptible to significant change include: the determination of the allowance for credit losses, the evaluation of goodwill impairment, and the fair value of certain financial instruments.

Concentration of Credit Risk: Most of the Company's lending activity is to clients located in and around metro Denver, Aspen, Fort Collins, Boulder, and Vail, Colorado; Phoenix and Scottsdale, Arizona; Bozeman, Montana; and Jackson, Pinedale, and Rock Springs, Wyoming. The Company does not believe it has significant concentrations in any one industry or customer. As of September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022, 79.5% and 77.9%, respectively, of the Company's loan portfolio was secured by real estate collateral. Declines in real estate values in the primary markets the Company operates in could negatively impact the Company.

<u>Derivatives</u>: At the inception of a derivative contract, the Company designates the derivative as one of three types based on the Company's intentions and belief as to likely effectiveness of a hedge. These three types are as follows:

- Fair Value Hedge: a hedge of the fair value of a recognized asset or liability or an unrecognized firm
 commitment. For a fair value hedge, the gain or loss on the derivative, as well as the offsetting loss or
 gain on the hedged item attributable to the hedged risk, are recognized in current earnings as fair values
 change.
- Cash Flow Hedge: a hedge of a forecasted transaction or the variability of cash flows to be received or
 paid related to a recognized asset or liability. For a cash flow hedge, the gain or loss on the derivative is
 reported in other comprehensive income and is reclassified into earnings in the same periods during
 which the hedged transactions affect earnings.
- Stand-alone derivative: an instrument with no hedging designation. Changes in the fair value of derivatives that do not qualify for hedge accounting are reported currently in earnings, as non-interest income.

Net cash settlements on derivatives that qualify for hedge accounting are recorded in interest income or interest expense, based on the item being hedged. Net cash settlements on derivatives that do not qualify for hedge accounting are reported in non-interest income. Cash flows on hedges are classified in the cash flow statement in the same line as the cash flows of the items being hedged.

The Company formally documents the relationship between derivatives and hedged items, as well as the risk-management objective and the strategy for undertaking hedge transactions at the inception of the hedging relationship. The Company also formally assesses, both at the hedge's inception and on an ongoing basis, whether the derivative instruments that are used are highly effective in offsetting changes in fair values or cash flows of the hedged items. The Company discontinues hedge accounting when it determines that the derivative is no longer effective in offsetting changes in the fair value or cash flows of the hedged item, the derivative is settled or terminates, a hedged forecasted transaction is no longer probable, a hedged firm commitments is no longer firm, or treatment of the derivative as a hedge is no longer appropriate or intended.

Mortgage Banking Derivatives: Commitments to fund mortgage loans, interest rate lock commitments ("IRLC"), and forward sale commitments ("FSC"), to be sold in the secondary market for the future delivery of these loans are accounted for as free standing derivatives. The fair value of the IRLC is recorded at the time the commitment to fund the mortgage loan is executed and is adjusted for the expected exercise of the commitment before the loan is funded. The Company sells mortgage loans to third party investors at the best execution available which includes best efforts, mandatory, and bulk bids. Loans committed under mandatory or bulk bid are considered FSC and qualify as financial derivatives. Fair values of these mortgage derivatives are estimated based on the change in the loan pricing from the date of the commitment to the period end date for any unsettled commitments. Changes in the fair values of these derivatives are included in the Net gain on mortgage loans line of the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income.

In order to manage the interest rate risk on our uncommitted IRLC and mortgage loans held for sale pipeline, the Company enters into mortgage derivative financial instruments called To Be Announced ("TBA"), which we refer to as forward commitments. TBA agreements are forward contracts to purchase mortgage backed securities ("MBS") that will be issued by a US Government Sponsored Enterprise. The Bank purchases or sells these derivatives to offset the changes in value of our mortgage loans held for sale and IRLC adjusted pipeline where we have exposure to interest rate volatility. Changes in the fair values of these derivatives are included in the Net gain on mortgage loans line of the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income.

Revenue Recognition: In accordance with the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB"), Revenue Contracts with Customers ("Topic 606"), trust and investment management fees are earned by providing trust and investment services to customers. The Company's performance obligation under these contracts is satisfied over time as the services are provided. Fees are recognized monthly based on the average monthly value of the assets under management and the corresponding fee rate based on the terms of the contract. Receivables are recorded on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets in the Accounts receivable line item. Income related to trust and investment management fees, bank fees, and risk management and insurance fees on the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2023 and 2022 are considered in scope of Topic 606.

Transition of LIBOR to an Alternative Reference Rate: In July 2017, the United Kingdom's Financial Conduct Authority, which regulates the London Interbank Offered Rate ("LIBOR"), announced that after 2022 it will no longer persuade or compel banks to submit rates for the calculation of LIBOR. In response, the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Reserve Bank of New York convened the Alternative Reference Rates Committee and on February 27, 2023 the Federal Reserve Board adopted a final rule establishing the Secured Overnight Financing Rate ("SOFR") as the replacement rate index for LIBOR. SOFR is based on a broad segment of the overnight Treasury repurchase market and is intended to be a measure of the cost of borrowing cash overnight collateralized by Treasury securities.

On December 21, 2022, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2022-06, Reference Rate Reform (Topic 848): Deferral of the Sunset Date of Topic 848. On June 30, 2023, LIBOR ceased to be a representative index rate. ASU 2022-06 extends the period of time financial statement preparers can utilize the reference rate reform relief guidance through December 31, 2024.

Certain of the Company's assets and liabilities are indexed to LIBOR, with exposure extending beyond December 31, 2023. In general, the transition away from LIBOR may result in increased market risk, credit risk, operational risk and business risk for the Company. The Company has developed a LIBOR transition plan, which addresses governance, risk management, legal, operational, systems, fallback language, and other aspects of planning. The company no longer originates LIBOR indexed loans and is working on transitioning existing LIBOR loans to SOFR. As of September 30, 2023, all commercial loans indexed to LIBOR have been converted to the new index. The Company continues to convert remaining loans to the new index and expects to finalize the transition in 2023. Consumer indexed loans are being managed in accordance with Interagency Guidance.

Bank Term Funding Program: On March 12, 2023, in response to two large bank failures, the Federal Reserve Board announced it would make additional funding available to eligible depository institutions to help assure banks have the ability to meet the needs of depositors. The additional funding has been made available through the creation of a new Bank Term Funding Program ("BTFP"), offering loans of up to one year in length to banks, savings associations, credit unions, and other eligible depository institutions pledging U.S. Treasuries, agency debt and mortgage-backed securities, and other qualifying assets valued at par as collateral. The BTFP is meant to be an additional resource of liquidity against high-quality securities, eliminating an institutions need to quickly sell those securities in times of stress. See Note 7 - Borrowings for details on the Company's borrowings.

<u>Reclassifications</u>: Certain items in prior year financial statements were reclassified to conform to the current presentation. Such reclassifications had no impact on net income or total shareholders' equity.

<u>Recently adopted accounting pronouncements</u>: The following reflects recent accounting pronouncements that were adopted by the Company since the end of the Company's fiscal year ended December 31, 2022.

In March 2022, the FASB issued ASU 2022-02, Financial Instruments – Credit Losses (Topic 326); Troubled Debt Restructurings ("TDR") and Vintage Disclosures. This ASU was effective for the Company on January 1, 2023. The amendments eliminate the TDR recognition and measurement guidance and instead require an entity to evaluate whether the modification represents a new loan or a continuation of an existing loan (consistent with accounting for other modifications). The amendments also enhance existing disclosure requirements related to certain modifications of receivables made to borrowers experiencing financial difficulty. The Company adopted ASU 2022-02 on January 1, 2023. Refer to Note 3 - Loans and the Allowance for Credit Losses for additional information on the required disclosures.

On January 1, 2023, the Company adopted ASU 2016-13, *Financial Instruments—Credit Losses (Topic 326)* ("ASU 2016-13"). ASU 2016-13 replaces the incurred loss model with an expected loss model, which is referred to as the current expected credit loss ("CECL") model. The CECL model is applicable to the measurement of credit losses on the financial assets measured at amortized cost, including loan receivables, held-to-maturity debt securities, and reinsurance receivables. It also applies to off-balance sheet credit exposures not accounted for as insurance (loan commitments, standby letters of credit, financial guarantees, and other similar instruments) and net investments in leases recognized by a lessor. ASU 2016-13 was set to be effective for most public companies on January 1, 2020. However, at the October 16, 2019 FASB meeting, the FASB voted unanimously to delay the effective date of CECL adoption for smaller reporting companies ("SRCs") to January 1, 2023.

The Company adopted ASU 2016-13 on January 1, 2023 using the modified retrospective method with no adjustments to prior period comparative financial statements for all financial assets measured at amortized cost and off-balance sheet credit exposure as well as held to maturity securities. In accordance with the standard, management did not reassess whether modifications to individual acquired financial assets accounted for in pools were troubled debt restructurings as of the date of adoption. Upon adoption the Company recorded a decrease to retained earnings of \$5.3 million, net of tax. The total transition adjustment prior to the tax impact included \$3.5 million related to allowance for credit losses on loans, \$3.5 million related to off-balance sheet commitments, and \$0.1 million related to held-to-maturity securities. Results for reporting periods beginning after January 1, 2023 are presented under ASU 2016-13 while prior period amounts continue to be reported in accordance with previously applicable GAAP.

The following table illustrates the day one adoption impact of ASU 2016-13 (dollars in thousands):

	Balance at January 1, 2023 (before adjustment)			mulative effect adjustment amount	Ba	lance January 1, 2023 (after adjustment)
Assets						
Allowance for credit losses: loans	\$	(17,183)	\$	(3,470)	\$	(20,653)
Allowance for credit losses: held-to-maturity securities		_		(71)		(71)
Deferred tax assets, net		6,914		1,703		8,617
Liabilities						
Allowance for credit losses on off-balance sheet exposures		419		3,481		3,900
Shareholders' Equity						
Retained earnings, net of tax		51,887		(5,319)		46,568

Allowance for credit losses - loans: The allowance for credit losses ("ACL") is a valuation account that is deducted from the loans' amortized cost basis to present the net amount expected to be collected on the loans. The ACL excludes loans held for sale and loans accounted for under the fair value option. The Company elected to not measure an ACL for accrued interest receivables, as we write off applicable accrued interest receivable balances in a timely manner when a loan is placed on non-accrual status, in which any accrued but uncollected interest is reversed from current income. Loans are charged off against the allowance when management believes the uncollectibility of a loan balance is confirmed. Expected recoveries do not exceed the aggregate of amounts previously charged-off and expected to be charged-off. Management estimates the allowance balance using relevant available information, from internal and external sources, related to past events, current conditions, and reasonable and supportable forecasts. Actual Company and regional peer historical credit loss experience provides the basis for the estimation of expected credit losses. The Company identified and grouped portfolio segments based on risk characteristics and underlying collateral. The call code for each financial asset type was assessed and, where appropriate, expanded for certain call codes into separate segments based on risk characteristics.

ACL for pooled loans are estimated using a discounted cash flow ("DCF") methodology using the amortized cost basis (excluding interest) for all loans modeled within a performing pool of loans. The DCF analysis pairs loan-level term information, for example, maturity date, payment amount, interest rate, with top-down pool assumptions such as default rates, prepayment speeds, to produce individual expected cash flows for every instrument in the segment. The results are then aggregated to produce segment level results and reserve requirements for each segment.

The quantitative DCF model also incorporates forward-looking macroeconomic information over a reasonable and supportable period of two years. Subsequent to the two-year period, the Company reverts to its historical loss rate and historical prepayment and curtailment speeds on a straight-line basis over a one year reversion period.

Loans that do not share risk characteristics are evaluated on an individual basis. Loans evaluated individually are not included in the pooled loan evaluation. When management determines that foreclosure is probable, expected credit losses are based on the fair value of the collateral at the reporting date, adjusted for selling costs as appropriate.

Qualitative adjustments to historical loss data are made based on management's assessment of the risks that may lead to a future loan loss or differences in current loan-specific risk characteristics such as differences in underwriting standards, portfolio mix, changes in environmental and economic conditions, or other relevant factors.

Allowance for credit losses - held-to-maturity securities: Held-to maturity securities are carried at amortized cost when management has the positive intent and ability to hold them to maturity. The majority of our held-to-maturity investment portfolio consists of securities issues by U.S. government entities and agencies. These securities are either explicitly or implicitly guaranteed by the U.S. government, are highly rated by major rating agencies, and have a long history of no credit losses. With respect to these securities, we consider the risk of credit loss to be zero and, therefore, we have elected the practical expedient to not record an ACL for these securities. The Company's non-government backed securities include private label CMO and MBS and bank subordinated debt. Private label refers to private institutions such as brokerage firms, banks, and home builders, that also securitize mortgages.

Management measures expected credit losses on held-to-maturity debt securities on a collective basis by major security type. Accrued interest receivable on held-to-maturity debt securities is excluded from the estimate of credit losses. The estimate of expected credit losses considers historical credit loss information that is adjusted for current conditions and reasonable and supportable forecasts. Management classifies the held-to-maturity portfolio into the follow major security types: Corporate bonds and Corporate CMO and MBS.

Allowance for credit losses - off-balance sheet credit exposures: The Company estimates expected credit losses over the contractual period in which the Company is exposed to credit risk via a contractual obligation to extend credit, unless that obligation is unconditionally cancellable by the Company. The allowance for credit losses on off-balance sheet credit exposures is adjusted through the Provision for credit losses and is recorded in Other liabilities. The estimate includes consideration of the likelihood that funding will occur and an estimate of expected credit losses on commitments expected to be funded over its estimated life. The probability of funding is based on historical utilization statistics for unfunded loan commitments. The loss rates used are calculated using the same assumptions as the associated funded balance.

<u>Recently issued accounting pronouncements</u>, not yet adopted: The following reflects pending pronouncements with an update to the expected impact since the end of the Company's fiscal year ended December 31, 2022.

On August 23, 2023 the FASB issued ASU 2023-05 Business Combinations - Joint Venture Formations (Subtopic 805-60) Recognition and Initial Measurement. This ASU applies to the formation of entities that meet the definition of a joint venture (or a corporate joint venture) as defined in the FASB Accounting Standards Codification Master Glossary. While joint ventures are defined in the Master Glossary, there has been no specific guidance in the Codification that applies to the formation accounting by a joint venture in its separate financial statements. The amendments in the ASU require that a joint venture apply a new basis of accounting upon formation. As a result, a newly formed joint venture, upon formation, would initially measure its assets and liabilities at fair value (with exceptions to fair value measurement that are consistent with the business combinations guidance). The Company does not presently have any joint ventures that would be impacted but will evaluate as needed.

On March 29, 2023 the FASB issued ASU 2023-02 Investments in Tax Structures which changes the accounting methodology to allow proportional amortization method to be expanded beyond investments in low income tax housing tax credits ("LIHTC") structures. This guidance is effective January 1, 2024 and currently the Company does not have any investments that would be impacted but will evaluate as other investments are considered as early adoption is permitted.

NOTE 2 - INVESTMENT SECURITIES

The following presents the amortized cost and fair value of securities held-to-maturity and the corresponding amounts of gross unrecognized gains and losses as of the date noted (dollars in thousands):

September 30, 2023	Amortized Cost		Uı	Gross Unrecognized Gains		Unrecognized		Gross Unrecognized Losses		Fair Value		owance for lit Losses ⁽¹⁾
Investment securities held-to-maturity:												
U.S. Treasury debt	\$	250	\$		\$	(11)	\$	239	\$			
Corporate bonds		23,729		_		(3,334)		20,395		(71)		
GNMA mortgage-backed securities – residential		35,503		_		(4,152)		31,351		_		
FNMA mortgage-backed securities – residential		6,178		_		(730)		5,448		_		
Government CMO and MBS - commercial		6,033		10		(558)		5,485		_		
Corporate CMO and MBS		3,917		_		(348)		3,569				
Total securities held-to-maturity	\$	75,610	\$	10	\$	(9,133)	\$	66,487	\$	(71)		

⁽¹⁾ Refer to Note 1—Organization and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies for further information on our credit loss methodology.

December 31, 2022	Amortized Cost	1	Gross Unrecognized Gains	Gross Unrecogni Losses	ized	Fair Value
Investment securities held-to-maturity:						
U.S. Treasury debt	\$ 243	\$	_	\$	(9) \$	234
Corporate bonds	23,819		_	(2	2,453)	21,366
GNMA mortgage-backed securities – residential	39,426		_	(2	2,800)	36,626
FNMA mortgage-backed securities – residential	6,708		_		(506)	6,202
Government CMO and MBS - commercial	6,786		13		(403)	6,396
Corporate CMO and MBS	4,074				(180)	3,894
Total securities held-to-maturity	\$ 81,056	\$	13	\$ (6	5,351) \$	74,718

The Company reassessed classification of investment securities and, effective April 1, 2022, elected to transfer all securities, fair valued at \$58.7 million, from available-for-sale to held-to-maturity. The related unrealized loss of \$2.3 million included in accumulated other comprehensive loss on April 1, 2022 remained in accumulated other comprehensive loss and is being amortized out with an offsetting entry to interest income as a yield adjustment through earnings over the remaining term of the securities. No gain or loss was recorded at the time of transfer.

As of September 30, 2023, the amortized cost and estimated fair value of held-to-maturity securities have contractual maturity dates shown in the table below (dollars in thousands). Expected maturities will differ from contractual maturities because borrowers may have the right to call or prepay obligations with or without call or prepayment penalties. Securities not due at a single maturity date are shown separately.

September 30, 2023	Amortized Cost		Fair Value
Due within one year	\$	250	\$ 239
Due between one year and five years		1,993	1,874
Due between five years and ten years		21,495	18,303
Due after ten years		241	218
Securities (CMO and MBS)		51,631	45,853
Total	\$	75,610	\$ 66,487

During the year ended December 31, 2022, the Company committed \$6.0 million in total to two bank technology funds. During the nine months ended September 30, 2023, the Company made a total of \$0.6 million in contributions to the partnerships, and received a \$0.1 million return on investment. During the year ended December 31, 2022, the Company made \$1.3 million in contributions to both partnerships and received a \$0.1 million return on investment. As of September 30, 2023, the Company held a balance of \$1.9 million, which is included in Other assets in the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets. The Company may be obligated to invest up to an additional \$4.1 million in future contributions.

In 2014, the Company began investing in a small business investment company ("SBIC") fund administered by the Small Business Administration. The Company made \$0.2 million in contributions to the SBIC fund during the nine months ended September 30, 2023. During the year ended December 31, 2022, the Company did not make any contributions to the SBIC fund and received a \$0.1 million return of capital. As of September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022, the Company held a balance of \$2.2 million and \$2.0 million, respectively, in the SBIC fund, which is included in Other assets in the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets. The Company may be obligated to invest up to an additional \$0.8 million in future SBIC investments.

As of September 30, 2023, securities with market values totaling \$45.2 million were pledged to secure various public deposits and credit facilities of the Company, including \$39.5 million pledged under the BTFP program (refer to Note 1 - Organization and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies for more information on the BTFP program). As of December 31, 2022, securities with carrying values of \$22.6 million were pledged to secure various public deposits and credit facilities of the Company.

As of September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022, there were no holdings of securities of any one issuer, other than the U.S. Government sponsored entities and agencies, in an amount greater than 10% of shareholders' equity.

The following presents securities with unrecognized losses aggregated by major security type and length of time in a continuous unrecognized loss position as of the date noted (dollars in thousands, before tax):

	Less than	12 N	Ionths		12 Months	or l	Longer	Total				
September 30, 2023	Fair Value	Unrecognized Losses			Fair Value	Unrecognized Losses			Fair Value	Uı	nrecognized Losses	
Investment securities held-to- maturity:												
U.S. Treasury debt	\$ 	\$		\$	239	\$	(11)	\$	239	\$	(11)	
Corporate bonds	_		_		20,395		(3,334)		20,395		(3,334)	
GNMA mortgage-backed securities – residential	_		_		31,351		(4,152)		31,351		(4,152)	
FNMA mortgage-backed securities – residential	_		_		5,449		(730)		5,449		(730)	
Government CMO and MBS - commercial	48		*		4,884		(558)		4,932		(558)	
Corporate CMO and MBS	 				3,547		(348)		3,547		(348)	
Total	\$ 48	_	*	\$	65,865	\$	(9,133)	\$	65,913	\$	(9,133)	

^(*) Immaterial

	 Less than	12 M	onths		12 Months	or l	Longer	Total					
December 31, 2022	Fair Value	Unrecognized Losses			Fair Value	Uı	nrecognized Losses	Fair Value			nrecognized Losses		
Investment securities held-to- maturity:													
U.S. Treasury debt	\$ 	\$		\$	234	\$	(9)	\$	234	\$	(9)		
Corporate bonds	20,911		(2,436)		455		(17)		21,366		(2,453)		
GNMA mortgage-backed securities – residential	22,371		(1,051)		14,255		(1,749)		36,626		(2,800)		
FNMA mortgage-backed securities - residential	6,202		(506)		_		_		6,202		(506)		
Government CMO and MBS - commercial	5,591		(403)		_		_		5,591		(403)		
Corporate CMO and MBS	3,499		(147)		395		(33)		3,894		(180)		
Total	\$ 58,574	\$	(4,543)	\$	15,339	\$	(1,808)	\$	73,913	\$	(6,351)		

The Company did not sell any securities during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2023 or during the year ended December 31, 2022.

Allowance for Credit Losses for HTM Securities

Management measures expected credit losses on held-to-maturity debt securities on a collective basis by major security type. The majority of our held-to-maturity investment portfolio consists of securities issues by U.S. government entities and agencies and we consider the risk of credit loss to be zero and, therefore, we do not record an ACL. The Company's non-government backed securities include private label CMO and MBS and bank subordinated debt. Accrued interest receivable on held-to-maturity debt securities totaled \$0.5 million at September 30, 2023 and is excluded from the estimate of credit losses. Refer to Note 1 - Organization and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies for additional information on the Company's methodology on estimating credit losses. The following table presents the activity in the allowance for credit losses for debt securities held-to-maturity by major security type for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2023:

Three Months Ended September 30, 2023	Corpora	te Bonds Corpo	rate CMO
Allowance for credit losses:			
Beginning balance	\$	71 \$	_
Provision for credit losses		<u> </u>	_
Securities charged-off (recoveries)		_	_
Total ending allowance balance	\$	71 \$	
Nine Months Ended September 30, 2023	Corpora	te Bonds Corpo	rate CMO
Nine Months Ended September 30, 2023 Allowance for credit losses:	Corpora	te Bonds Corpo	rate CMO
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Allowance for credit losses:			rate CMO —
Allowance for credit losses: Beginning balance		— \$	
Allowance for credit losses: Beginning balance Impact of ASU 2016-13 adoption ⁽¹⁾		— \$	

⁽¹⁾ Refer to Note 1—Organization and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies for further information on our credit loss methodology.

The Company monitors the credit quality of held-to-maturity securities on a quarterly basis. As of September 30, 2023, there were no held-to-maturity securities past due or on non-accrual.

NOTE 3 - LOANS AND THE ALLOWANCE FOR CREDIT LOSSES

The following presents a summary of the Company's loans at amortized cost as of the dates noted (dollars in thousands):

	S	eptember 30, 2023	D	ecember 31, 2022
Cash, Securities, and Other	\$	148,618	\$	165,559
Consumer and Other		23,464		26,070
Construction and Development		347,053		285,627
1-4 Family Residential		915,011		899,722
Non-Owner Occupied CRE		523,910		493,134
Owner Occupied CRE		206,958		214,189
Commercial and Industrial		349,981		361,791
Total		2,514,995		2,446,092
Allowance for credit losses		(23,175)		(17,183)
Total, net	\$	2,491,820	\$	2,428,909
Loans accounted for under the fair value option ⁽¹⁾		15,464		23,321
Loans, net	\$	2,507,284	\$	2,452,230

⁽¹⁾ Includes \$16.1 million and \$23.4 million of unpaid principal balance of loans held for investment measured at fair value as of September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022, respectively. Includes fair value adjustments on loans held for investment accounted for under the fair value option. See Note 13 – Fair Value.

As of September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022, total loans held for investment included \$212.2 million and \$230.4 million, respectively, of performing loans purchased through mergers or acquisitions.

As of September 30, 2023, the Cash, Securities, and Other portion of the loan portfolio included \$4.8 million of SBA Paycheck Protection Program ("PPP") loans, or 3.2% of the total category. As of December 31, 2022, the Cash, Securities, and Other portion of the loan portfolio included \$6.9 million of PPP loans, or 4.2% of the total category.

As of September 30, 2023, the Company's Commercial and Industrial loans included four Main Street Lending Program ("MSLP") loans with the net carrying amount of \$5.1 million, or 1.5% of the total category. As of December 31, 2022, the Company's Commercial and Industrial loans included five MSLP loans with the net carrying amount of \$5.9 million, or 1.6% of the total category.

Loan Modifications

On January 1, 2023 the Company adopted ASU 2022-02, which introduces new reporting requirements for modifications of loans to borrowers experiencing financial difficulty. GAAP requires that certain types of modifications of loans in response to a borrower's financial difficulty be reported and include the following; (i) principal forgiveness, (ii) interest rate reduction, (iii) other than insignificant payment delay, (iv) term extension, or (v) any combination of the foregoing. ASU 2022-02 eliminates the recognition measurement guidance for troubled debt restructured ("TDR") loans, and instead requires an entity to evaluate whether a modification represents a new loan or a continuation of an existing loan in accordance with ASC Topic 310-20, Receivables - Nonrefundable Fees and Other Costs. If a modification results in a new loan under the guidance, the Company will recognize any unearned deferred net revenue and measure the ACL on the loan on a collective basis rather than individually analyzed.

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, a loan modification program was designed and implemented to assist our clients experiencing financial stress resulting from the economic impacts caused by the global pandemic. The Company offered loan extensions, temporary payment moratoriums, and financial covenant waivers for commercial and consumer borrowers impacted by the pandemic who have a pass risk rating and have not been delinquent over 30 days on payments in the last two years.

In 2021, the deferral period ended for all non-acquired loans previously modified and payments resumed under the original terms. As of September 30, 2023, the Company's loan portfolio included 43 non-acquired loans which were previously modified under the loan modification program, totaling \$72.9 million. Through the Teton Acquisition, the Company acquired loans which were previously modified and are no longer in their deferral period. As of September 30, 2023, there were 14 of these loans, totaling \$3.0 million.

All loans modified in response to COVID-19 are classified as performing and pass rated as of September 30, 2023. These loans are included in the allowance for credit loss general reserve in accordance with ASU 2016-13. Management maintains a heightened level of loan level reviews and portfolio monitoring to address the changing environment. Management believes the diversity of the loan portfolio is prudent and remains consistent with the credit culture and goals of the Bank.

Interest accrued during the modification term on modified loans is deferred to the end of the loan term. Accrued interest receivable is excluded from the estimate of credit losses.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2023, the Company made protective advances of \$0.5 million to borrowers experiencing financial difficulty.

The following presents, by class, an aging analysis of the amortized cost basis in loans past due as of the date noted (dollars in thousands):

September 30, 2023	30-59 Days Past Due	60-89 Days Past Due	90 or More Days Past Due	Total Loans Past Due	Current	Total Amortized Cost	Loans Accounted for Under the Fair Value Option ⁽¹⁾	Total Loans
Cash, Securities, and Other	\$ 3,732	s —	\$ 1,704	\$ 5,436	\$ 143,182	\$ 148,618	s —	\$ 148,618
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Consumer and Other	8	5	7,503	7,516	15,948	23,464	15,464	38,928
Construction and Development	2,752	_	_	2,752	344,301	347,053	_	347,053
1-4 Family Residential	3,651	2,438	625	6,714	908,297	915,011	_	915,011
Non-Owner Occupied CRE	_	_	_	_	523,910	523,910	_	523,910
Owner Occupied CRE	_	_	3,980	3,980	202,978	206,958	_	206,958
Commercial and Industrial	4,556		37,885	42,441	307,540	349,981		349,981
Total	\$ 14,699	\$ 2,443	\$ 51,697	\$ 68,839	\$ 2,446,156	\$ 2,514,995	\$ 15,464	\$ 2,530,459

December 31, 2022	30-59 Days Past Due	60-89 Days Past Due	90 or More Days Past Due	Total Loans Past Due	Current	Total Amortized Cost	Loans Accounted for Under the Fair Value Option ⁽¹⁾	Total Loans
Cash, Securities, and Other	\$ 1,735	\$ 539	\$ 4	\$ 2,278	\$ 163,281	\$ 165,559	\$ —	\$ 165,559
Consumer and Other	657	5	5	667	25,403	26,070	23,321	49,391
Construction and Development	_	_	201	201	285,426	285,627	_	285,627
1-4 Family Residential	1,752	_	5	1,757	897,965	899,722	_	899,722
Non-Owner Occupied CRE	1,071	_	_	1,071	492,063	493,134	_	493,134
Owner Occupied CRE	1,165	_	_	1,165	213,024	214,189	_	214,189
Commercial and Industrial	4,858	10,648	1,319	16,825	344,966	361,791	_	361,791
Total	\$ 11,238	\$ 11,192	\$ 1,534	\$ 23,964	\$ 2,422,128	\$2,446,092	\$ 23,321	\$2,469,413

⁽¹⁾ Refer to Note 13 - Fair Value for additional information on the measurement of loans accounted for under the fair value option.

As of September 30, 2023, the Company had no loans that were more than 90 days delinquent and accruing interest. As of December 31, 2022, the Company had one loan, totaling an immaterial amount, in the Commercial and Industrial portfolio that was more than 90 days delinquent and accruing interest.

The following table presents the amortized cost basis as of September 30, 2023 of the loans modified to borrowers experiencing financial difficulty disaggregated by class of financing receivable and type of concession granted during the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2023. The percentage of the amortized cost basis of loans that were modified to borrowers in financial distress as compared to the amortized cost basis of each class of financing receivable is also presented below.

	Princi forgive		Intere redu	st rate	erm nsion	term and	nbination: extension principal giveness	te	ombination: rm extension d interest rate reduction	Total class of financing receivable
Commercial and Industrial	\$	_	\$		\$	\$	185	\$	_	0.1 %
Total	\$		\$		\$ 	\$	185	\$		

The following table presents the financial effect by type of modification made to borrowers experiencing financial difficulty for the period ended September 30, 2023:

	Principal forgiveness	Interest rate reduction	Term extension
			Added a weighted-average 2.8
	Reduced the amortized		years to the life of the loan,
	cost basis of the loan by		which reduced monthly payment
Commercial and Industrial	\$185 thousand	_	amounts for the borrower

For all loans that have been modified during the period, the borrowers continue to pay as agreed.

Non-Accrual Loans

The accrual of interest on loans is discontinued at the time the loan becomes 90 days or more delinquent unless the loan is well secured and in the process of collection or renewal due to maturity. Past due status is based on the contractual terms of the loan. In all cases, loans are placed on non-accrual status or charged off if collection of interest or principal is considered doubtful. The following presents the amortized cost basis of loans on non-accrual status and loans past due over 89 days still accruing by class as of the date noted (dollars in thousands).

		As	of Sept	ember 30, 20)23	
	loa	n-accrual ans with o ACL		otal non- rual loans	over	past due 89 days ccruing
Cash, Securities, and Other	\$	1,704	\$	1,704	\$	_
Consumer and Other		7,503		7,503		_
Construction and Development		_		_		
1-4 Family Residential		3,063		3,063		_
Owner Occupied CRE		3,980		3,980		
Commercial and Industrial ⁽¹⁾		30,795		39,370		_
Total	\$	47,045	\$	55,620	\$	_

⁽¹⁾ The Company recorded an allowance of \$4.0 million on two individually analyzed loans totaling \$8.6 million as of September 30, 2023.

The following presents the recorded investment in non-accrual loans by class as of the date noted (dollars in thousands):

	As	s of December 31, 20	22
	Non-accrual loans with no ALLL	Total non- accrual loans	Loans past due over 89 days still accruing
Cash, Securities, and Other	\$ 4	\$ 4	\$ —
Consumer and Other	5	5	
Construction and Development	201	201	_
1-4 Family Residential		_	_
Owner Occupied CRE	1,165	1,165	_
Commercial and Industrial	10,762	10,762	25
Total ⁽¹⁾	\$ 12,137	\$ 12,137	\$ 25

⁽¹⁾ The Company did not record a specific reserve on any individually analyzed loans as of December 31, 2022.

The Company recognized an immaterial amount and \$0.2 million of interest income on non-accrual loans during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2023, respectively. The Company recognized no interest income and an immaterial amount of interest income on non-accrual loans during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2022, respectively.

Non-accrual loans, excluding loans held for investment measured at fair value, are classified as collateral dependent loans and are individually evaluated. The following presents the amortized cost basis of collateral-dependent loans, which are individually evaluated to determine expected credit losses, by class of loans as of the date noted (dollars in thousands):

As of September 30, 2023										
		Colla								
	Secured by Real Estate			Secured by Cash and Securities	,	Secured by Other		Total		
Cash, Securities, and Other	\$	_	\$	1,704	\$	_	\$	1,704		
Consumer and Other				_		_		_		
Construction and Development		_		_		_		_		
1-4 Family Residential		3,063		_		_		3,063		
Non-Owner Occupied CRE		_		_		_		_		
Owner Occupied CRE		3,980		_		_		3,980		
Commercial and Industrial						39,370		39,370		
Total	\$	7,043	\$	1,704	\$	39,370	\$	48,117		

Allowance for Credit Losses on Loans

Beginning January 1, 2023, the allowance for credit losses for loans is measured on the loan's amortized cost basis, excluding interest receivable. Interest receivable excluded at September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022 was \$10.8 million and \$9.8 million, respectively, presented in Accrued interest receivable on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets. Refer to Note 1 - Organization and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies for additional information related to the Company's methodology on estimated credit losses.

The Allowance for credit losses on loans ("ACL") represents Management's best estimate of current expected credit losses on loans considering available information, from internal and external sources, relevant to assessing collectibility over the loans' contractual terms, adjusted for expected prepayments when appropriate. Our quantitative discounted cash flow models use economic forecasts including; housing price index ("HPI"), gross domestic product ("GDP"), and national unemployment. The HPI, GDP, and unemployment twelve month forecasts used in our model as of September 30, 2023 is based on a slightly improved macro-economic forecast assuming a soft landing as compared to assumptions previously used as of January 1, 2023 projecting the likelihood of a deeper recession. As a result, we forecasted decreased probability of default rates and loss given default rates which in turn reduced our model loss rates, partially offset by loan growth and changes in our segment mix, resulting in a \$1.5 million release of provision on pooled loans for the nine months ended September 30, 2023. The allowance on individually analyzed loans was \$4.0 million as of September 30, 2023.

Allocation of a portion of the allowance for credit losses to one category of loans does not preclude its availability to absorb losses in other categories. The following table presents the activity in the allowance for credit losses by portfolio segment during the periods presented (dollars in thousands):

	Cash, ecurities nd Other	C	onsumer and Other	onstruction and evelopment	1-4 Family esidential	Non- Owner Owner Occupied Occupied I CRE CRE		ommercial and Industrial	Total	
Changes in allowance for credit losses for the three months ended September 30, 2023										
Beginning balance	\$ 1,311	\$	137	\$ 7,496	\$ 3,579	\$	2,495	\$ 1,182	\$ 5,844	\$ 22,044
Provision for credit losses	(185)		(15)	405	38		(240)	(172)	1,490	1,321
Charge-offs	_		(12)	_	_		_	_	(186)	(198)
Recoveries			4		3				 1	8
Ending balance	\$ 1,126	\$	114	\$ 7,901	\$ 3,620	\$	2,255	\$ 1,010	\$ 7,149	\$ 23,175
Changes in allowance for credit losses for the nine months ended September 30, 2023										
Beginning balance, prior to the adoption of ASU 2016-13	\$ 1,198	\$	191	\$ 2,025	\$ 6,309	\$	3,490	\$ 1,510	\$ 2,460	\$ 17,183
Impact of adopting ASU 2016-13	193		106	4,681	(2,808)		(689)	(104)	2,091	3,470
Provision for credit losses	(265)		(160)	1,195	116		(546)	(396)	2,781	2,725
Charge-offs	_		(42)	_	_		_	_	(186)	(228)
Recoveries			19		3		_	_	3	25
Ending balance	\$ 1,126	\$	114	\$ 7,901	\$ 3,620	\$	2,255	\$ 1,010	\$ 7,149	\$ 23,175
Allowance for credit losses as of September 30, 2023 allocated to loans evaluated:										
Individually	\$ _	\$	_	\$ _	\$ _	\$	_	\$ _	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
Collectively	1,126		114	7,901	3,620		2,255	1,010	3,149	19,175
Ending balance	\$ 1,126	\$	114	\$ 7,901	\$ 3,620	\$	2,255	\$ 1,010	\$ 7,149	\$ 23,175
Loans as of September 30, 2023:										
Individually evaluated	\$ 1,704	\$	7,500	\$ _	\$ 3,063	\$	_	\$ 3,980	\$ 39,370	\$ 55,617
Collectively evaluated	146,914		15,964	347,053	911,948		523,910	202,978	310,611	2,459,378
Loans held for investment measured at fair value	_		15,464	_	_		_	_	_	15,464
Ending balance	\$ 148,618	\$	38,928	\$ 347,053	\$ 915,011	\$	523,910	\$ 206,958	\$ 349,981	\$ 2,530,459

	Cash, ecurities ad Other	C	onsumer and Other	onstruction and evelopment	1-4 Family esidential	(Non- Owner Occupied CRE	Owner Occupied CRE		ommercial and ndustrial	Total
Changes in allowance for loan losses for the three months ended September 30, 2022											
Beginning balance	\$ 1,194	\$	220	\$ 1,074	\$ 4,845	\$	3,235	\$ 1,477	\$	2,312	\$ 14,357
Provision for loan losses	(97)		9	496	824		402	31		91	1,756
Charge-offs	_		(50)	_	_		_	_		_	(50)
Recoveries			18		_		_	_			18
Ending balance	\$ 1,097	\$	197	\$ 1,570	\$ 5,669	\$	3,637	\$ 1,508	\$	2,403	\$ 16,081
Changes in allowance for loan losses for the nine months ended September 30, 2022											
Beginning balance	\$ 1,598	\$	266	\$ 1,092	\$ 3,553	\$	2,952	\$ 1,292	\$	2,979	\$ 13,732
Provision for loan losses	(501)		67	478	2,116		685	216		(576)	2,485
Charge-offs	_		(242)	_	_		_	_		_	(242)
Recoveries			106					_			106
Ending balance	\$ 1,097	\$	197	\$ 1,570	\$ 5,669	\$	3,637	\$ 1,508	\$	2,403	\$ 16,081
Allowance for loan losses as of December 31, 2022 allocated to loans evaluated:											
Individually	\$ _	\$	_	\$ _	\$ _	\$	_	\$ _	\$	_	\$ _
Collectively	 1,198		191	2,025	6,309		3,490	1,510	_	2,460	17,183
Ending balance	\$ 1,198	\$	191	\$ 2,025	\$ 6,309	\$	3,490	\$ 1,510	\$	2,460	\$ 17,183
Loans as of December 31, 2022:											
Individually evaluated	\$ 4	\$	5	\$ 201	\$ _	\$	_	\$ 1,165	\$	10,762	\$ 12,137
Collectively evaluated	165,555		26,065	285,426	899,722		493,134	213,024		351,029	2,433,955
Loans held for investment measured at fair value	\$ _	\$	23,321	\$ _	\$ _	\$	_	\$ _	\$	_	\$ 23,321
Ending balance	\$ 165,559	\$	49,391	\$ 285,627	\$ 899,722	\$	493,134	\$ 214,189	\$	361,791	\$ 2,469,413

Credit Quality Indicators

The Company categorizes loans into risk categories based on relevant information about the ability of the borrowers to service their debt such as: current financial information, historical payment experience, credit documentation, public information, and current economic trends, among other factors. The Company analyzes loans individually by classifying the loans by credit risk on a quarterly basis. The Company uses the following definitions for risk ratings:

Special Mention—Loans classified as special mention have a potential weakness or borrowing relationships that require more than the usual amount of management attention. Adverse industry conditions, deteriorating financial conditions, declining trends, management problems, documentation deficiencies, or other similar weaknesses may be evident. Ability to meet current payment schedules may be questionable, even though interest and principal are still being paid as agreed. The asset has potential weaknesses that may result in deteriorating repayment prospects if left uncorrected. Loans in this risk grade are not considered adversely classified.

Substandard—Substandard loans are considered "classified" and are inadequately protected by the current net worth and paying capacity of the obligor or by the collateral pledged, if any. Loans so classified have a well-defined weakness or weaknesses that jeopardizes the liquidation of the debt. They are characterized by the distinct possibility that the Bank will sustain some loss if the deficiencies are not corrected. Loans in this category may be placed on non-accrual status and may individually be evaluated.

Doubtful—Loans graded Doubtful are considered "classified" and have all the weaknesses inherent in those classified as Substandard with the added characteristic that the weaknesses make collection or liquidation in full, on the basis of currently known facts, conditions, and values, highly questionable and improbable. However, the amount of certainty of eventual loss is not known because of specific pending factors.

Loans accounted for under the fair value option are not rated.

The following table presents the amortized cost basis of loans by credit quality indicator, by class of financing receivable, and year of origination for term loans as of September 30, 2023. For revolving lines of credit that converted to term loans, if the conversion involved a credit decision, such loans are included in the origination year in which the credit decision was made. If revolving lines of credit converted to term loans without a credit decision, such lines of credit are included in the "Revolving lines of credit converted to term" column in the following table.

	_		Term Loa	ns.	Amortized	Cos	t by Origi	natio	n Year						
September 30, 2023		2023	2022		2021		2020		2019	Prior	A	Revolving Loans mortized Cost Basis	Con	volving Loans nverted Term	Total
Cash, Securities, and Other															
Pass	\$	7,626	\$ 11,995	\$	21,546	\$	5,982	\$	6,556	\$ 13,243	\$	79,966	\$	_	\$ 146,914
Special mention		_	_		_		_		_	_		_		_	_
Substandard		_	_		_		_		_	_		1,704		_	1,704
Not rated														_	 _
Total Cash, Securities, and Other	\$	7,626	\$ 11,995	\$	21,546	\$	5,982	\$	6,556	\$ 13,243	\$	81,670	\$		\$ 148,618
Current year-to-date gross write-offs	\$	_	\$ _	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_	\$ _	\$	_	\$	_	\$ _
Consumer and Other															
Pass	\$	650	\$ 1,612	\$	662	\$	716	\$	922	\$ 26	\$	11,376	\$	_	\$ 15,964
Special mention		_	_		_		_		_	_		_		_	
Substandard		_	_		_		_		_	_		7,500		_	7,500
Not rated ⁽¹⁾		_	11,548		2,965		835		116	_		_		_	15,464
Total Consumer and Other	\$	650	\$ 13,160	\$	3,627	\$	1,551	\$	1,038	\$ 26	\$	18,876	\$	_	\$ 38,928
Current year-to-date gross write-offs	\$	_	\$ _	\$	_	\$	6	\$	34	\$ 2	\$	_	\$	_	\$ 42
Construction and Development															
Pass	\$	24,410	\$ 253,895	\$	45,112	\$	20,590	\$	_	\$ _	\$	3,046	\$	_	\$ 347,053
Special mention		_	_		_		_		_	_		_		_	_
Substandard		_	_		_		_		_	_		_		_	_
Not rated		_	_		_					_				_	_
Total Construction and Development	\$	24,410	\$ 253,895	\$	45,112	\$	20,590	\$	_	\$ _	\$	3,046	\$	_	\$ 347,053
Current year-to-date gross write-offs	\$	_	\$ _	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_	\$ _	\$	_	\$	_	\$ _
1-4 Family Residential															
Pass	\$	76,406	\$ 379,601	\$	148,757	\$	109,485	\$	38,171	\$ 33,324	\$	126,204	\$	_	\$ 911,948
Special mention		_	_		_		_		_	_		_		_	_
Substandard		625	2,438		_		_		_	_		_		_	3,063
Not rated			_							_		_			_
Total 1-4 Family Residential	\$	77,031	\$ 382,039	\$	148,757	\$	109,485	\$	38,171	\$ 33,324	\$	126,204	\$	_	\$ 915,011

		Term Loa	ıns .	Amortized	Cos	t by Origin	atio	on Year							
September 30, 2023	2023	2022		2021		2020		2019	Prior	A	Levolving Loans mortized ost Basis	L Cor	volving oans overted Term		Total
Current year-to-date gross write-offs	\$ _	\$ _	\$		\$		\$	_	\$ _	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_
Non-Owner Occupied CRE															
Pass	\$ 37,094	\$ 179,154	\$	130,893	\$	76,321	\$	24,567	\$ 54,024	\$	16,825	\$	_	\$	518,878
Special mention	_	_		_		5,032		_	_		_		_		5,032
Substandard	_	_		_		_		_	_		_		_		_
Not rated									 						_
Total Non-Owner Occupied CRE	\$ 37,094	\$ 179,154	\$	130,893	\$	81,353	\$	24,567	\$ 54,024	\$	16,825	\$	_	\$	523,910
Current year-to-date gross write-offs	\$ _	\$ 	\$		\$		\$		\$ _	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_
Owner Occupied CRE															
Pass	\$ 3,259	\$ 44,366	\$	54,788	\$	38,315	\$	5,631	\$ 51,826	\$	4,793	\$	_	\$	202,978
Special mention	_	_		_		_		_	_		_		_		_
Substandard	_	_		3,980		_		_	_		_		_		3,980
Not rated	_	_		_		_		_	_		_		_		_
Total Owner Occupied CRE	\$ 3,259	\$ 44,366	\$	58,768	\$	38,315	\$	5,631	\$ 51,826	\$	4,793	\$	_	\$	206,958
Current year-to-date gross write-offs	\$ _	\$ _	\$		\$		\$	_	\$ _	\$	_	\$	_	\$	
Commercial and Industrial															
Pass	\$ 39,928	\$ 70,374	\$	15,972	\$	14,190	\$	6,703	\$ 14,542	\$	144,812	\$	_	\$	306,521
Special mention	_	_		_		1,656		_	_		648		_		2,304
Substandard	185	7,590		29,358		1,300		_	1,040		1,683		_		41,156
Not rated	_												_		_
Total Commercial and Industrial	\$ 40,113	\$ 77,964	\$	45,330	\$	17,146	\$	6,703	\$ 15,582	\$	147,143	\$	_	\$	349,981
Current year-to-date gross write-offs	\$ _	\$ 186	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_	\$ _	\$	_	\$	_	\$	186
Total	\$ 190,183	\$ 962,573	\$	454,033	\$	274,422	\$	82,666	\$ 168,025	\$	398,557	\$	_	\$2	2,530,459

⁽¹⁾ Includes loans held for investment measured at fair value as of September 30, 2023. Includes fair value adjustments on loans held for investment accounted for under the fair value option.

The following presents, by class and by credit quality indicator, the recorded investment in the Company's loans as of the date noted (dollars in thousands):

December 31, 2022	Pass	Special Mention	Substandard	Not Rated	Total
Cash, Securities, and Other	\$ 165,555	\$ 	\$ 	\$ 	\$ 165,559
Consumer and Other ⁽¹⁾	26,070	_	_	23,321	49,391
Construction and Development	285,426	_	201	_	285,627
1-4 Family Residential	899,722	_	_	_	899,722
Non-Owner Occupied CRE	493,134	_	_	_	493,134
Owner Occupied CRE	213,024	_	1,165	_	214,189
Commercial and Industrial	 348,844	2,185	10,762	_	361,791
Total	\$ 2,431,775	\$ 2,185	\$ 12,132	\$ 23,321	\$ 2,469,413

⁽¹⁾ Includes loans held for investment measured at fair value as of December 31, 2022. Includes fair value adjustments on loans held for investment accounted for under the fair value option.

NOTE 4 - GOODWILL

The following presents changes in the carrying amount of goodwill as of the dates noted (dollars in thousands):

	Sep	otember 30, 2023	 December 31, 2022
Balance, beginning of year	\$	30,400	\$ 30,588
Acquisition activity			(188)
Balance, end of period	\$	30,400	\$ 30,400

The Company initially recorded \$6.4 million of goodwill as a result of the Teton Acquisition on December 31, 2021. In the first quarter of 2022, goodwill was adjusted by (\$0.2) million as a result of the measurement period adjustments.

Goodwill is tested annually for impairment on October 31 and reviewed quarterly for any potential triggering events.

The goodwill impairment analysis includes the determination of the carrying value of the reporting unit, including the existing goodwill, and estimating the fair value of the reporting unit. If the fair value is less than its carrying amount, goodwill impairment is recognized equal to the difference between the fair value and its carrying amount, not to exceed its carrying amount. As of September 30, 2023, there has not been any impairment of goodwill identified or recorded. Goodwill totaled \$30.4 million as of September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022.

NOTE 5 - LEASES

Leases in which the Company is determined to be the lessee are primarily operating leases comprised of real estate property and office space for our corporate headquarters and profit centers with terms that extend to 2032. In accordance with ASC 842, operating leases are required to be recognized as a right-of-use asset with a corresponding lease liability.

The Company elected to not include short-term leases with initial terms of twelve months or less on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets. The following presents the classification of the right-of-use assets and corresponding liabilities within the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets, as of the dates noted (dollars in thousands).

		Sep	tember 30, 2023	Dec	cember 31, 2022
Lease Right-of-Use Assets	Classification				
Operating lease right-of-use assets	Other assets	\$	8,410	\$	8,602
Lease Liabilities	Classification				
Operating lease liabilities	Other liabilities	\$	10,547	\$	11,163

The Company's operating lease agreements typically include an option to renew the lease at the Company's discretion. To the extent the Company is reasonably certain it will exercise the renewal option at the inception of the lease, the Company will include the extended term in the calculation of the right-of-use asset and lease liability. ASC 842 requires the use of the rate implicit in the lease when it is readily determinable. As this rate is typically not readily determinable, at the inception of the lease, the Company uses its collateralized incremental borrowing rate over a similar term. The amount of the right-of-use asset and lease liability are impacted by the discount rate used to calculate the present value of the minimum lease payments over the term of the lease.

	September 30, 2023	December 31, 2022
Weighted-Average Remaining Lease Term		
Operating leases	4.58 years	4.85 years
Weighted-Average Discount Rate		
Operating leases	2.70 %	2.63 %

The Company's operating leases contain fixed and variable lease components and it has elected to account for all classes of underlying assets as a single lease component. Variable lease costs primarily represent common area maintenance and parking. The Company recognized lease costs in Occupancy and equipment expense in the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income. The following presents the Company's net lease costs during the periods presented (dollars in thousands):

	Thre	e Months En	ded S	September 30,	Ni	ine Months End	ded September 30,		
		2023		2022		2023		2022	
Lease Costs									
Operating lease cost	\$	720	\$	768	\$	2,239	\$	2,387	
Variable lease cost		453		523		1,426		1,609	
Lease costs, net	\$	1,173	\$	1,291	\$	3,665	\$	3,996	

The following presents a maturity analysis of the Company's operating lease liabilities on an annual basis for each of the next five years and total amounts thereafter (dollars in thousands):

Year Ending December 31,	Operating Leases
2023(1)	\$ 868
2024	3,425
2025	2,493
2026	1,170
2027	1,104
Thereafter	2,046
Total future minimum lease payments	11,106
Less: imputed interest	(559)
Present value of net future minimum lease payments	\$ 10,547

⁽¹⁾ Amount represents the remaining three months of year.

Leases in which the Company is determined to be the lessor are considered operating leases and consist of the partial lease of Company owned buildings. In accordance with ASC 842, these leases have been accounted for as operating leases. During the three months ended September 30, 2023 and 2022, the Company recognized \$0.1 million of lease income. The Company recognized \$0.3 million of lease income during the nine months ended September 30, 2023 and 2022.

The following presents a maturity analysis of the Company's lease payments to be received on an annual basis for each of the next five years and total amounts thereafter (dollars in thousands):

Year Ending December 31,	Oper	liscounted rating Lease Income
2023(1)	\$	80
2024		282
2025		67
2026		19
2027		4
Thereafter		
Total undiscounted operating lease income	\$	452

⁽¹⁾ Amount represents the remaining three months of the year.

NOTE 6 - DEPOSITS

The following presents the Company's interest-bearing deposits as of the dates noted (dollars in thousands):

	September 30, 2023	_ D	December 31, 2022
Money market deposit accounts	\$ 1,388,726	\$	1,336,092
Time deposits	373,459		224,090
Negotiable order of withdrawal accounts	164,000		234,778
Savings accounts	 17,503		27,177
Total interest-bearing deposits	\$ 1,943,688	\$	1,822,137
Estimated aggregate time deposits of \$250 or greater	\$ 95,241	\$	77,972

Overdraft balances classified as loans totaled \$0.6 million and \$0.2 million as of September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022, respectively.

The following presents the scheduled maturities of all time deposits for each of the next five years and total amounts thereafter (dollars in thousands):

Year ending December 31,	Tin	ne Deposits
2023 ⁽¹⁾	\$	85,012
2024		241,825
2025		8,555
2026		903
2027		2,432
Thereafter		34,732
Total	\$	373,459

⁽¹⁾ Amount represents the remaining three months of year.

NOTE 7 - BORROWINGS

The Bank has executed a blanket pledge and security agreement with the FHLB that requires certain loans and securities be pledged as collateral for any outstanding borrowings under the agreement. The collateral pledged as of September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022 amounted to \$1.28 billion and \$1.26 billion, respectively. Based on this collateral and the Company's holdings of FHLB stock, the Company was eligible to borrow an additional \$624.8 million as of September 30, 2023. Each advance is payable at its maturity date.

On March 12, 2023 the Federal Reserve Board announced it would make additional funding available to eligible depository institutions to help assure banks have the ability to meet the needs of depositors made available through the creation of a new Bank Term Funding Program ("BTFP"). The BTFP is meant to be an additional resource of liquidity against high-quality securities, eliminating an institutions need to quickly sell those securities in times of stress. As of September 30, 2023, the Company has pledged a par value of \$45.6 million in securities under the BTFP and borrowed \$31.0 million with a maturity date of March 27, 2024. The rate for the borrowing is based on the one year overnight swap rate plus 10 basis points and is fixed over the term of the advance based on the date of the advance.

The following presents the Company's required maturities on FHLB and FRB borrowings due at a single maturity date as of the dates noted (dollars in thousands):

Maturity Date	Rate %	September 30, 2023		December 31, 2022	
October 1, 2023 ⁽¹⁾	5.49	\$	175,068	\$	131,498
May 5, 2023	0.76				10,000
November 30, 2023	5.50		50,000		_
March 27, 2024	4.78		30,997		_
Total		\$	256,065	\$	141,498

⁽¹⁾ The borrowing has a one day, automatic daily renewal maturity date, subject to FHLB discretion not to renew.

To bolster the effectiveness of the SBA's PPP, the Federal Reserve is supplying liquidity to participating financial institutions through term financing collateralized by PPP loans to small businesses. The Paycheck Protection Program Liquidity Facility ("PPPLF") extends credit to eligible financial institutions that originate PPP loans, taking the loans as collateral at face value and bearing interest at 35 bps. The terms of the loans are directly tied to the underlying PPP loans, which were originated at 2 or 5 years. As of September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022, the Company utilized \$3.9 million and \$5.4 million, respectively, under the PPPLF program which is included in the FHLB and Federal Reserve borrowings line of the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets.

The Bank has borrowing capacity associated with two unsecured federal funds lines of credit up to \$10.0 million and \$19.0 million. As of September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022, there were no amounts outstanding on any of the federal funds lines.

On January 1, 2022, the Company redeemed the subordinated notes due December 31, 2026 in the amount of \$6.6 million, which were redeemable on or after January 1, 2022. The redemption price was equal to 100% of the principal amount being redeemed, plus accrued and unpaid interest up to, but excluding the date of redemption.

The following presents the Company's subordinated notes included in the Subordinated notes line of the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets as of the periods noted (dollars in thousands):

I D.4.	Ctatal Data	Internat Data	Maturity Comming Value		Initial Debt	Remaining Net Balance (1)
Issuance Date	Stated Rate	Interest Paid	Maturity	Carrying Value	Issuance Costs	Balance
March 2020	5.125% per annum until 3/31/2025, then alternative rate plus 450 basis points until maturity	Quarterly	3/31/2030	\$ 8,000	\$ 120	\$ 7,964
November 2020	4.25% per annum until 12/1/2025, then SOFR plus 402 basis points until maturity	Semi-annual (Quarterly beginning 12/01/25)	12/1/2030	10,000	162	9,904
August 2021	3.25% per annum until 9/1/2026, then SOFR plus 258 basis points until maturity	Semi-annual (Quarterly beginning 09/01/26)	9/1/2031	15,000	242	14,837
December 2022	7.00% per annum until 12/15/2027, then SOFR plus 328 basis points until maturity	Semi-annual (Quarterly beginning 12/15/27)	12/15/2032	20,000	506	19,574

⁽¹⁾ Remaining net balance includes amortization of debt issuance costs.

For the three months ended September 30, 2023 and 2022, the Company recorded \$0.7 million and \$0.3 million, respectively, of interest expense related to the collective subordinated notes. For the nine months ended September 30, 2023 and 2022, the Company recorded \$2.0 million and \$1.0 million, respectively, of interest expense related to the collective subordinated notes. The subordinated notes are included in Tier 2 capital under current regulatory guidelines and interpretations, subject to limitations.

The Company's borrowing facilities include various financial and other covenants, including, but not limited to, a requirement that the Bank maintains regulatory capital that is deemed "well capitalized" by federal banking agencies. See Note 17 – Regulatory Capital Matters for additional information. As of September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022, the Company was in compliance with the covenant requirements.

NOTE 8 - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The Company is party to credit-related financial instruments with off-balance sheet risk in the normal course of business to meet the financing needs of its clients. These financial instruments include commitments to extend credit. Such commitments involve, to varying degrees, elements of credit and interest rate risk in excess of the amount recognized in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets. Commitments may expire without being utilized. The Company's exposure to credit loss is represented by the contractual amount of these commitments, although material losses are not anticipated. The Company follows the same credit policies in making commitments as it does for on-balance sheet instruments.

The following presents the Company's financial instruments whose contract amounts represent credit risk, as of the dates noted (dollars in thousands):

		September 30, 2023			December 31, 2022				
	1	Fixed Rate		Variable Rate		Fixed Rate		Variable Rate	
Unused lines of credit	\$	117,594	\$	596,467	\$	211,285	\$	601,202	
Standby letters of credit		11,597		14,425		8,571		16,737	
Commitments to make loans to sell		22,408		_		13,553		_	
Commitments to make loans		11,913		11,552		20,895		81,663	

Unused lines of credit are agreements to lend to a client as long as there is no violation of any condition established in the contract. Commitments generally have fixed expiration dates or other termination clauses and may require payment of a fee. Several of the commitments may expire without being drawn upon. Therefore, the total commitment amounts do not necessarily represent future cash requirements. The amount of collateral obtained, if it is deemed necessary by the Company, is based on management's credit evaluation of the client.

Standby letters of credit are conditional commitments issued by the Company to guarantee the performance of a client's obligation to a third party. Those letters of credit are primarily issued to support public and private borrowing arrangements. Substantially all letters of credit issued have expiration dates within one year. The credit risk involved in issuing letters of credit is essentially the same as that involved in extending loan facilities to clients. The Company holds collateral supporting those commitments if deemed necessary.

Commitments to make loans to sell are agreements to lend to a client which would then be sold to an investor in the secondary market for which the interest rate has been locked with the client, provided there is no violation of any condition within the contract with either party. Commitments to make loans to sell have fixed interest rates. Since commitments may expire without being extended, total commitment amounts may not necessarily represent cash requirements.

Commitments to make loans are agreements to lend to a client, provided there is no violation of any condition within the contract. Commitments to make loans generally have fixed expiration dates or other termination clauses. Since commitments may expire without being extended, total commitment amounts may not necessarily represent cash requirements.

Allowance for Credit Losses on Off-Balance Sheet Credit Exposures

To estimate the ACL on unfunded loan commitments, the Company determines the probability of funding based on historical utilization statistics for unfunded loan commitments. Loss rates are calculated using the same assumptions as the associated funding balance. Refer to Note 3 - Loans and the Allowance for Credit Losses for changes in the factors that influenced the current estimate of ACL and reasons for the changes. The following table presents the changes in the ACL on unfunded loan commitments:

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2023		
Beginning balance	\$ 4,029	\$	419
Impact of adopting ASU 2016-13			3,481
(Release) provision for credit losses	 (991)		(862)
Ending balance	\$ 3,038	\$	3,038

Litigation, Claims and Settlements

The Company is, from time to time, involved in various legal actions arising in the normal course of business. While the ultimate outcome of any such proceedings cannot be predicted with certainty, it is the opinion of management, based on advice from legal counsel, that no proceedings exist, either individually or in the aggregate, which, if determined adversely to the Company, would have a material effect on the Company's condensed consolidated financial statements.

NOTE 9 - SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

Common Stock

The Company's common stock has no par value and each holder of common stock is entitled to one vote for each share (though certain voting restrictions may exist on non-vested restricted stock) held.

On January 6, 2022, the Company filed a Form S-3 Registration Statement with the SEC providing that the Company may offer and sell from time to time, separately or together, in multiple series or in one or more offering, any combination of common stock, preferred stock, debt securities, warrants, depository shares and units, up to a maximum aggregate offer price of \$100 million. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2023, the Company did not issue any equity or debt securities under this registration statement.

Restricted Stock Awards

In 2017, the Company issued 105,264 shares of common stock ("Restricted Stock Awards") with a value of \$3.0 million to the sole member of EMC Holdings, LLC ("EMC"), subject to forfeiture based on his continued employment with the Company. Half of the Restricted Stock Awards (\$1.5 million or 52,632 shares) vested ratably over five years. These awards fully vested during the year ended December 31, 2022. The remaining \$1.5 million, or 52,632 shares, were eligible to be earned based on performance of the mortgage division of the Company. The performance based awards fully vested during the year ended December 31, 2020.

As of September 30, 2023, all restricted stock awards were fully vested and no unrecognized compensation expense remained. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2022, the Company recognized compensation expense of \$0.1 million and \$0.2 million, respectively. During the nine months ended September 30, 2022, 10,527 shares of the restricted stock awards vested. As of September 30, 2022, all restricted stock awards were fully vested and no unrecognized compensation expense remained.

Stock-Based Compensation Plans

The 2008 Stock Incentive Plan ("the 2008 Plan") was frozen in connection with the adoption of First Western Financial, Inc. 2016 Omnibus Incentive Plan ("the 2016 Plan") and no new awards may be granted under the 2008 Plan. Remaining shares not issued under the 2008 Plan poured into the 2016 Plan. As of September 30, 2023, there were a total of 281,682 shares available for issuance under the 2016 Plan. If the Awards outstanding under the 2008 Plan or the 2016 Plan are forfeited, cancelled or terminated with no consideration paid to the Company, those amounts will increase the number of shares eligible to be granted under the 2016 Plan.

Stock Options

The Company did not grant any stock options during the nine months ended September 30, 2023 and 2022.

During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2023 and 2022, the Company recognized no stock based compensation expense associated with stock options. As of September 30, 2023, the Company has no unrecognized stock-based compensation expense related to stock options.

The following presents activity for nonqualified stock options during the nine months ended September 30, 2023:

	Number of Options	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Term	Aggregate Intrinsic Value
Outstanding as of December 31, 2022	184,165	\$ 22.76		
Exercised	(12,260)	20.00		
Forfeited or expired	(22,180)	20.11		
Outstanding as of September 30, 2023	149,725	23.38	1.6	(1)
Options fully vested / exercisable as of September 30, 2023	149,725	23.38	1.6	(1)

⁽¹⁾ Nonqualified stock options outstanding at the end of the period and those fully vested/exercisable had immaterial aggregate intrinsic values.

As of September 30, 2023, there were 149,725 options that were exercisable. Exercise prices are between \$20.00 and \$27.00 per share, and the options are exercisable for a period of ten years from the original grant date and expire on various dates between 2023 and 2026.

Restricted Stock Units

Pursuant to the 2016 Plan, the Company may grant associates and non-associate directors long-term cash and stock-based compensation. Historically, the Company has granted certain associates restricted stock units which are earned over time or based on various performance measures and convert to common stock upon vesting. These restricted stock units include time vesting units, financial performance units, and market performance units, which are summarized here and expanded further below.

The following presents the activity for the Time Vesting Units, the Financial Performance Units, and the Market Performance Units during the nine months ended September 30, 2023:

	Time Vesting Units	Financial Performance Units	Market Performance Units
Outstanding as of December 31, 2022	285,995	235,512	_
Granted	77,871	102,167	
Vested	(72,862)		
Forfeited	(29,707)	(24,937)	_
Outstanding as of September 30, 2023	261,297	312,742	_

During the three months ended September 30, 2023, the Company issued 8,610 net shares of common stock upon the settlement of Restricted Stock Units. The remaining 3,580 shares, with a combined market value at the dates of settlement of \$0.1 million, were withheld to cover employee withholding taxes and were subsequently added back to the Company's pool of shares available for issuance. During the nine months ended September 30, 2023, the Company issued 52,481 net shares of common stock upon the settlement of Restricted Stock Units. The remaining 20,381 shares, with a combined market value at the dates of settlement of \$0.4 million, were withheld to cover employee withholding taxes and were subsequently added back to the Company's pool of shares available for issuance. During the three months ended September 30, 2022, the Company issued 2,740 net shares of common stock upon the settlement of Restricted Stock Units. The remaining 1,111 shares were surrendered with an immaterial combined market value at the dates of settlement to cover employee withholding taxes and were subsequently added back to the Company's pool of shares available for issuance. During the nine months ended September 30, 2022, the Company issued 64,426 shares net of common stock upon the settlement of Restricted Stock Units. The remaining 26,745 shares, with a combined market value at the dates of settlement of \$0.8 million, were withheld to cover employee withholding taxes and were subsequently added back to the Company's pool of shares available for issuance.

Time Vesting Units

Time Vesting Units are granted to full-time associates and board members at the date approved by the Company's board of directors. The Company granted 77,871 Time Vesting Units with a five-year service period during the nine months ended September 30, 2023 that vest in equal installments of 20% on the anniversary of the grant date, assuming continuous employment through the scheduled vesting dates. During the three months ended September 30, 2023 and 2022, the Company recognized compensation expense of \$0.4 million for the Time Vesting Units. During the nine months ended September 30, 2023 and 2022, the Company recognized compensation expense of \$1.2 million and \$1.3 million, respectively, for the Time Vesting Units. As of September 30, 2023, there was \$5.2 million of unrecognized compensation expense related to the Time Vesting Units, which is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 3.5 years.

Financial Performance Units

Financial Performance Units are granted to certain key associates and are earned based on the Company achieving various financial performance metrics. If the Company achieves the financial metrics, which include various thresholds from 0% up to 150%, then the Financial Performance Units will have a subsequent vesting period.

The following presents the Company's existing Financial Performance Units as of September 30, 2023 (dollars in thousands, except share amounts):

	Threshold	Maximum Issuable Shares at Current	Unrecognized Compensation	Weighted-	Financial Metric	Vesting Requirement End
Grant Period	Accrual	Threshold	Expense	Average (1)	End Date	Date
May 1, 2019 through April 30, 2020	150 %	62,625	\$ 47	0.3 years	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2023
May 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020, excluding November						
18, 2020	150	70,536	237	1.3 years	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2023
On November 18, 2020	114	23,129	90	2.1 years	December 31, 2022	50% November 18, 2023 & 2025
May 3, 2021 through August 11, 2021	92	31,030	384	2.3 years	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2025
May 2, 2022 through November 2, 2022, excluding August 4,						
2022 (2)	0	_	_	3.3 years	December 31, 2024	December 31, 2026
On August 4, 2022 (3)	33	9,090	184	3.3 years	December 31, 2024	December 31, 2026
On May 1, 2023 (2)	0	_	_	4.3 years	December 31, 2025	December 31, 2027

⁽¹⁾ Represents the expected unrecognized stock-based compensation expense recognition period.

⁽²⁾ As the performance threshold is not expected to be met in future performance periods, there is no related unrecognized compensation as of September 30, 2023.

⁽³⁾ Performance threshold was not met for the year ended December 31, 2022. As of September 30, 2023, the threshold is not expected to be met for the year ended December 31, 2023. The 100% threshold is expected to be met for the year ended December 31, 2024.

The following presents the Company's Financial Performance Units activity during the periods presented (dollars in thousands, except share amounts):

	Units Gr	anted	mpensation Exp	pense Recognized					
_	Nine Month Septemb		Three Mon Septem			nths Ended nber 30,			
Grant Period	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022			
May 1, 2019 through April 30, 2020 (3)	22,577	_	\$ (18)	\$ 4	\$ 65	\$ 94			
May 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020, excluding November 18, 2020 (3)	24,230	_	29	45	115	127			
On November 18, 2020 (3)	2,921	_	91	(1)	131	27			
May 3, 2021 through August 11, 2021			10	72	(81)	211			
May 2, 2022 through November 2022, excluding August 4, 2022 (1)	322	64,629	_	31	_	89			
August 4, 2022 (2)	_	27,272	14	28	19	28			
On May 1, 2023 (1)	52,117	_	_	_	_	_			

⁽¹⁾ Performance threshold was not met as of the three and nine months ended September 30, 2023, therefore, no compensation expense was recognized for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2023.

Market Performance Units

Market Performance Units were granted to certain key associates and are earned based on growth in the value of the Company's common stock, and were dependent on the Company completing an initial public offering of stock during a defined period of time. On July 23, 2018, the Company completed its initial public offering and the Market Performance Units performance condition was met. Subsequent to the performance condition, there was also a market condition as a vesting requirement for the Market Performance Units. If the Company's common stock was trading at or above certain prices, over a performance period which ended on June 30, 2020, the Market Performance Units would have been determined to be earned and vest following the completion of a subsequent service period, which ended on June 30, 2022. The Company's common stock did not trade at or above the required prices over the performance period and as a result, no Market Performance Units were eligible to be earned.

As of the end of the subsequent service period, or June 30, 2022, the Company had no remaining unrecognized compensation expense related to the Market Performance Units.

⁽²⁾ Performance threshold was not met for the year ended December 31, 2022. As of September 30, 2023, the threshold is not expected to be met for the year ended December 31, 2023. The 100% threshold is expected to be met for the year ended December 31, 2024.

(3) Granted shares represent the final performance period payout percentage above the 100% threshold initially granted.

NOTE 10 - EARNINGS PER COMMON SHARE

The following presents the calculation of basic and diluted earnings per common share during the periods presented (dollars in thousands, except share and per share amounts):

	Th	ree Months En	ded S	September 30,	N	ine Months End	led S	eptember 30,
		2023		2022		2023		2022
Earnings per common share - Basic								
Numerator:								
Net income available for common shareholders	\$	3,118	\$	6,221	\$	8,444	\$	16,227
Denominator:								
Basic weighted average shares		9,553,331		9,481,311		9,529,996		9,450,436
Earnings per common share - basic	\$	0.33	\$	0.66	\$	0.89	\$	1.72
Earnings per common share - Diluted								
Numerator:								
Net income available for common shareholders	\$	3,118	\$	6,221	\$	8,444	\$	16,227
Denominator:								
Basic weighted average shares		9,553,331		9,481,311		9,529,996		9,450,436
Diluted effect of common stock equivalents:								
Stock options		_		30,599		5,341		45,934
Time Vesting Units		45,143		80,757		80,174		130,795
Financial Performance Units		144,796		80,411		105,452		85,362
Market Performance Units		_		_		_		4,551
Total diluted effect of common stock equivalents		189,939		191,767		190,967		266,642
Diluted weighted average shares		9,743,270		9,673,078		9,720,963		9,717,078
Earnings per common share - diluted	\$	0.32	\$	0.64	\$	0.87	\$	1.67

Diluted earnings per share was computed without consideration to potentially dilutive instruments as their inclusion would have been anti-dilutive.

The following presents potentially dilutive securities excluded from the diluted earnings per share calculation during the periods presented.

	Three Months End	led September 30,	Nine Months End	ded September 30,	
	2023	2022	2023	2022	
Stock options	149,725	_	100,730		
Time Vesting Units	136,437	115,636	87,440	79,193	
Financial Performance Units	9,090	94,210	4,545	31,403	
Total potentially dilutive securities	295,252	209,846	192,715	110,596	

NOTE 11 - INCOME TAXES

During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2023, the Company recorded an income tax provision of \$1.1 million and \$3.0 million, respectively, reflecting an effective tax rate of 26.1% and 26.0%, respectively. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2022, the Company recorded an income tax provision of \$2.0 million and \$5.3 million, respectively, reflecting an effective tax rate of 24.5% and 24.6%, respectively.

NOTE 12 - RELATED-PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Bank extends credit to certain covered parties including Company directors, executive officers, and their affiliates. As of September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022, there were no delinquent or non-performing loans to any executive officer or director of the Company. These covered parties, along with principal owners, management, immediate family of management or principal owners, a parent company and its subsidiaries, trusts for the benefit of employees, and other parties, may be considered related parties. The following presents a summary of related-party loan activity as of the dates noted (dollars in thousands):

	Septemb	er 30, 2023	De	cember 31, 2022
Balance, beginning of year	\$	16,859	\$	12,833
Funded loans		7,118		15,079
Payments collected		(4,211)		(11,053)
Changes in related parties		283		
Balance, end of period	\$	20,049	\$	16,859

Deposits from related parties held by the Bank as of September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022 totaled \$15.0 million and \$36.9 million, respectively.

The Company leases office space from an entity controlled by one of the Company's board members. During each of the nine months ended September 30, 2023 and 2022, the Company incurred \$0.2 million of expenses related to these leases.

NOTE 13 - FAIR VALUE

Fair value is the exchange price that would be received for an asset or paid to transfer a liability (exit price) in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date. There are three levels of inputs that may be used to measure fair values:

- Level 1: Quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the entity has the ability to access as of the measurement date.
- Level 2: Significant other observable inputs other than Level 1 prices such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities; quoted prices in markets that are not active; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data.
- Level 3: Significant unobservable inputs that reflect a company's own assumptions about the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability.

Recurring Fair Value

<u>Equity Securities</u>: Fair value of equity securities represents the market value of mutual funds based on quoted market prices (Level 1) and the value of stock held in other companies, which is based on recent market transactions or quoted rates that are not actively traded (Level 2).

<u>Equity Warrants</u>: Fair value of equity warrants of private companies are priced using a Black-Scholes option pricing model to estimate the asset fair value by using strike prices, option expiration dates, risk-free interest rates, and option volatility assumptions (Level 3).

Guarantee Asset and Liability: The guarantee asset represents the fair value of the consideration received in exchange for the credit enhancement fee. The guarantee liability represents a financial guarantee to cover the second layer of any losses on loans sold to FHLB under the MPF 125 loan sales agreement. The guarantee liability value on day one is equivalent to the guarantee asset fair value, which is the consideration for the credit enhancement fee paid over the life of the loans. The liability is then carried at amortized cost. Significant inputs in the valuation analysis for the asset are Level 3, due to the nature of this asset and the lack of market quotes. The fair value of the guarantee asset is determined using a discounted cash flow model, for which significant unobservable inputs include assumed future prepayment rates ("CPR") and market discount rate (Level 3). An increase in prepayment rates or discount rate would generally reduce the estimated fair value of the guarantee asset.

<u>Derivatives:</u> The fair values of derivatives are based on valuation models using observable market data as of the measurement date (Level 2). Our derivatives are traded in an over-the-counter market where quoted market prices are not always available. Therefore, the fair values of derivatives are determined using quantitative models that utilize multiple market inputs. The inputs will vary based on the type of derivative, but could include interest rates, prices and indices to generate continuous yield or pricing curves, prepayment rates, and volatility factors to value the position. The majority of market inputs are actively quoted and can be validated through external sources, including brokers, market transactions and third-party pricing services.

<u>Mortgage Related Derivatives</u>: Mortgage related derivatives include our IRLC, FSC, and the forward commitments on our loans held for sale pipeline. The fair value estimate of our IRLC is based on valuation models using market data from secondary market loan sales and direct contacts with third party investors as of the measurement date and pull through assumptions (Level 3). The FSC fair value estimate reflects the potential pair off fee associated with mandatory trades and is estimated by using a market differential and pair off penalty assessed by the investor (Level 3). The fair value estimate of the forward commitments is based on market prices of similar securities to the underlying MBS (Level 2).

<u>Loans Held at Fair Value</u>: The fair value of loans held for investment are typically determined based on discounted cash flow analysis using market-based interest rate spreads. Discounted cash flow analysis are adjusted, as appropriate, to reflect current market conditions and borrower specific credit risk. Due to the nature of the valuation inputs, loans held for investment are classified within Level 3 of the valuation hierarchy.

<u>Mortgage Loans Held for Sale</u>: The fair value of mortgage loans held for sale is estimated based upon quotes from third party investors for similar assets resulting in a Level 2 classification.

<u>Loans Held for Sale:</u> The fair value of loans held for sale is determined using actual quoted commitments from third party investors resulting in Level 1 classification.

The following presents assets and liabilities measured on a recurring basis as of the dates noted (dollars in thousands):

September 30, 2023	Pr Active for I A	uoted ices in e Markets dentical assets evel 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant nobservable Inputs (Level 3)	Reported Balance
Financial Assets					
Mortgage loans held for sale	\$	<u> </u>	\$ 12,105	\$ 	\$ 12,105
Loans held at fair value	\$		\$ 	\$ 15,464	\$ 15,464
Forward commitments and FSC	\$		\$ 261	\$ _	\$ 261
Equity securities	\$	607	\$ 122	\$ _	\$ 729
Guarantee asset	\$		\$ 	\$ 158	\$ 158
IRLC, net	\$		\$ 	\$ 319	\$ 319
Equity warrants	\$		\$ 	\$ 825	\$ 825
Swap derivative asset	\$		\$ 1,490	\$ _	\$ 1,490
Financial Liabilities					
Swap derivative liabilities	\$		\$ 537	\$ _	\$ 537
December 31, 2022	Pr Active for I A	uoted ices in e Markets dentical assets evel 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant nobservable Inputs (Level 3)	 Reported Balance
Financial Assets					
Mortgage loans held for sale	\$		\$ 8,839	\$ 	\$ 8,839
Loans held for sale	\$	1,965	\$ _	\$ _	\$ 1,965

There were no transfers between levels during the nine months ended September 30, 2023 or year ended December 31, 2022. On April 1, 2022, the Company elected to transfer all securities classified as available-for-sale to held-to-maturity and are now carried at amortized cost. See Note 2 – Investment Securities for more information.

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As of September 30, 2023, equity securities, equity warrants, IRLC, and guarantee assets have been recorded at fair value within the Other assets line item in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets. All changes are recorded in the Other line item in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income.

Fair Value Option

Loans held at fair value

Equity securities

Guarantee asset

Equity warrants

IRLC, net

Forward commitments and FSC

The Company has elected to account for certain purchased whole loans held for investment under the fair value option in order to align the accounting presentation with the Company's viewpoint of the economics of the loans. Interest income on loans held for investment accounted for under the fair value option is recognized within Interest and dividend income in the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income. Not electing fair value generally results in a larger discount being recorded on the date of the loan purchase. The discount is subsequently accreted into interest income over the underlying loan's remaining term using the effective interest method. Additionally, management has elected the fair value option for mortgage loans originated and held for sale.

As of December 31, 2022, the Company reclassified \$2.0 million of loans held for investment to loans held for sale. The transfer occurred at the point in time the company decided to sell the loan and received a commitment from third party investors to purchase the loan. During the nine months ended September 30, 2023, the Company reclassified \$39.2 million of loans held for investment to loans held for sale and received a commitment from third party investors to purchase the loans. As of September 30, 2023, a total of \$40.8 million reclassified loans held for sale had been sold.

There were no loans accounted for under the fair value option that were 90 days or more past due and still accruing interest as of September 30, 2023 or December 31, 2022. As of September 30, 2023, there were 113 loans, totaling \$0.3 million, accounted for under the fair value option that were on non-accrual. As of December 31, 2022, there were 145 loans totaling \$0.1 million, accounted for under the fair value option that were on non-accrual. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2023, the Company recorded net charge-offs of \$0.4 million and \$1.5 million, respectively, on loans accounted for under the fair value option to Net gain/(loss) on loans accounted for under the fair value option on the condensed consolidated statements of income. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2022, the Company recorded an immaterial amount of charge-offs on loans accounted for under the fair value option.

The following provides more information about the fair value carrying amount and unpaid principal outstanding of loans accounted for under the fair value option as of the dates noted (dollars in thousands):

						Se	ptem	ber 30, 20)23							
		Total Loans			Non Accruals							90 Da	ys o	r More Pa	st Due	9
	Fair Value Carrying Amount	Unpaid Principal Balance	Dif	ference	C	ir Value arrying amount	Pr	npaid incipal alance	Dif	fference	C	nir Value Carrying Amount	P	Unpaid rincipal Balance	Diff	erence
Mortgage loans held for sale	\$ 12,105	\$ 12,051	\$	54	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_
Loans held for investment	15,464	16,105		(641)		286		299		(13)		286		299		(13)
	\$ 27,569	\$ 28,156	\$	(587)	\$	286	\$	299	\$	(13)	\$	286	\$	299	\$	(13)

				D	ecember 31, 20)22			
		Total Loans	1		Non Accruals	1	90 Da	ys or More Pa	st Due
	Fair Value Carrying Amount	Unpaid Principal Balance	Difference	Fair Value Carrying Amount	Unpaid Principal Balance	Difference	Fair Value Carrying Amount	Unpaid Principal Balance	Difference
Mortgage loans held for sale	\$ 8,839	\$ 8,750	\$ 89	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Loans held for sale	1,965	1,984	(19)	_		_	_	_	_
Loans held for investment	23,321	23,415	(94)		140	(1)	139	140	(1)
	\$ 34,125	\$ 34,149	\$ (24)	\$ 139	\$ 140	\$ (1)	\$ 139	\$ 140	\$ (1)

The following presents the changes in fair value of loans accounted for under the fair value option as of the dates noted (dollars in thousands):

	 Three Mor Septem				Nine Mon Septem	ths Ended lber 30,		
	2023 2022			2023			2022	
Mortgage loans held for sale	\$ (163)	\$	(556)	\$	(35)	\$	(975)	
Loans held for sale			_		(20)		_	
Loans held for investment	110		(105)		(547)		223	
	\$ (53)	\$	(661)	\$	(602)	\$	(752)	

The following summarizes the activity pertaining to loans accounted for under the fair value option as of the dates noted (dollars in thousands):

		Three Mon Septem				Nine Months Ended September 30,				
Mortgage loans held for sale		2023		2022		2023		2022		
Balance at beginning of period	\$	19,746	\$	26,202	\$	8,839	\$	30,620		
Loans originated		66,586		82,372		217,774		377,631		
Fair value changes		(163)		(556)		(35)		(975)		
Sales		(74,064)		(95,053)		(214,467)		(394,261)		
Settlements		<u> </u>		(222)		(6)		(272)		
Balance at end of period	\$	12,105	\$	12,743	\$	12,105	\$	12,743		
	Three Months Ended Nine Month September 30, Septemb									
Loans held for sale		2023		2022		2023		2022		
Balance at beginning of period	\$	_	\$	_	\$	1,965	\$	_		
Loans transferred from held for investment				_		39,221				
Fair value changes		_		_		(20)		_		
Sales		_		_		(40,761)				
Settlements						(405)		_		
Balance at end of period	\$		\$		\$		\$			
		Three Mon Septem				Nine Months Ended September 30,				
Loans held for investment		2023		2022		2023		2022		
Balance at beginning of period	\$	17,523	\$	21,477	\$	23,321	\$			
Loans acquired		_		7,860		1,162		32,109		
Fair value changes		110		(105)		(547)		223		
Net charge-offs		(363)		_		(1,371)				
Settlements		(1,806)		(6,361)		(7,101)		(9,461)		
Balance at end of period	\$	15,464	\$	22,871	\$	15,464	\$	22,871		

Nonrecurring Fair Value

Other Real Estate Owned ("OREO"): Assets acquired through or instead of loan foreclosure are initially recorded at fair value less costs to sell when acquired, establishing a new cost basis. They are subsequently accounted for at lower of cost or fair value less estimated costs to sell. Fair value is commonly based on recent real estate appraisals which are updated no less frequently than on an annual basis. Appraisals may utilize a single valuation approach or a combination of approaches including comparable sales and the income approach. Adjustments are routinely made in the appraisal process by the independent appraisers to adjust for differences between comparable sales and income data available. Such adjustments can be significant and typically result in Level 3 classifications of the inputs for determining fair value. OREO is evaluated annually for additional impairment and adjusted accordingly.

<u>Collateral Dependent Loans</u>: The fair value of collateral dependent loans individually analyzed and not included in the pooled loan analysis under the ACL is generally based on recent appraisals and the value of any credit enhancements associated with the loan. These appraisals may utilize a single valuation approach or a combination of approaches including comparable sales and the income approach. Adjustments are routinely made in the appraisal process by the independent appraisers to adjust for differences between the comparable sales and income data available. Such adjustments can be significant and typically result in Level 3 classifications of the inputs for determining fair value. Collateral dependent loans are evaluated monthly and adjusted accordingly if needed.

Appraisals for both collateral-dependent loans and OREO are performed by certified general appraisers (for commercial properties) or certified residential appraisers (for residential properties) whose qualifications and licenses have been reviewed and verified by the Company. Once received, the Company reviews the assumptions and approaches utilized in the appraisal as well as the overall resulting fair value in comparison with independent data sources such as recent market data or industry-wide statistics.

The following presents assets measured on a nonrecurring basis as of the dates noted (dollars in thousands):

September 30, 2023	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	Reported Balance
Collateral dependent loans:				
Commercial and Industrial	<u>\$</u>	\$ —	\$ 4,575	\$ 4,575

The credit enhancement - guarantee asset value approach was utilized for estimating the fair value of non-recurring assets. There were no assets measured on a nonrecurring basis for the year ended December 31, 2022.

During the year ended December 31, 2022, the Company recorded \$0.4 million of OREO as a result of obtaining physical possession of a foreclosed property as partial consideration for amounts owed on a collateral dependent loan. The Company sold the property during the year ended December 31, 2022, resulting in an immaterial gain. As of September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022, the Company did not own any OREO properties.

As of September 30, 2023, total collateral dependent loans measured using fair value had carrying values of \$8.6 million and were classified as Level 3. Collateral dependent loans accounted for \$4.0 million of the allowance on individually analyzed loans as of September 30, 2023 and no specific reserves as of December 31, 2022. The Company recorded \$0.2 million of charge-offs from the allowance on individually analyzed loans during the nine months ended September 30, 2023 and no charge-offs during the year ended December 31, 2022. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2023, the Company recorded an immaterial amount of charge-offs in addition to the charge-offs from the allowance on individually analyzed loans. During the year ended December 31, 2022, the Company recorded \$0.3 million of charge-offs on loans held at amortized cost.

Level 3 Analysis

The following presents a reconciliation for Level 3 instruments measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of the dates noted (dollars in thousands):

Three Months Ended September 30, 2023	orporate Bonds	Loa	ans Held at Fair Value	FSC	(Guarantee Asset	IRLC	Equity arrants
Beginning balance	\$ _	\$	17,523	\$ _	\$	166	\$ 453	\$ 825
Acquisitions	_						312	
Originations	_		_	_		6	(606)	
Gains/(losses) in net income, net			110	_		(8)	160	_
Settlements	_		(2,169)	_		(6)	_	_
Ending balance	\$ 	\$	15,464	\$ 	\$	158	\$ 319	\$ 825

Three Months Ended September 30, 2022	porate onds	Fair Value	FSC	_	Guarantee Asset	IRLC	Equity arrants
Beginning balance	\$ 	\$ 21,477	\$ _	\$	174	\$ 990	\$ 725
Acquisitions	_	7,867	(11)			170	102
Originations	_	_	_			(720)	
Gains/(losses) in net income, net	_	(134)			(15)	(302)	_
Settlements	 	 (6,339)				<u> </u>	_
Ending balance	\$ 	\$ 22,871	\$ (11)	\$	159	\$ 138	\$ 827

Nine Months Ended September 30, 2023	porate onds	 nns Held at Fair Value	FSC	G	Guarantee Asset	IRLC	quity arrants
Beginning balance	\$ _	\$ 23,321	\$ _	\$	143	\$ 229	\$ 825
Acquisitions		1,162				1,652	
Originations	_	_	_		20	(2,784)	
Gains/(losses) in net income, net		(547)			11	1,222	
Settlements	 	 (8,472)			(16)		
Ending balance	\$	\$ 15,464	\$ 	\$	158	\$ 319	\$ 825

Nine Months Ended September 30, 2022	orporate Bonds	ans Held at air Value	FSC	(Guarantee Asset	IRLC	Equity Varrants
Beginning balance	\$ 2,113	\$ _	\$ (9)	\$	237	\$ 1,473	\$ 160
Acquisitions	4,000	32,599	(2)			1,253	344
Originations	_	_	_		_	(2,783)	
Gains/(losses) in net income, net		(289)			(78)	195	323
Unrealized gains, net	102	_	_		_	_	
Transfer to held-to-maturity	(6,215)					_	
Settlements		 (9,439)	 				
Ending balance	\$ 	\$ 22,871	\$ (11)	\$	159	\$ 138	\$ 827

The following presents quantitative information about Level 3 assets measured on a recurring and nonrecurring basis as of the dates noted (dollars in thousands):

	Quantitative Information about Level 3 Fair Value Measurements as of Septembe							
	F	air Value	Valuation Technique	Significant Unobservable Input	Range (Weighted Average)			
Recurring fair value								
Loans held for investment at fair value	\$	15,464	Discounted cash flow	Discount rate	8% to 9% (8%)			
Guarantee asset		158	Discounted cash flow	Discount rate Prepayment rate	6% (6%) 5% (5%)			
IRLC, net		319	Best execution model	Pull through	53% to 100% (91%)			
Equity warrants		825	Black-Scholes option pricing model	Volatility Risk-free interest rate Remaining life	32.7% to 88.9% (43.6%) 4.92% (4.92%) 0 to 3 years			
Nonrecurring fair value								
Collateral dependent loans:								
Commercial and Industrial		4,575	Credit enhancement - guarantee asset value	Market rate adjustments	38% (21%)			

	Quantitative Information about Level 3 Fair Value Measurements as of December 31								
		ir Value	Valuation Technique	Significant Unobservable Input	Range (Weighted Average)				
Recurring fair value									
Loans held for investment at fair value	at at fair \$ 23,321 Discounted cash flow		Discount rate	4% to 18% (8)%					
Guarantee asset	set 143 Discounted cash flow		Discount rate Prepayment rate	5% (5%) 4% (4%)					
IRLC, net	229		Best execution model	Pull through	73% to 100% (91%)				
Equity warrants		825	Black-Scholes option pricing model	Volatility Risk-free interest rate Remaining life	32.7% to 88.9% (34.8%) 4.04% to 4.14% (4.05%) 0 to 4 years				

Estimated Fair Value of Other Financial Instruments

The following presents carrying amounts and estimated fair values for financial instruments not carried at fair value as of the dates noted (dollars in thousands):

		Carrying		Fair V	alue	Measurements	nts Using:		
September 30, 2023		Amount		Level 1		Level 2		Level 3	
Assets:									
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	271,484	\$	271,484	\$		\$	_	
Held-to-maturity securities, net of ACL		75,539		239		58,120		8,128	
Loans, net ⁽¹⁾		2,491,820						2,383,883	
Accrued interest receivable		11,633		11,633		_		_	
Liabilities:									
Term deposits ⁽²⁾		373,459		322,144		_		50,460	
Non-term deposits		2,046,537		2,046,537				_	
Borrowings:									
FHLB borrowings – fixed rate		175,067				175,269		_	
FHLB borrowings – floating rate		50,000		_		49,978		_	
Federal Reserve borrowings – fixed rate		34,863		3,865		30,862		_	
Subordinated notes – fixed-to-floating rate		52,279		_		_		47,370	
Accrued interest payable		3,203		3,203				_	
December 31, 2022		Carrying Amount		Level 1	alue	Measurements Level 2	Usin	Eevel 3	
Assets:		Amount		Level 1		Level 2		Level 3	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	196,512	\$	196,512	\$		\$		
Held-to-maturity securities	Ψ	81,056	Ψ	234	Ψ	67,433	Ψ	7,051	
Loans, net ⁽¹⁾		2,428,909				— —		2,356,085	
Accrued interest receivable		10,445		10,445		_			
Liabilities:		10,110		10,110					
Term deposits ⁽²⁾		224,090		181,036		_		43,586	
Non-term deposits		2,181,139		2,181,139		_			
Borrowings:		2,101,109		2 ,101,109					
FHLB borrowings – fixed rate		141,498		_		141,867		_	
Federal Reserve borrowings – fixed rate		5,388		5,388				_	
				2,200					
Subordinated notes – fixed-to-floating rate				_				60 384	
Subordinated notes – fixed-to-floating rate Accrued interest payable		52,132 1,125		1,125		_		60,384	

⁽¹⁾ Excludes loans accounted for under the fair value option of \$15.5 million and \$23.3 million as of September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022, respectively, as these are carried at fair value.

The fair value estimates presented and discussed above are based on pertinent information available to management as of the dates specified. The estimated fair value amounts are based on the exit price notion set forth by ASU 2016-01. Although management is not aware of any factors that would significantly affect the estimated fair values, such amounts have not been comprehensively revalued for purposes of these condensed consolidated financial statements since the balance sheet dates. Therefore, current estimates of fair value may differ significantly from the amounts presented herein.

⁽²⁾ Term deposits due within one year totaling \$322.1 million and \$181.0 million as of September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022, respectively, are classified under Level 1 fair value measurement.

The methods and assumptions, not previously presented, used to estimate fair values are described as follows.

<u>Cash and Cash Equivalents and Restricted Cash</u>: The carrying amounts of cash and cash equivalents and restricted cash approximate fair values as maturities are less than 90 days and balances are generally in accounts bearing current market interest rates.

<u>Held-to-maturity securities</u>: The fair values for held-to-maturity investment securities are determined by quoted market prices, if available (Level 1). For securities where quoted prices are not available, fair values are calculated based on market prices of similar securities (Level 2). For securities where quoted prices or market prices of similar securities is not available, fair values are calculated using discounted cash flows or other market indicators (Level 3).

<u>Loans</u>: The fair values for all fixed-rate and variable-rate performing loans were estimated using the income approach and by discounting the projected cash flows of such loans. Principal and interest cash flows were projected based on the contractual terms of the loans, including maturity, contractual amortization, and adjustments for prepayments and expected losses, where appropriate. A discount rate was developed based on the relative risk of the cash flows, considering the loan type, maturity, and a required return on capital.

<u>Accrued Interest Receivable and Payable</u>: The carrying amounts of accrued interest approximate fair value due to their short-term nature.

<u>Deposits</u>: The fair values disclosed for demand deposits (e.g., interest and non-interest checking, passbook savings, and certain types of money market accounts) are, by definition, equal to the amounts payable on demand at the reporting date (i.e., their carrying amounts). The carrying amounts of variable-rate, fixed-term money market accounts and certificates of deposit approximate their fair values at the reporting dates. Fair values for fixed-rate certificates of deposit are estimated using a discounted cash flow calculation that applies interest rates currently being offered on certificates to a schedule of aggregated expected monthly maturities on time deposits.

Fixed Rate Borrowings: Borrowings with fixed rates are valued using inputs such as discounted cash flows and current interest rates for similar instruments.

<u>Fixed-to-Floating Rate Borrowings</u>: Borrowings with fixed-to-floating rates are valued using inputs such as discounted cash flows and current interest rates for similar instruments and assume the Company will redeem the instrument prior to the first interest rate reset date.

NOTE 14 - DERIVATIVES

During the first quarter of 2023, the Company entered into interest rate swap agreements as part of its asset liability management strategy to help manage its interest rate risk position. The notional amount of the interest rate swaps does not represent amounts exchanged by the parties. The amount exchanged is determined by reference to the notional amount and the other terms of the individual interest rate swap agreements.

<u>Cash Flow Hedges:</u> On March 21, 2023, the Company executed an interest rate swap with a notional amount that was designated as a cash flow hedge of certain Federal Home Loan Bank borrowings and brokered CDs. The swap hedges the benchmark index (SOFR) with a receive float/pay fixed swap for the period March 21, 2023 through April 1, 2026. The notional amount of the interest rate swap as of September 30, 2023 was \$50.0 million. As of September 30, 2023, this hedge was determined to be effective, and the Company expects the hedge to remain effective during the remaining terms of the swap.

Derivatives Not Designated as Hedges: During the nine months ended September 30, 2023, the Company entered into interest rate swaps to offset interest rate exposure with its commercial and residential variable rate loan clients. Clients with variable rate loans may choose to enter into an interest rate swap to hedge the interest rate risk on the loan and effectively pay a fixed rate payment. The Company will simultaneously enter into an interest rate swap on the same underlying loan and notional amount to hedge risk on the fixed rate loan. The notional amount of interest rate swaps with its loan customers as of September 30, 2023 was \$24.5 million. While these derivatives represent economic hedges, they do not qualify as hedges for accounting purposes.

The Company presents derivative position gross on the balance sheet. The following table reflects the fair value of derivatives recorded on the condensed consolidated balance sheets as of September 30, 2023 (dollars in thousands):

	As of September 30, 2023				
	Notional Amount			Fair Value	
Included in other assets:					
Derivatives designated as hedges:					
Interest rate swaps - cash flow hedge	\$	50,000	\$	983	
Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments:					
Interest rate swaps related to customer loans		24,525		507	
Total included in other assets			\$	1,490	
Included in other liabilities:					
Derivatives designated as hedges:					
Interest rate swaps - cash flow hedge	\$		\$	_	
Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments:					
Interest rate swaps related to customer loans		24,525		537	
Total included in other liabilities			\$	537	

The effect of cash flow hedge accounting on accumulated other comprehensive income for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2023 is as follows (dollars in thousands):

Three Months Ended September 30, 2023	Unrealized Gain (Loss) Recorded in OCI on Derivative	Location of Gain (Loss) Reclassified from OCI into Income	Amount of Gain (Loss) Reclassified from OCI into Income
Interest rate contracts	\$ 226	\$ —	\$ —
Nine Months Ended September 30, 2023	Unrealized Gain (Loss) Recorded in OCI on Derivative	Location of Gain (Loss) Reclassified from OCI into Income	Amount of Gain (Loss) Reclassified from OCI into Income
Interest rate contracts	\$ 745	\$	\$

For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2023, the Company recorded \$0.2 million and \$0.3 million of interest income related to the swap to Other borrowed funds interest expense on the condensed consolidated statements of income.

The effect of derivatives not designated as hedging instruments recorded in Other non-interest income on the condensed consolidated statements of income for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2023 was immaterial.

NOTE 15 - SEGMENT REPORTING

The Company's reportable segments consist of Wealth Management and Mortgage. The chief operating decision maker ("CODM") is the Chief Executive Officer. The measure of profit or loss used by the CODM to identify and measure the Company's reportable segments is income before income tax.

The Wealth Management segment consists of operations relative to the Company's fully integrated wealth management products and services. Services provided include deposit, loan, insurance, and trust and investment management advisory products and services.

The Mortgage segment consists of operations relative to the Company's residential mortgage service offerings. Mortgage products and services are financial in nature for which premiums are recognized net of expenses, upon the sale of mortgage loans to third parties.

The following presents the financial information for each segment that is specifically identifiable or based on allocations using internal methods as of or during the periods presented (dollars in thousands):

As of or for the three months ended September 30, 2023	N	Wealth Ianagement		Mortgage	C	Consolidated
Income Statement						
Total interest income	\$	36,267	\$	214	\$	36,481
Total interest expense		19,715		_		19,715
Provision for credit losses		329				329
Net interest income, after provision for credit losses		16,223		214		16,437
Non-interest income		5,424		675		6,099
Total income before non-interest expense		21,647		889		22,536
Depreciation and amortization expense		581		8		589
All other non-interest expense		15,964		1,761		17,725
Income (loss) before income taxes	\$	5,102	\$	(880)	\$	4,222
Goodwill	\$	30,400	\$	_	\$	30,400
Goodwin						
Total assets		2,989,028		13,725		3,002,753
Total assets As of or for the three months ended September 30, 2022	<u>N</u>	2,989,028 Wealth Management		13,725 Mortgage	_(3,002,753
Total assets As of or for the three months ended September 30, 2022 Income Statement		Wealth Ianagement	<u> </u>	Mortgage		Consolidated
As of or for the three months ended September 30, 2022 Income Statement Total interest income	<u>N</u> \$	Wealth Management 26,638	\$	ŕ	\$	Consolidated 26,795
Total assets As of or for the three months ended September 30, 2022 Income Statement		Wealth Ianagement	\$	Mortgage		Consolidated
As of or for the three months ended September 30, 2022 Income Statement Total interest income Total interest expense Provision for credit losses		Wealth Management 26,638 3,733	\$	Mortgage		26,795 3,733
As of or for the three months ended September 30, 2022 Income Statement Total interest income Total interest expense		Wealth 1 26,638 3,733 1,756	\$	Mortgage 157 —		26,795 3,733 1,756
As of or for the three months ended September 30, 2022 Income Statement Total interest income Total interest expense Provision for credit losses Net interest income, after provision for credit losses		Wealth 1 26,638 3,733 1,756 21,149	\$	Mortgage 157 — — — 157		26,795 3,733 1,756 21,306
As of or for the three months ended September 30, 2022 Income Statement Total interest income Total interest expense Provision for credit losses Net interest income, after provision for credit losses Non-interest income		Wealth 1 26,638 3,733 1,756 21,149 5,333	\$	Mortgage 157 — 157 856		26,795 3,733 1,756 21,306 6,189
As of or for the three months ended September 30, 2022 Income Statement Total interest income Total interest expense Provision for credit losses Net interest income, after provision for credit losses Non-interest income Total income before non-interest expense		Wealth 1 26,638	\$	157 — — 157 856 1,013		26,795 3,733 1,756 21,306 6,189 27,495
As of or for the three months ended September 30, 2022 Income Statement Total interest income Total interest expense Provision for credit losses Net interest income, after provision for credit losses Non-interest income Total income before non-interest expense Depreciation and amortization expense		Wealth 1 26,638	\$	157 ————————————————————————————————————	\$	26,795 3,733 1,756 21,306 6,189 27,495 606
As of or for the three months ended September 30, 2022 Income Statement Total interest income Total interest expense Provision for credit losses Net interest income, after provision for credit losses Non-interest income Total income before non-interest expense Depreciation and amortization expense All other non-interest expense	\$	Wealth 1 26,638		157 ————————————————————————————————————	\$	26,795 3,733 1,756 21,306 6,189 27,495 606 18,654
As of or for the three months ended September 30, 2022 Income Statement Total interest income Total interest expense Provision for credit losses Net interest income, after provision for credit losses Non-interest income Total income before non-interest expense Depreciation and amortization expense All other non-interest expense	\$	Wealth 1 26,638		157 ————————————————————————————————————	\$	26,795 3,733 1,756 21,306 6,189 27,495 606 18,654
As of or for the three months ended September 30, 2022 Income Statement Total interest income Total interest expense Provision for credit losses Net interest income, after provision for credit losses Non-interest income Total income before non-interest expense Depreciation and amortization expense All other non-interest expense Income (loss) before income taxes	\$	Wealth 1 26,638	\$	157 ————————————————————————————————————	\$	26,795 3,733 1,756 21,306 6,189 27,495 606 18,654 8,235

Total assets

As of and for the nine months ended September 30, 2023	M	Wealth anagement		Mortgage	C	Consolidated
Income Statement						
Total interest income	\$	107,009	\$	556	\$	107,565
Total interest expense		52,791		_		52,791
Provision for credit losses		1,862				1,862
Net interest income, after provision for credit losses		52,356		556		52,912
Non-interest income		13,364		2,503		15,867
Total income before non-interest expense		65,720		3,059		68,779
Depreciation and amortization expense		1,747		25		1,772
All other non-interest expense		50,687		4,902		55,589
Income (loss) before income taxes	\$	13,286	\$	(1,868)	\$	11,418
		20.400	Φ.			20.400
Goodwill	\$	30,400	\$		\$	30,400
Total assets		2,989,028		13,725		3,002,753
As of and for the nine months ended September 30, 2022	M	Wealth anagement		Mortgage	_ (Consolidated
Income Statement						
Total interest income	\$	67,969	\$	576	\$	68,545
Total interest expense		6,607		_		6,607
Provision for credit losses		2,485				2,485
Net interest income, after provision for credit losses		58,877		576		59,453
Non-interest income		17,043		4,232		21,275
Total income before non-interest expense		75,920		4,808		80,728
Depreciation and amortization expense		1,666		34		1,700
Depreciation and amortization expense						
All other non-interest expense		51,192		6,309		57,501
•	\$	51,192 23,062	\$	6,309 (1,535)	\$	57,501 21,527

NOTE 16 – LOW-INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDIT INVESTMENTS

On December 19, 2019, the Company invested in a low-income housing tax credit ("LIHTC") investment. On June 26, 2023, the Company entered into two additional LIHTC investments for \$3.0 million per investment. As of September 30, 2023, total unfunded commitments related to LIHTC investments totaled \$4.9 million. As of December 31, 2022, there were no unfunded commitments related to LIHTC investments. As of September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022, the total balance of all LIHTC investments was \$3.2 million and \$2.4 million, respectively. These balances are reflected in the Other assets line item of the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets.

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The Company uses the proportional amortization method to account for these investments. Amortization expense is included within the Income tax expense line item of the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income. During the three months ended September 30, 2023 and 2022, the Company recognized amortization expense of \$0.2 million and \$0.1 million, respectively. During the nine months ended September 30, 2023 and 2022, the Company recognized amortization expense of \$0.3 million.

Additionally, during the three months ended September 30, 2023 and 2022, the Company recognized \$0.1 million of tax credits and other benefits from the LIHTC investment. During the nine months ended September 30, 2023 and 2022, the Company recognized \$0.3 million of tax credits and other benefits. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2023 and 2022, the Company did not incur any impairment losses.

NOTE 17 - REGULATORY CAPITAL MATTERS

First Western and the Bank are subject to various regulatory capital adequacy requirements administered by federal banking agencies. Failure to meet minimum capital requirements can initiate certain mandatory and possibly additional discretionary actions by regulators that, if undertaken, could have a direct material effect on the Company's condensed consolidated financial statements. Under capital adequacy guidelines and, additionally for banks, the regulatory framework for prompt corrective action, First Western and the Bank must meet specific capital guidelines that involve quantitative measures of their assets, liabilities, and certain off-balance sheet items as calculated under regulatory accounting practices.

First Western and the Bank's capital amounts and classification are also subject to qualitative judgments by the regulators regarding components, risk weightings, and other factors. The final rules implementing Basel Committee on Banking Supervision's capital guidelines for U.S. banks ("Basel III rules") have been fully phased in. The net unrealized gain or loss on held-to-maturity securities included in AOCI and accumulated net gains or losses on cash flow hedges are not included in computing regulatory capital. During the year ended December 31, 2022, First Western made capital injections of \$6.0 million into the Bank. Management believes as of September 30, 2023, First Western and the Bank meet all capital adequacy requirements to which they are subject.

Prompt corrective action regulations for First Western and the Bank provide five classifications: well capitalized, adequately capitalized, undercapitalized, significantly undercapitalized, and critically undercapitalized, although these terms are not used to represent overall financial condition. If adequately capitalized, regulatory approval is required to accept brokered deposits. If undercapitalized, capital distributions are limited, as is asset growth and expansion, and capital restoration plans are required.

The standard ratios established by First Western and the Bank's primary regulators to measure capital require First Western and the Bank to maintain minimum amounts and ratios, set forth in the following table. These ratios are common equity Tier 1 capital ("CET1"), Tier 1 capital and total capital (as defined in the regulations) to risk-weighted assets (as defined), and Tier 1 capital (as defined) to average assets (as defined).

The actual capital ratios of First Western and the Bank, along with the applicable regulatory capital requirements as of September 30, 2023, were calculated in accordance with the requirements of Basel III. The final rules of Basel III also established a "capital conservation buffer" of 2.5% above new regulatory minimum capital ratios. The minimum capital ratios inclusive of the capital conservation buffer are as follows: (i) a CET1 ratio of 7.0%; (ii) a Tier 1 capital ratio of 8.5%; and (iii) a total capital ratio of 10.5%. Banks are subject to limitations on paying dividends, engaging in share repurchases, and paying discretionary bonuses if its capital level falls below the buffer amount. These limitations establish a maximum percentage of eligible retained income that can be utilized for such activities.

As of September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022, the most recent filings with the FDIC categorized First Western and the Bank as well capitalized under the regulatory guidelines. To be categorized as well capitalized, an institution must maintain minimum CET1 risk-based, Tier 1 risk-based, total risk-based, and Tier 1 leverage ratios as set forth in the following table. Management believes there are no conditions or events since September 30, 2023, that have changed the categorization of First Western and the Bank as well capitalized. Management believes First Western and the Bank met all capital adequacy requirements to which it was subject as of September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022.

The following presents the actual and required capital amounts and ratios as of dates noted (dollars in thousands):

	Actu	al	Required for Adequacy Pt		To be Well Ca Under Pr Corrective Regulati	ompt Action
September 30, 2023	Amount	Ratio	Amount	Ratio	Amount	Ratio
Tier 1 capital to risk-weighted assets						
Bank	\$ 246,454	10.42 % \$	141,943	6.0 %	\$ 189,258	8.0 %
Consolidated	220,952	9.32	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
CET1 to risk-weighted assets						
Bank	246,454	10.42	106,457	4.5	153,772	6.5
Consolidated	220,952	9.32	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total capital to risk-weighted assets						
Bank	267,546	11.31	189,258	8.0	236,572	10.0
Consolidated	295,045	12.45	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Tier 1 capital to average assets						
Bank	246,454	8.88	110,967	4.0	138,709	5.0
Consolidated	220,952	7.96	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Actu	al	Required for Adequacy Po		To be Well Ca Under Pr Corrective Regulati	ompt Action
December 31, 2022	Actu:	al Ratio			Under Pr Corrective	ompt Action
December 31, 2022 Tier 1 capital to risk-weighted assets			Adequacy Pu	urposes ⁽¹⁾	Under Pr Corrective Regulati	ompt Action ions
Tier 1 capital to risk-weighted			Adequacy Pu	urposes ⁽¹⁾	Under Pr Corrective Regulati	ompt Action ions
Tier 1 capital to risk-weighted assets	Amount	Ratio	Adequacy Pt Amount	Ratio	Under Pr Corrective Regulati Amount	ompt Action ions Ratio
Tier 1 capital to risk-weighted assets Bank	* 234,738	Ratio 10.29 % \$	Adequacy Pt Amount	Ratio 6.0 %	Under Pr Corrective Regulati Amount	ompt Action ions Ratio
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Tier 1 capital to risk-weighted assets Bank Consolidated CET1 to risk-weighted assets	\$ 234,738 212,229	10.29 % \$ 9.28	Adequacy Pt Amount 136,928 N/A	Ratio 6.0 % N/A	Under Pr Corrective Regulati Amount \$ 182,571 N/A	ompt Action ions Ratio 8.0 % N/A
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⁽¹⁾ Does not include capital conservation buffer.

Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

The following discussion and analysis is intended to assist readers in understanding our financial condition and results of operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2023 and should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements and the accompanying notes thereto included in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q (this "Form 10-Q") and in our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") on March 15, 2023. Unless we state otherwise or the context otherwise requires, references in this Form 10-Q to "we," "our," "us," "the Company," and "First Western" refer to First Western Financial, Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries, including First Western Trust Bank, which we sometimes refer to as "the Bank" or "our Bank."

The following discussion contains "forward-looking statements" that reflect our future plans, estimates, beliefs, and expected performance. We caution that assumptions, expectations, projections, intentions, or beliefs about future events may, and often do, vary from actual results and the differences can be material. See "Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements." Also, see the risk factors and other cautionary statements described under the heading "Item 1A - Risk Factors" included in our Annual Report Form 10-K filed with the SEC on March 15, 2023 and in Part II—Item 1A of this Form 10-Q. We do not undertake any obligation to publicly update any forward-looking statements except as otherwise required by applicable law.

Company Overview

We are a financial holding company founded in 2002 and headquartered in Denver, Colorado. We provide a fully integrated suite of wealth management services to our clients including banking, trust, and investment management products and services. Our mission is to be the best private bank for the Western wealth management client. We target entrepreneurs, professionals, and high-net worth individuals, typically with \$1.0 million-plus in liquid net worth, and their related philanthropic and business organizations, which we refer to as the "Western wealth management client." We believe that the Western wealth management client shares our entrepreneurial spirit and values our sophisticated, high-touch wealth management services that are tailored to meet their specific needs. We partner with our clients to solve their unique financial needs through our expert integrated services provided in a team approach.

We offer our services through a branded network of boutique private trust bank offices, which we believe are strategically located in affluent and high-growth markets in locations across Colorado, Arizona, Wyoming, Montana, and California. Our profit centers, which are comprised of private bankers, lenders, wealth planners, and portfolio managers, under the leadership of a local chairman and/or president, are also supported centrally by teams providing management services such as operations, risk management, credit administration, marketing, technology support, human capital, and accounting/finance services, which we refer to as support centers.

From 2004, when we opened our first profit center, until September 30, 2023, we have expanded our footprint into fourteen full service profit centers, three loan production offices, and one trust office located across five states. As of and for the nine months ended September 30, 2023, we had \$3.00 billion in total assets, \$68.8 million in total revenues, and provided fiduciary and advisory services on \$6.40 billion of assets under management ("AUM").

Recent Industry Developments

During March and April of 2023, the banking industry experienced significant disruption and volatility with the failure of multiple banks creating industry wide concerns related to liquidity, deposit outflows, unrealized securities losses, and eroding consumer confidence in the banking industry. Despite the market wide impact to bank stock prices, we believe the Bank remains stable with strong fundamentals including uninsured deposits lower than our peer average, at \$756.5 million, or 31.3% of total deposits as of September 30, 2023. The Company has a low amount of held-to-maturity securities, which represent 2.5% of Total assets, and carries unrecognized losses amounting to 3.7% of Total shareholders' equity as of September 30, 2023. We feel we have maintained high credit quality standards which have kept our loan losses at immaterial levels and we have limited exposure to commercial real estate ("CRE") non-owner occupied office space which has been impacted by the shift to hybrid work environments. Our client base is well diversified with no single industry concentration.

Primary Factors Used to Evaluate the Results of Operations

As a financial institution, we manage and evaluate various aspects of both our results of operations and our financial condition. We evaluate the comparative levels and trends of the line items in our Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets and Statements of Income as well as various financial ratios that are commonly used in our industry. The primary factors we use to evaluate our results of operations include net interest income, non-interest income, and non-interest expense.

Net Interest Income

Net interest income represents interest income less interest expense. We generate interest income on interest-earning assets, primarily loans and investment securities. We incur interest expense on interest-bearing liabilities, primarily interest-bearing deposits and borrowings. To evaluate net interest income, we measure and monitor: (i) yields on loans, investment securities, and other interest-earning assets; (ii) the costs of deposits and other funding sources; (iii) the rates incurred on borrowings and other interest-bearing liabilities; and (iv) the regulatory risk weighting associated with the assets. Interest income is primarily impacted by loan growth and loan repayments, along with changes in interest rates on the loans. Interest expense is primarily impacted by changes in deposit balances, changes in interest rates on deposits, along with the volume and type of interest-bearing liabilities. Net interest income is primarily impacted by changes in market interest rates, the slope of the yield curve, and interest we earn on interest-earning assets or pay on interest-bearing liabilities.

Non-Interest Income

Non-interest income primarily consists of the following:

- Trust and investment management fees—fees and other sources of income charged to clients for managing their trust and investment assets, providing financial planning consulting services, 401(k) and retirement advisory consulting services, and other wealth management services. Trust and investment management fees are primarily impacted by rates charged and increases and decreases in AUM. AUM is primarily impacted by opening and closing of client advisory and trust accounts, contributions and withdrawals, and the fluctuation in market values.
- Net gain on mortgage loans—gain on originating and selling mortgages and origination fees, less commissions to loan originators, document review, and other costs specific to originating and selling the loan. The market adjustments for interest rate lock commitments ("IRLC"), mortgage derivatives, and gains and losses incurred on the mandatory trading of loans are also included in this line item. Net gain on mortgage loans is primarily impacted by the amount of loans sold, the type of loans sold, and market conditions.
- Net gain on loans accounted for under the fair value option unrealized gains or losses on the fair value adjustments to held for investment loans on which the Bank has elected the fair value option of accounting. Also includes realized gains or losses on charge-offs and recoveries.
- Bank fees—income generated through bank-related service charges such as: electronic transfer fees, treasury management fees, bill pay fees, servicing fees, and other banking fees. Banking fees are primarily impacted by the level of business activities and cash movement activities of our clients.
- Risk management and insurance fees—commissions earned on insurance policies we have placed for clients through our client risk management team who incorporate insurance services, primarily life insurance, to support our clients' wealth planning needs. Our insurance revenues are primarily impacted by the type and volume of policies placed for our clients.
- *Income on company-owned life insurance*—income earned on the growth of the cash surrender value of life insurance policies we hold on certain key associates. The income on the increase in the cash surrender value is non-taxable income.

Non-Interest Expense

Non-interest expense is comprised primarily of the following:

- Salaries and employee benefits—all forms of compensation-related expenses including salary, incentive compensation, payroll-related taxes, stock-based compensation, benefit plans, health insurance, 401(k) plan match costs, and other benefit-related expenses. Salaries and employee benefit costs are primarily impacted by changes in headcount and fluctuations in benefits costs.
- Occupancy and equipment—costs related to building and land maintenance, leasing our office space, depreciation charges for the buildings, building improvements, furniture, fixtures and equipment, amortization of leasehold improvements, utilities, and other occupancy-related expenses. Occupancy and equipment costs are primarily impacted by the number of locations we occupy.
- Professional services—costs related to legal, accounting, tax, consulting, personnel recruiting, insurance, and other outsourcing arrangements. Professional services costs are primarily impacted by corporate activities requiring specialized services. FDIC insurance expense is also included in this line and represents the assessments that we pay to the FDIC for deposit insurance.
- Technology and information systems—costs related to software and information technology services to support office activities and internal networks. Technology and information system costs are primarily impacted by the number of locations we occupy, the number of associates we have, and the level of service we require from our third-party technology vendors.
- Data processing—costs related to processing fees paid to our third-party data processing system providers relating to our core private trust banking platform. Data processing costs are primarily impacted by the number of loan, deposit, and trust accounts we have and the level of transactions processed for our clients.
- *Marketing*—costs related to promoting our business through advertising, promotions, charitable events, sponsorships, donations, and other marketing-related expenses. Marketing costs are primarily impacted by the levels of advertising programs and other marketing activities and events held throughout the year.
- Amortization of other intangible assets—primarily represents the amortization of intangible assets including client lists, core deposit intangibles, and other similar items recognized in connection with acquisitions.
- Other—includes costs related to operational expenses associated with office supplies, postage, travel
 expenses, meals and entertainment, dues and memberships, costs to maintain or prepare other real estate
 owned ("OREO") for sale, director compensation and travel, and other general corporate expenses that do not
 fit within one of the specific non-interest expense lines described above. Other operational expenses are
 generally impacted by our business activities and needs.

Operating Segments

The Company's reportable segments consist of Wealth Management and Mortgage. We measure the overall profitability of operating segments based on income before income tax. We believe this is a more useful measurement as our wealth management products and services are fully integrated with our private trust bank. We allocate costs to our segments, which consist primarily of compensation and overhead expense directly attributable to the products and services within the Wealth Management and Mortgage segments. We measure the profitability of each segment based on a post-allocation basis, as we believe it better approximates the operating cash flows generated by our reportable operating segments. A description of each segment is provided in Note 15 - Segment Reporting of the accompanying Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

Primary Factors Used to Evaluate our Balance Sheet

The primary factors we use to evaluate our balance sheet include asset and liability levels, asset quality, capital, liquidity, and potential profit production from assets.

We manage our asset levels to ensure our lending initiatives are efficiently and profitably supported and to ensure we have the necessary liquidity and capital to meet the required regulatory capital ratios. Funding needs are evaluated and forecasted by communicating with clients, reviewing loan maturity and draw expectations, and projecting new loan opportunities.

We manage the diversification and quality of our assets based upon factors that include the level, distribution, severity, and trend of problem assets such as those determined to be classified, delinquent, non-accrual, non-performing or restructured; the adequacy of our allowance for credit losses; the diversification and quality of loan and investment portfolios; the extent of counterparty risks, credit risk concentrations, and other factors.

We manage our liquidity based upon factors that include the level and quality of capital and our overall financial condition, the trend and volume of problem assets, our balance sheet risk exposure, the level of deposits as a percentage of total loans, the amount of non-deposit funding used to fund assets, the availability of unused funding sources and off-balance sheet obligations, the availability of assets to be readily converted into cash without undue loss, the amount of cash and liquid securities we hold, and other factors.

Financial institution regulators have established guidelines for minimum capital ratios for banks and bank holding companies. The Company has adopted the Basel III regulatory capital framework. As of September 30, 2023, the Bank's capital ratios exceeded the current well capitalized regulatory requirements established under Basel III.

Results of Operations

Overview

The three months ended September 30, 2023 compared with the three months ended September 30, 2022. We reported net income available to common shareholders of \$3.1 million for the three months ended September 30, 2023, compared to \$6.2 million of net income available to common shareholders for the three months ended September 30, 2022, a \$3.1 million, or 49.9% decrease. For the three months ended September 30, 2023, our income before income tax was \$4.2 million, a \$4.0 million, or 48.7% decrease from the three months ended September 30, 2022. The decrease was primarily driven by a \$4.9 million decrease in net interest income, after provision for credit losses partially offset by a \$0.9 million decrease in non-interest expense. The decrease in net interest income, after provision for credit losses, was primarily due to higher interest expense driven primarily by higher deposit costs, offset partially by higher interest income. The decrease in non-interest expense was primarily driven by lower salaries and employee benefits related to staffing reductions to better align with current revenue.

The nine months ended September 30, 2023 compared with the nine months ended September 30, 2022. We reported net income available to common shareholders of \$8.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2023, compared to \$16.2 million of net income available to common shareholders for the nine months ended September 30, 2022, a \$7.8 million, or 48.0% decrease. For the nine months ended September 30, 2023, our income before income tax was \$11.4 million, a \$10.1 million, or 47.0% decrease from the nine months ended September 30, 2022. The decrease was primarily driven by a \$6.5 million decrease in net interest income, after provision for credit losses and a \$5.4 million decrease in non-interest income, partially offset by a \$1.8 million decrease in non-interest expense. The decrease in net interest income, after provision for credit losses, was primarily due to higher rates on deposits and borrowings resulting from increased market rates, offset partially by an increase in interest and fees on loans resulting from loan growth and higher loan yields. The decrease in non-interest income was due to a \$1.6 million increase in losses on loans accounted for under the fair value option, a \$1.5 million decrease in net gain on mortgage loans driven by a slowdown in new lock volume associated with the rising interest rate environment, and \$1.2 million of impairment to the carrying value of contingent consideration asset recorded during the nine months ended September 30, 2023. The decrease in non-interest expense was primarily driven by lower salaries and employee benefits related to staffing reductions to better align with current revenue.

Net Interest Income

The three months ended September 30, 2023 compared with the three months ended September 30, 2022. For the three months ended September 30, 2023, net interest income, before the provision for credit losses, was \$16.8 million, a decrease of \$6.3 million, or 27.3%, compared to the three months ended September 30, 2022. The decrease in net interest income was driven by a \$366.0 million increase in average interest-bearing deposits with a 302 basis point increase in the average rates on interest-bearing deposits, as part of a \$391.9 million increase in average interest-bearing liabilities with a 295 basis point increase in the average rates, partially offset by a \$261.1 million increase in average loans outstanding with a 94 basis point increase in average yield on loans. Net interest margin decreased 128 basis points to 2.46% in the third quarter of 2023 from 3.74% reported in the third quarter of 2022.

The nine months ended September 30, 2023 compared with the nine months ended September 30, 2022. For the nine months ended September 30, 2023, net interest income, before the provision for credit losses, was \$54.8 million, a decrease of \$7.2 million, or 11.6%, compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2022. The decrease in net interest income was driven by a \$289.5 million increase in average interest-bearing deposits with a 298 basis point increase in the average rates on interest-bearing deposits, as part of a \$381.4 million increase in average interest-bearing liabilities with a 296 basis point increase in the average rates, partially offset by a \$425.4 million increase in average loans outstanding and a 117 basis point increase in the average yield on loans. Net interest margin decreased 67 basis points to 2.71% for the nine months ended September 30, 2023 from 3.38% reported for the nine months ended September 30, 2022.

The increase in average loans outstanding for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2023 compared to the same period in 2022 was due to organic loan growth primarily in our construction and development and residential mortgage portfolios. The growth in our construction and development portfolio was driven by draws on existing commitments, partially offset by payoffs. Average loan yields were 5.43% and 5.40% for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2023, compared to 4.49% and 4.23% for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2022. The increase in loan yields during the three and nine month periods were primarily driven by an increase in yields on the variable rate portfolio and an increase in yields on new loan production due to the rising interest rate environment.

Interest income on our investment securities portfolio decreased during the three months ended September 30, 2023 compared to the same period in 2022, as a result of lower average investment balances. Our average investment securities balance during the three months ended September 30, 2023 was \$78.1 million, a decrease of \$9.3 million compared to the same period in 2022. Interest income on our investment securities portfolio increased during the nine months ended September 30, 2023 compared to the same period in 2022, as a result of higher average investment balances. Our average investment securities balance during the nine months ended September 30, 2023 was \$80.1 million, an increase of \$9.3 million.

Interest expense on deposits increased during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2023 compared to the same period in 2022. Average interest-bearing deposit rates were 3.75% and 3.39% for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2023, compared to 0.73% and 0.41% for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2022. The growth in interest-bearing deposit rates was primarily attributable to the higher interest rate environment and highly competitive deposit market.

The following presents an analysis of net interest income and net interest margin during the periods presented, using daily average balances for each major category of interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities, the interest earned or paid, and the average rate earned or paid on those assets or liabilities.

		As of or for	the Three Moi	nths Ended Sep	tember 30,	
		2023			2022	
(Dollars in thousands)	Average Balance ⁽¹⁾	Interest Earned / Paid	Average Yield / Rate	Average Balance ⁽¹⁾	Interest Earned / Paid	Average Yield / Rate
Assets						
Interest-earning assets:						
Interest-bearing deposits in other financial institutions	\$ 102,510	\$ 1,292	5.00 %	\$ 101,564	\$ 528	2.06 %
Federal funds sold	_	_	_	260	5	7.63
Investment securities ⁽²⁾	78,057	607	3.09	87,340	653	2.97
Correspondent bank stock	7,162	141	7.81	4,924	108	8.70
Loans ⁽³⁾	2,502,419	34,227	5.43	2,241,343	25,344	4.49
Mortgage loans held for sale ⁽⁵⁾	12,680	214	6.70	11,535	157	5.40
Total interest-earning assets	2,702,828	36,481	5.35	2,446,966	26,795	4.34
Allowance for credit losses	(22,122)			(14,981)		
Noninterest-earning assets	125,774			126,457		
Total assets	\$ 2,806,480			\$ 2,558,442	•	
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity						
Interest-bearing liabilities:						
Interest-bearing deposits	\$ 1,846,318	17,467	3.75	\$ 1,480,288	2,706	0.73
FHLB and Federal Reserve borrowings	125,250	1,447	4.58	119,025	665	2.22
Subordinated notes	52,242	801	6.08	32,564	362	4.41
Total interest-bearing liabilities	2,023,810	19,715	3.86	1,631,877	3,733	0.91
Noninterest-bearing liabilities:						
Noninterest-bearing deposits	512,956			673,949		
Other liabilities	24,228			20,103		
Total noninterest-bearing liabilities	537,184			694,052		
Total shareholders' equity	245,486			232,513		
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 2,806,480			\$ 2,558,442		
Net interest rate spread ⁽⁶⁾			1.49			3.44
Net interest income ⁽⁷⁾		\$ 16,766			\$ 23,062	
Net interest margin ⁽⁸⁾			2.46			3.74

		As of and F	or the Nine Mo	nths Ended Sep	tember 30,		
		2023			2022		
(Dollars in thousands)	Average Balance ⁽¹⁾	Interest Earned / Paid	Average Yield / Rate	Average Balance ⁽¹⁾	Interest Earned / Paid	Average Yield / Rate	
Assets							
Interest-earning assets:							
Interest-bearing deposits in other financial institutions	\$ 121,866	\$ 4,361	4.78 %	\$ 297,571	\$ 1,306	0.59 %	
Federal funds sold	_	_	_	871	8	1.23	
Investment securities ⁽²⁾	80,090	1,863	3.11	70,800	1,408	2.66	
Correspondent bank stock	8,524	459	7.20	2,726	143	7.01	
Loans ⁽³⁾	2,484,634	100,326	5.40	2,059,213	65,104	4.23	
Mortgage loans held for sale ⁽⁵⁾	12,033	556	6.18	17,854	576	4.31	
Interest-earning assets ⁽⁴⁾	2,707,147	107,565	5.31	2,449,035	68,545	3.74	
Allowance for credit losses	(20,848)			(13,989)			
Noninterest-earning assets	125,165			121,723			
Total assets	\$ 2,811,464			\$ 2,556,769			
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity							
Interest-bearing liabilities:							
Interest-bearing deposits	\$ 1,833,514	46,423	3.39	\$ 1,544,043	4,752	0.41	
FHLB and Federal Reserve borrowings	130,426	4,182	4.29	57,963	732	1.69	
Subordinated notes	52,189	2,186	5.60	32,677	1,123	4.59	
Total interest-bearing liabilities	2,016,129	52,791	3.50	1,634,683	6,607	0.54	
Noninterest-bearing liabilities:							
Noninterest-bearing deposits	528,609			674,081			
Other liabilities	24,754			20,939			
Total noninterest-bearing liabilities	553,363			695,020			
Total shareholders' equity	241,972			227,066			
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 2,811,464			\$ 2,556,769			
Net interest rate spread ⁽⁶⁾			1.81			3.20	
Net interest income ⁽⁷⁾		\$ 54,774			\$ 61,938		
Net interest margin ⁽⁸⁾			2.71		·	3.38	

Average balance represents daily averages, unless otherwise noted.

Represents monthly averages.

Non-performing loans are included in the respective average loan balances. Income, if any, on such loans is recognized on a cash basis.

Tax-equivalent yield adjustments are immaterial.

Mortgage loans held for sale are included in the interest-earning assets above, with interest income recognized in the interest and dividend income on the interest and dividend Statements of Income. These balances are included in the margin calculations in these tables. loans, including fees line in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income. These balances are included in the margin calculations in these tables.

(6) Net interest spread is the average yield on interest-earning assets minus the average rate on interest-bearing liabilities.

(7) Net interest income is the difference between income earned on interest-earning assets and expense paid on interest-bearing liabilities.

⁽⁸⁾ Net interest margin is equal to net interest income divided by average interest-earning assets.

The following presents the dollar amount of changes in interest income and interest expense during the periods presented for each component of interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities, and distinguishes between changes attributable to volume and interest rates. Changes attributable to both rate and volume that cannot be separated have been allocated to volume (dollars in thousands):

	Tł	ree Month	s E	nded Septen	nbe	er 30, 2023	N	ine Months	ed Septemb	nber 30, 2023		
		C	om	pared to 202	22			Co	mpa	red to 2022	!	
		Increase (Decrease) Due Change in: Total Increase Change in: Volume Rate (Decrease) Volume Rate				Oue Total (Decrease		Total Increase				
	\	olume		Rate	_((Decrease)		Volume		Rate	(Decrease)	
Interest-earning assets:												
Interest-bearing deposits in other financial institutions	\$	12	\$	752	\$	764	\$	(6,288)	\$	9,343	\$ 3,055	
Federal funds sold		(5)		_		(5)		(8)		_	(8)	
Investment securities		(72)		26		(46)		216		239	455	
Correspondent bank stock		44		(11)		33		312		4	316	
Loans		3,571		5,312		8,883		17,178		18,044	35,222	
Mortgage loans held for sale		19		38		57		(269)		249	(20)	
Total increase in interest income		3,569		6,117		9,686		11,141		27,879	39,020	
Interest-bearing liabilities:												
Interest-bearing deposits		3,463		11,298		14,761		7,329		34,342	41,671	
FHLB and Federal Reserve borrowings		72		710		782		2,323		1,127	3,450	
Subordinated notes		302		137		439		817		246	1,063	
Total increase in interest expense		3,837		12,145		15,982		10,469		35,715	46,184	
Increase/(decrease) in net interest income	\$	(268)	\$	(6,028)	\$	(6,296)	\$	672	\$	(7,836)	\$ (7,164)	

Provision for Credit Losses

We have a dedicated problem loan resolution team comprised of associates from our credit, senior leadership, risk, and accounting teams that meets frequently to ensure that watch list and problem credits are identified early and actively managed. We work to identify potential losses in a timely manner and proactively manage the problem credits to minimize losses. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2023, we recorded a \$0.3 million and \$1.9 million provision for credit losses. The provision recorded for the three months ended September 30, 2023 includes a \$2.0 million allowance recorded on a non-performing asset, partially offset by reduced model loss rates used in on our quantitative model, largely driven by the economic outlook scenario assuming a soft landing as compared to a more severe and deep recession previously forecasted, and a favorable change in loan mix. The provision recorded for the nine months ended September 30, 2023 includes a \$4.0 million allowance recorded on a non-performing asset and general provisioning consistent with our net growth of the originated loan portfolio, partially offset by changes in our portfolio mix and reduced model loss rates used in our modeling.

The Company has increased loan level reviews and portfolio monitoring to address the changing environment. Management believes the financial strength of the Company's clientele and the diversity of the portfolio continues to mitigate the credit risk within the portfolio.

Non-Interest Income

The three months ended September 30, 2023 compared with the three months ended September 30, 2022. For the three months ended September 30, 2023 compared with the three months ended September 30, 2022, non-interest income decreased \$0.1 million, or 1.5%, to \$6.1 million. The decrease in non-interest income during the three months ended September 30, 2023 was primarily due to a decrease in bank fees of \$0.2 million and increase in losses on loans accounted for under the fair value option of \$0.1 million, partially offset by an increase in Trust and investment management fees of \$0.2 million.

The nine months ended September 30, 2023 compared with the nine months ended September 30, 2022. For the nine months ended September 30, 2023 compared with the nine months ended September 30, 2022, non-interest income decreased \$5.4 million, or 25.4%, to \$15.9 million. The decrease in non-interest income during the nine months ended September 30, 2023 was due to a \$1.6 million increase in losses on loans accounted for under the fair value option, a \$1.5 million decrease in net gain on mortgage loans driven by a slowdown in new lock volume on held for sale loans associated with the rising interest rate environment, and \$1.2 million of impairment to the carrying value of a contingent consideration asset recorded during the second quarter of 2023.

The following presents the significant categories of our non-interest income during the periods presented (dollars in thousands):

	Thre	e Months End	ded S	eptember 30,	Change	2
(Dollars in thousands)		2023		2022	\$	%
Non-interest income:						
Trust and investment management fees	\$	4,846	\$	4,639	\$ 207	4.5 %
Net gain on mortgage loans		654		728	(74)	(10.2)
Bank fees		427		587	(160)	(27.3)
Risk management and insurance fees		145		115	30	26.1
Income on company-owned life insurance		96		88	8	9.1
Net gain on equity interests		_		6	(6)	*
Net loss on loans accounted for under the fair value option		(252)		(134)	(118)	(88.1)
Unrealized gain/(loss) recognized on equity securities		(19)		75	(94)	*
Other		202		85	117	*
Total non-interest income	\$	6,099	\$	6,189	\$ (90)	(1.5)
	Nine	Months End	ad Ca	mtombou 30	Change	
	141116	Months End	eu se	eptember 50,	Change	5
(Dollars in thousands)		2023		2022	 <u> </u>	%
(Dollars in thousands) Non-interest income:		2023		2022	<u> </u>	
Non-interest income:	\$	14,083	\$	2022	\$ <u> </u>	%
	\$		\$		\$ \$	
Non-interest income: Trust and investment management fees	\$	14,083	\$	14,586	\$ \$ (503)	(3.4)%
Non-interest income: Trust and investment management fees Net gain on mortgage loans	\$	14,083 2,447	\$	14,586 3,955	\$ (503) (1,508)	(3.4)% (38.1)
Non-interest income: Trust and investment management fees Net gain on mortgage loans Bank fees	\$	14,083 2,447 1,610	\$	14,586 3,955 1,847	\$ \$ (503) (1,508) (237)	(3.4)% (38.1) (12.8)
Non-interest income: Trust and investment management fees Net gain on mortgage loans Bank fees Risk management and insurance fees	\$	14,083 2,447 1,610 375	\$	14,586 3,955 1,847 307	\$ \$ (503) (1,508) (237) 68	(3.4)% (38.1) (12.8) 22.1
Non-interest income: Trust and investment management fees Net gain on mortgage loans Bank fees Risk management and insurance fees Income on company-owned life insurance	\$	14,083 2,447 1,610 375 277	\$	14,586 3,955 1,847 307	\$ \$ (503) (1,508) (237) 68 16 (178)	(3.4)% (38.1) (12.8) 22.1 6.1
Non-interest income: Trust and investment management fees Net gain on mortgage loans Bank fees Risk management and insurance fees Income on company-owned life insurance Net loss on loans held for sale	\$	14,083 2,447 1,610 375 277	\$	14,586 3,955 1,847 307 261	\$ \$ (503) (1,508) (237) 68 16	% (3.4)% (38.1) (12.8) 22.1 6.1
Non-interest income: Trust and investment management fees Net gain on mortgage loans Bank fees Risk management and insurance fees Income on company-owned life insurance Net loss on loans held for sale Net gain on equity interests Net loss on loans accounted for under the fair value	\$	14,083 2,447 1,610 375 277 (178)	\$	14,586 3,955 1,847 307 261 —	\$ \$ (503) (1,508) (237) 68 16 (178) (7)	% (3.4)% (38.1) (12.8) 22.1 6.1
Non-interest income: Trust and investment management fees Net gain on mortgage loans Bank fees Risk management and insurance fees Income on company-owned life insurance Net loss on loans held for sale Net gain on equity interests Net loss on loans accounted for under the fair value option Unrealized gain/(loss) recognized on equity	\$	14,083 2,447 1,610 375 277 (178) — (1,919)	\$	14,586 3,955 1,847 307 261 — 7 (289)	\$ \$ (503) (1,508) (237) 68 16 (178) (7) (1,630)	% (3.4)% (38.1) (12.8) 22.1 6.1

^{*} Represents percentages that are not meaningful due to being insignificant or exceeding 100%

Trust and investment management fees—For the three months ended September 30, 2023 compared to the same period in 2022, our trust and investment management fees increased \$0.2 million, or 4.5%. For the nine months ended September 30, 2023 compared to the same period in 2022, our trust and investment management fees decreased \$0.5 million, or 3.4%. The increase for the three months ended September 30, 2023 was due to an increase in our fee structure starting in the third quarter of 2023. The decrease for the nine months ended September 30, 2023 was due to decreased value of average AUM balances caused by unfavorable market conditions from which fees are calculated compared to the same period a year ago, partially offset by an increase in our fee structure.

Net gain on mortgage loans—For the three months ended September 30, 2023 compared to the same period in 2022, our net gain on mortgage loans decreased by \$0.1 million, or 10.2%, to \$0.7 million. For the nine months ended September 30, 2023 compared to the same period in 2022, our net gain on mortgage loans decreased by \$1.5 million, or 38.1%, to \$2.4 million. The decrease in net gain on mortgage loans during the three and nine months was primarily driven by a slowdown in new lock volume on held for sale loans associated with the rising interest rate environment.

Bank fees— For the three months ended September 30, 2023 compared to the same period in 2022, our bank fees decreased by \$0.2 million, or 27.3%, to \$0.4 million. For the nine months ended September 30, 2023 compared to the same period in 2022, our bank fees decreased by \$0.2 million or 12.8%. The decreases during the three and nine months was primarily driven by decreased treasury management fees as a result of rising interest rates driving higher earnings credit on commercial operating balances, partially offset by higher loan fees as a result of prepayment and swap derivative activity.

Net loss on loans held for sale— During the nine months ended September 30, 2023, the Company transferred \$39.2 million of non-relationship loans held for investment to loans held for sale. Upon transfer of the loans, the Company recorded a net loss on loans held for sale of \$0.2 million, primarily attributable to the slight decline in fair value as a result of the rising interest rates on comparable loans in the market.

Net (loss)/gain on loans accounted for under the fair value option— The Company elected the fair value option on certain new loans purchased in 2022. For the three months ended September 30, 2023 compared to the same period in 2022, loans accounted for under the fair value option had an additional \$0.1 million in losses recorded. For the nine months ended September 30, 2023 compared to the same period in 2022, loans accounted for under the fair value option had an additional \$1.6 million in losses recorded. The increase for the three and nine months was attributable to net charge-offs during the periods and the decline in fair value as a result of the rising interest rates on comparable loans in the market.

Unrealized gains/(losses) on equity securities— For the three months ended September 30, 2023 compared to the same period in 2022, unrealized gain on equity securities decreased by \$0.1 million. For the nine months ended September 30, 2023 compared to the same period in 2022, our unrealized gain on equity securities decreased by \$0.4 million. The decreases were primarily driven by fair value adjustments on equity warrants in the prior year. There were no fair value adjustments on equity warrants recorded for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2023.

Other— For the three months ended September 30, 2023 compared to the same period in 2022, other income increased by \$0.1 million. For the nine months ended September 30, 2023 compared to the same period in 2022, other income decreased by \$1.1 million. The decrease for the nine months ended September 30, 2023 compared to the same period in 2022 was attributable to \$1.2 million of impairment to the carrying value of a contingent consideration asset recorded during the second quarter of 2023, related to the sale of First Western Capital Management in 2020. The value was established using asset growth assumptions provided by the buyer, which had not materialized.

Non-Interest Expense

The three months ended September 30, 2023 compared with the three months ended September 30, 2022. The decrease in non-interest expense of 4.9% to \$18.3 million for the three months ended September 30, 2023, was due to lower Salaries and employee benefits related to staffing reductions to better align with current revenue, as well as a decrease in Professional services.

The nine months ended September 30, 2023 compared with the nine months ended September 30, 2022. The decrease in non-interest expense of 3.1% to \$57.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2023, was due to lower Salaries and employee benefits related to staffing reductions to better align with current revenue and lower Technology and information system costs.

The following presents the significant categories of our non-interest expense during the periods presented (dollars in thousands):

	Thre	e Months End	ded Septen	iber 30,	Chai	nge
(Dollars in thousands)		2023	202	22	\$	%
Non-interest expense:						
Salaries and employee benefits	\$	10,968	\$	11,566	\$ (598)	(5.2)%
Occupancy and equipment		1,807		1,836	(29)	(1.6)
Professional services		1,867		2,316	(449)	(19.4)
Technology and information systems		906		1,172	(266)	(22.7)
Data processing		1,159		888	271	30.5
Marketing		355		403	(48)	(11.9)
Amortization of other intangible assets		62		77	(15)	(19.5)
Net gain on assets held for sale		_		(1)	1	100.0
Net gain on sale of other real estate owned		_		(41)	41	100.0
Other		1,190		1,044	146	14.0
	\$	18,314	\$	19,260	\$ (946)	(4.9)
	Nine	Months End	led Septem	ber 30.	Chai	nge
(Dollars in thousands)	Nine	Months End	led Septem		 Chai	nge %
(Dollars in thousands) Non-interest expense:	Nine					
	Nine		200			
Non-interest expense:	Nine	2023	200	22	\$	%
Non-interest expense: Salaries and employee benefits	Nine	2023 35,214	200	36,569	(1,355)	(3.7)%
Non-interest expense: Salaries and employee benefits Occupancy and equipment	Nine	35,214 5,660	200	36,569 5,610	\$ (1,355) 50	(3.7)%
Non-interest expense: Salaries and employee benefits Occupancy and equipment Professional services	Nine	35,214 5,660 5,648	200	36,569 5,610 5,869	\$ (1,355) 50 (221)	(3.7)% 0.9 (3.8)
Non-interest expense: Salaries and employee benefits Occupancy and equipment Professional services Technology and information systems	Nine	35,214 5,660 5,648 2,569	200	36,569 5,610 5,869 3,294	\$ (1,355) 50 (221) (725)	(3.7)% 0.9 (3.8) (22.0)
Non-interest expense: Salaries and employee benefits Occupancy and equipment Professional services Technology and information systems Data processing	Nine	35,214 5,660 5,648 2,569 3,350	200	36,569 5,610 5,869 3,294 3,062	\$ (1,355) 50 (221) (725) 288	(3.7)% 0.9 (3.8) (22.0) 9.4
Non-interest expense: Salaries and employee benefits Occupancy and equipment Professional services Technology and information systems Data processing Marketing	Nine	35,214 5,660 5,648 2,569 3,350 1,125	200	36,569 5,610 5,869 3,294 3,062 1,388	\$ (1,355) 50 (221) (725) 288 (263)	(3.7)% 0.9 (3.8) (22.0) 9.4 (18.9)
Non-interest expense: Salaries and employee benefits Occupancy and equipment Professional services Technology and information systems Data processing Marketing Amortization of other intangible assets	Nine	35,214 5,660 5,648 2,569 3,350 1,125	200	36,569 5,610 5,869 3,294 3,062 1,388 231	\$ (1,355) 50 (221) (725) 288 (263) (43)	(3.7)% 0.9 (3.8) (22.0) 9.4 (18.9) (18.6)
Non-interest expense: Salaries and employee benefits Occupancy and equipment Professional services Technology and information systems Data processing Marketing Amortization of other intangible assets Net gain on assets held for sale	Nine	35,214 5,660 5,648 2,569 3,350 1,125	200	36,569 5,610 5,869 3,294 3,062 1,388 231 (4)	\$ (1,355) 50 (221) (725) 288 (263) (43) 4	(3.7)% 0.9 (3.8) (22.0) 9.4 (18.9) (18.6) 100.0

Salaries and employee benefits— The decrease in Salaries and employee benefits of \$0.6 million, or 5.2%, for the three months ended September 30, 2023 was primarily related to lower wages and employee benefits related to staffing reductions to better align with current revenue. The decrease in Salaries and employee benefits of \$1.4 million, or 3.7% for the nine months ended September 30, 2023 was primarily related to lower wages and employee benefits related to staffing reductions to better align with current revenue, partially offset by lower deferred compensation due to fewer loan originations.

Professional services— The decrease in Professional services of \$0.4 million, or 19.4%, and \$0.2 million, or 3.8% for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2023, was driven by lower consulting and other professional fees, as the same periods a year ago had additional expenses related to the acquisition of Teton and corporate activity to support the growth of the Company. The decrease was partially offset by higher FDIC insurance costs due to the FDIC's rate increase.

Technology and information systems— The decrease in Technology and information systems of \$0.3 million, or 22.7%, and \$0.7 million, or 22.0%, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2023, was driven primarily by reduced software costs related to the trust and investment management system enhancement completed in 2022 and lower infrastructure costs due to the Company bringing certain outsourced information technology support in-house.

Marketing— The decrease in marketing of \$0.3 million, or 18.9%, for the nine months ended September 30, 2023, was driven by lower advertising costs as well as reduced client onboarding costs related to the Teton acquisition compared to the same period last year.

Other—The increase in other of \$0.1 million, or 14.0%, and \$0.4 million, or 11.9%, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2023, was driven primarily by increased subscription costs related to system and process improvements, and increased fees related to reciprocal deposit balance growth.

Income Tax

The Company recorded an income tax provision of \$1.1 million and \$2.0 million for the three months ended September 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively, reflecting an effective tax rate of 26.1% and 24.5%, respectively. The Company recorded an income tax provision of \$3.0 million and \$5.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively, reflecting an effective tax rate of 26.0% and 24.6%, respectively.

Segment Reporting

We have two reportable operating segments: Wealth Management and Mortgage. Our Wealth Management segment consists of operations relating to the Company's fully integrated wealth management products and services. Services provided include deposit, loan, insurance, and trust and investment management advisory products and services for which fee revenue is recognized. Our Mortgage segment consists of operations relating to the Company's residential mortgage service offerings. Services provided by our Mortgage segment include soliciting, originating, and selling mortgage loans into the secondary market. Mortgage products are financial in nature, for which origination fees are recognized net of origination expenses, upon the funding of the mortgage loans. Mortgage loans held for sale are accounted for under the fair value option with changes in fair value reported through earnings at inception when loans are locked to the borrower and until the loan is sold to third parties, at which time additional gains or losses on the sale are recorded. Mortgage loans originated and held for investment purposes are recorded in the Wealth Management segment, as this segment provides ongoing services to our clients.

The following presents key metrics related to our segments during the periods presented (dollars in thousands):

		Three Mo	nths E	Ended Septemb	oer 3(0, 2023		Nine Mon	ths I	Ended Septemb	e <u>r 30,</u>	2023
	M	Wealth lanagement		Mortgage	_ (onsolidated	N	Wealth Ianagement		Mortgage		onsolidated
Income ⁽¹⁾	\$	21,647	\$	889	\$	22,536	\$	65,720	\$	3,059	\$	68,779
Income/(loss) before taxes		5,102		(880)		4,222		13,286		(1,868)		11,418
Profit margin		23.6 %		(99.0)%		18.7 %		20.2 %		(61.1)%		16.6 %

		Three Mo	nths]	Ended Septemb	er 3(0, 2022		Nine Mon	ths F	Inded Septemb	e <u>r 30,</u>	, 2022
	М	Wealth anagement		Mortgage	C	Consolidated	N	Wealth Ianagement		Mortgage	C	onsolidated
Income ⁽¹⁾	\$	26,482	\$	1,013	\$	27,495	\$	75,920	\$	4,808	\$	80,728
Income/(loss) before taxes		9,125		(890)		8,235		23,062		(1,535)		21,527
Profit margin		34.5 %)	(87.9)%		30.0 %)	30.4 %		(31.9)%		26.7 %

⁽¹⁾ Net interest income after provision plus non-interest income.

The following presents selected financial metrics of each segment as of and during the periods presented (dollars in thousands):

Wealth Management

	As	of or for the Th Septem			
(Dollars in thousands)		2023	2022	 \$ Change	% Change
Total interest income	\$	36,267	\$ 26,638	\$ 9,629	36.1 %
Total interest expense		19,715	3,733	15,982	*
Provision for credit losses		329	1,756	(1,427)	(81.3)%
Net interest income, after provision for credit losses		16,223	21,149	(4,926)	(23.3)
Non-interest income		5,424	5,333	91	1.7
Total income		21,647	26,482	(4,835)	(18.3)
Depreciation and amortization expense		581	596	(15)	(2.5)
All other non-interest expense		15,964	16,761	(797)	(4.8)
Income before income taxes	\$	5,102	\$ 9,125	\$ (4,023)	(44.1)
Goodwill	\$	30,400	\$ 30,400	\$ 	_
Total assets		2 989 028	2.713.652	275 376	10.1

	As	of or for the N Septem			
(Dollars in thousands)		2023	2022	\$ Change	% Change
Total interest income	\$	107,009	\$ 67,969	\$ 39,040	57.4 %
Total interest expense		52,791	6,607	46,184	*
Provision for credit losses		1,862	 2,485	(623)	(25.1)%
Net interest income, after provision for credit losses		52,356	58,877	(6,521)	(11.1)
Non-interest income		13,364	 17,043	(3,679)	(21.6)
Total income		65,720	75,920	(10,200)	(13.4)
Depreciation and amortization expense		1,747	1,666	81	4.9
All other non-interest expense		50,687	51,192	(505)	(1.0)
Income before income taxes	\$	13,286	\$ 23,062	\$ (9,776)	(42.4)
Goodwill	\$	30,400	\$ 30,400	\$ 	
Total assets		2,989,028	2,713,652	275,376	10.1

^{*} Represents percentages that are not meaningful due to being insignificant or exceeding 100%

The Wealth Management segment reported income before income tax of \$5.1 million and \$13.3 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2023, respectively, compared to \$9.1 million and \$23.1 million for the same periods in 2022. The majority of our assets and liabilities are on the Wealth Management segment balance sheet and the decrease in income before taxes is primarily driven by a decrease in net interest income, after provision for credit losses. For the nine months ended September 30, 2023, the decrease was also attributable to a decrease in non-interest income, driven by \$1.2 million of impairment to the carrying value of contingent consideration assets and losses on loans accounted for under the fair value option. The decrease in net interest income, after provision for credit losses was driven primarily by an increase in average interest-bearing deposits with an increase on average rates on interest-bearing deposits, in addition to an increase in average interest-bearing liabilities with an increase on the average rates on interest-bearing liabilities. The provision for credit losses for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2023 included a \$2.0 million and \$4.0 million allowance, respectively, recorded on problem loan credits.

Mortgage

	A	s of or for the Ended Sep			
(Dollars in thousands)		2023	2022	\$ Change	% Change
Total interest income	\$	214	\$ 157	\$ 57	36.3
Total interest expense			_	_	
Provision for credit losses					
Net interest income, after provision for credit losses		214	157	57	36.3
Non-interest income		675	856	(181)	(21.1)
Total income		889	1,013	(124)	(12.2)
Depreciation and amortization expense		8	10	(2)	(20.0)
All other non-interest expense		1,761	1,893	(132)	(7.0)
Loss before income taxes	\$	(880)	\$ (890)	\$ 10	1.1
Total assets	\$	13,725	\$ 15,047	\$ (1,322)	(8.8)

	As o	of or for the Ni Septem	 		
(Dollars in thousands)		2023	2022	\$ Change	% Change
Total interest income	\$	556	\$ 576	\$ (20)	(3.5)
Total interest expense					_
Provision for credit losses		_	_	_	_
Net interest income, after provision for credit losses		556	576	(20)	(3.5)
Non-interest income		2,503	4,232	(1,729)	(40.9)
Total income		3,059	4,808	(1,749)	(36.4)
Depreciation and amortization expense		25	34	(9)	(26.5)
All other non-interest expense		4,902	6,309	(1,407)	(22.3)
Loss before income taxes	\$	(1,868)	\$ (1,535)	\$ (333)	(21.7)
Total assets	\$	13,725	\$ 15,047	\$ (1,322)	(8.8)

The Mortgage segment reported a loss before income tax of \$0.9 million and \$1.9 million, respectively, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2023, compared to a loss before income tax of \$0.9 million and \$1.5 million, respectively, for the same periods in 2022. The overall decrease in non-interest income was primarily driven by a slowdown in new lock volume on held for sale loans associated with rising interest rates, which continue to impact loan demand. The decrease in non-interest expense was driven by a reduction in headcount to better align the operations functions with the slowdown in volume.

Financial Condition

The following presents our Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets as of the dates noted (dollars in thousands):

	Se	eptember 30,	I	December 31,		
(Dollars in thousands)		2023		2022	 \$ Change	% Change
Balance Sheet Data:						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	271,484	\$	196,512	\$ 74,972	38.2 %
Held-to-maturity securities, at amortized cost, net of allowance for credit losses of \$71 and \$0, (fair value of \$66,487 and \$74,718, respectively)		75,539		81,056	(5,517)	(6.8)
Loans (includes \$15,464 and \$23,321 measured at fair value, respectively)		2,530,459		2,469,413	61,046	2.5
Allowance for credit losses		(23,175)		(17,183)	 (5,992)	(34.9)
Loans, net of allowance		2,507,284		2,452,230	55,054	2.2
Loans held for sale at fair value		_		1,965	(1,965)	(100.0)
Mortgage loans held for sale, at fair value		12,105		8,839	3,266	36.9
Goodwill and other intangible assets, net		31,916		32,104	(188)	(0.6)
Company-owned life insurance		16,429		16,152	277	1.7
Other assets		87,996		77,890	10,106	13.0
Total assets	\$	3,002,753	\$	2,866,748	\$ 136,005	4.7
Deposits	\$	2,419,996	\$	2,405,229	\$ 14,767	0.6
Borrowings		312,209		199,018	113,191	56.9
Other liabilities		24,292		21,637	2,655	12.3
Total liabilities		2,756,497		2,625,884	130,613	5.0
Total shareholders' equity		246,256		240,864	5,392	2.2
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$	3,002,753	\$	2,866,748	\$ 136,005	4.7

^{*} Represents percentages that are not meaningful due to being insignificant or exceeding 100%

Cash and cash equivalents increased by \$75.0 million, or 38.2%, to \$271.5 million as of September 30, 2023 compared to December 31, 2022. The increase was a result of additional Federal Reserve and FHLB borrowings obtained to support balance sheet growth and liquidity.

Investments decreased by \$5.5 million, or 6.8%, to \$75.5 million as of September 30, 2023 compared to December 31, 2022. The decrease is due to held-to-maturity securities payments received through the first nine months of 2023.

Loans increased by \$61.0 million, or 2.5%, to \$2.53 billion as of September 30, 2023 compared to December 31, 2022. The increase is due to net portfolio growth, primarily in the construction and development, non-owner occupied commercial real estate, and residential mortgage portfolios. The growth in our construction and development portfolio was driven by draws on existing commitments, partially offset by payoffs.

Mortgage loans held for sale increased \$3.3 million, or 36.9%, to \$12.1 million as of September 30, 2023 compared to December 31, 2022. The increase was driven by higher funded loan volume and the timing of loan sale settlements.

Goodwill and other intangible assets, net decreased by \$0.2 million, or 0.6%, to \$31.9 million as of September 30, 2023 compared to December 31, 2022. The decrease was driven by amortization on intangible assets.

Other assets increased by \$10.1 million, or 13.0%, to \$88.0 million as of September 30, 2023 compared to December 31, 2022. The increase was primarily driven by the purchase of correspondent bank stock, which increased, net of redemptions, by \$3.7 million as a result of increased borrowing activity. The increase was also driven by an increase in tax receivable of \$2.0 million related to estimated tax payments made during the year, and the addition of hedge swap collateral of \$1.0 million and swap derivative assets of \$1.0 million, partially offset by a decrease of \$1.4 million of contingent consideration assets, primarily driven by the \$1.2 million impairment to the carrying value of contingent consideration assets recorded during the second quarter of 2023.

Deposits increased \$14.8 million, or 0.6%, to \$2.42 billion as of September 30, 2023 compared to December 31, 2022. The increase was primarily attributable to new and expanded deposit relationships.

Money market deposit accounts increased \$52.6 million, or 3.9%, to \$1.39 billion as of September 30, 2023 compared to December 31, 2022. Time deposit accounts increased \$149.4 million, or 66.7%, from December 31, 2022 to \$373.5 million as of September 30, 2023. Negotiable order of withdrawal, or NOW accounts, decreased \$70.8 million, or 30.1%, to \$164.0 million from December 31, 2022 to September 30, 2023. These changes are a result of mix shift from lower yielding deposit products into higher yielding products as clients seek higher rates for excess liquidity.

Borrowings increased \$113.2 million, or 56.9%, to \$312.2 million as of September 30, 2023 compared to December 31, 2022. The increase was a result of additional Federal Reserve and FHLB borrowings obtained to support balance sheet growth and liquidity.

Other liabilities increased \$2.7 million, or 12.3%, to \$24.3 million as of September 30, 2023 compared to December 31, 2022. The increase is primarily attributed to a \$2.6 million increase in the allowance for credit losses on unfunded commitments primarily driven by the adoption of ASU 2016-13 on January 1, 2023, partially offset by a \$1.4 million decrease in salaries payable due to the payment of annual bonus' through the first nine months of 2023.

Total shareholders' equity increased \$5.4 million, or 2.2%, from December 31, 2022 to \$246.3 million as of September 30, 2023. The increase is primarily due to Net income for the year and a \$2.1 million increase in Additional paid-in capital driven by stock-based compensation expense, partially offset by a \$5.3 million net reduction to Retained earnings as a result of the adoption of ASU 2016-13 for Current Expected Credit Losses ("CECL").

Assets Under Management

	Three Mo	nths I	Ended	Nine Months Ended				
	Septer	nber 3	0,		Septem	ber 3	0,	
Dollars in millions)	2023		2022		2023		2022	
Managed Trust Balance as of Beginning of Period	\$ 1,957	\$	1,779	\$	1,802	\$	2,204	
New relationships	3		5		9		37	
Closed relationships	(2)		_		(8)		(1)	
Contributions	5		2		11		9	
Withdrawals	(16)		(30)		(123)		(201)	
Market change, net	 (107)		(66)	_	149	_	(358)	
Ending Balance	\$ 1,840	\$	1,690	\$	1,840	\$	1,690	
Yield*	0.19 %)	0.22 %		0.19 %		0.21	
Directed Trust Balance as of Beginning of Period	\$ 1,318	\$	1,204	\$	1,285	\$	1,309	
New relationships	_		_		_		6	
Closed relationships	(2)		(4)		(2)		(4)	
Contributions	58		29		62		50	
Withdrawals	(8)		(4)		(23)		(21	
Market change, net	 45		(29)		89		(144	
Ending Balance	\$ 1,411	<u>\$</u>	1,196	\$	1,411	\$	1,196	
Yield*	0.09 %)	0.09 %		0.08 %		0.09	
Investment Agency Balance as of Beginning of Period	\$ 1,655	\$	1,634	\$	1,618	\$	2,063	
New relationships	6		4		44		36	
Closed relationships	(32)		(13)		(77)		(53	
Contributions	13		25		54		97	
Withdrawals	(53)		(49)		(148)		(245	
Market change, net	(41)		(62)		57		(359	
Ending Balance	\$ 1,548	\$	1,539	\$	1,548	\$	1,539	
Yield*	0.84 %)	0.78 %		0.80 %		0.84	
Custody Balance as of Beginning of Period	\$ 531	\$	566	\$	493	\$	633	
New relationships	3		_		7		14	
Closed relationships	_		_		_		(1	
Contributions	7		_		52		78	
Withdrawals	(6)		(44)		(105)		(110	
Market change, net	 (28)	les .			60		(92	
Ending Balance	\$ 507	\$	522	\$	507	\$	522	
Yield*	0.03 %)	0.03 %		0.03 %		0.04	
401(k)/Retirement Balance as of Beginning of Period	\$ 1,043	\$	1,095	\$	909	\$	1,143	
New relationships	3		_		3		14	
Closed relationships	(3)		(2)		(4)		(41	
Contributions	32		35		89		86	
Withdrawals	(24)		(29)		(71)		(84	
Market change, net	39		(128)		164		(147	
Ending Balance(1)	\$ 1,090	\$	971	\$	1,090	\$	971	
Yield*	0.14 %)	0.17 %		0.14 %		0.17	
Total Assets Under Management as of Beginning of Period	\$ 6,504	\$	6,278	\$	6,107	\$	7,352	
New relationships	15		9		63		107	
Closed relationships	(39)		(19)		(91)		(100	
Contributions	115		91		268		320	
Withdrawals	(107)		(156)		(470)		(661	
Market change, net	 (92)		(285)		519		(1,100	
Total Assets Under Management	\$ 6,396	\$	5,918	\$	6,396	\$	5,918	
Yield*	0.30 %		0.32 %		0.29 %		0.33	

^{*} Trust & investment management fees divided by period end balance.

(1) AUM reported for the current period are one quarter in arrears.

AUM decreased \$108.2 million, or 1.7%, during the three months ended September 30, 2023 due to withdrawals and unfavorable market conditions partially offset by contributions. For the nine months ended September 30, 2023, AUM increased \$288.8 million, or 4.7%. The increase was attributable to improving market conditions year-over-year resulting in an increase in the value of assets under management balances offset partially by withdrawals.

Investment Securities

Investments we intend to hold for an indefinite period of time, but not necessarily to maturity, are classified as available-for-sale and are recorded at fair value using current market information from a pricing service, with unrealized gains and losses excluded from earnings and reported in other comprehensive income, net of tax. The carrying values of our investment securities classified as available-for-sale are adjusted for unrealized gain or loss, and any gain or loss is reported on an after-tax basis as a component of other comprehensive income in shareholders' equity.

Investments for which we have the intent and ability to hold to their maturity are classified as held-to-maturity securities and are recorded at amortized cost. Securities held-to-maturity are carried at cost, adjusted for the amortization of premiums and the accretion of discounts using the level-yield method over the remaining period until maturity.

The Company reassessed classification of investment securities and, effective April 1, 2022, elected to transfer all securities, fair valued at \$58.7 million, from available-for-sale to held-to-maturity. The related unrealized loss of \$2.3 million included in accumulated other comprehensive loss on April 1, 2022 remained in accumulated other comprehensive loss and is being amortized out with an offsetting entry to interest income as a yield adjustment through earnings over the remaining term of the securities. No gain or loss was recorded at the time of transfer. As of September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022, all our investments in securities were classified as held-to-maturity.

The following presents the amortized cost and estimated fair value of our investment securities as of the dates noted (dollars in thousands):

		September 30, 2023									
(Dollars in thousands)		Amortized Cost		Gross Unrecognized Gains		Gross Unrecognized Losses		Fair Value		Allowance for Credit Losses	
	Investment securities held-to-maturity:										
	U.S. Treasury debt	\$	250	\$	_	\$	(11)	\$	239	\$	_
	Corporate bonds		23,729		_		(3,334)		20,395		(71)
	Government National Mortgage Association ("GNMA") mortgage -backed securities—residential		35,503		_		(4,152)		31,351		_
	Federal National Mortgage Association ("FNMA") mortgage-backed securities—residential		6,178		_		(730)		5,448		_
	Government collateralized mortgage obligations ("GMO") and mortgage-backed securities ("MBS") - commercial		6,033		10		(558)		5,485		_
	Corporate collateralized mortgage obligations ("CMO") and mortgage-backed securities ("MBS")		3,917				(348)		3,569		_
	Total securities held-to-maturity	\$	75,610	\$	10	\$	(9,133)	\$	66,487	\$	(71)

	December 31, 2022									
(Dollars in thousands)		amortized Cost	U	Gross Inrecognized Gains	Gross Unrecognized Losses		Fair Value			
Investment securities held-to-maturity:										
U.S. Treasury debt	\$	243	\$	_	\$	(9)	\$	234		
Corporate bonds		23,819		_		(2,453)		21,366		
GNMA mortgage-backed securities—residential		39,426		_		(2,800)		36,626		
FNMA mortgage-backed securities—residential		6,708		_		(506)		6,202		
GMO and MBS—commercial		6,786		13		(403)		6,396		
CMO and MBS		4,074				(180)		3,894		
Total securities held-to-maturity	\$	81,056	\$	13	\$	(6,351)	\$	74,718		

The following presents the book value of our contractual maturities and weighted average yield for our investment securities as of the dates presented. Contractual maturities may differ from expected maturities because issuers can have the right to call or prepay obligations without penalties. Our investments are taxable securities. The weighted average yield for each range of maturities was calculated using the yield on each security within that range weighted by the amortized cost of each security as of September 30, 2023. Weighted average yields are not presented on a taxable equivalent basis.

					Matu	rities as of So	eptemb	er 30, 20	23			
	C	ne Year (or Less	(One to Five	Years	F	ive to Te	n Years		After Ter	Years
(Dollars in thousands)		ortized Cost	Weighted Average Yield		ortized Cost	Weighted Average Yield		ortized Cost	Weighted Average Yield	An	nortized Cost	Weighted Average Yield
Held-to-maturity:												
U.S. Treasury debt	\$	250	*	\$		— %	\$	_	— %	\$	_	— %
Corporate bonds		_	_		1,993	0.12	2	21,495	1.29		241	0.01
GNMA mortgage- backed securities - residential		_	_		75	*		_	_		35,428	1.15
FNMA mortgage- backed securities - residential		_	_		_	_		1,164	0.02		5,014	0.13
Government CMO and MBS - commercial		_	_		204	0.01		1,406	0.06		4,423	0.13
Corporate CMO and MBS								21	*		3,896	0.20
Total held-to-maturity	\$	250	*	\$	2,272	0.13 %	\$ 2	24,086	1.37 %	\$	49,002	1.62 %
					Mati	urities as of I	Decem	ber 31, 20	22			
		One Yea	r or Less		One to Fi	ive Years		Five to T	en Years	After Ten Years		
(Dollars in thousands)		ortized Cost	Weighted Average Yield	A	mortized Cost	Weighted Average Yield		ortized Cost	Weighted Average Yield		ortized Cost	Weighted Average Yield
Held-to-maturity:			11010									11010
U.S. Treasury debt	\$	_	%	6 \$	243	*	\$	_	— %	\$	_	— %
Corporate bonds		_	_		1,991	0.11 %	ó 2	21,548	1.20		280	0.01
GNMA mortgage- backed securities - residential		_			103	k	k	_			39,323	1.22
FNMA mortgage- backed securities - residential		_	_		_	_		1,334	0.02		5,374	0.12
Government CMO and												

MBS - commercial

MBS

Corporate CMO and

Total held-to-maturity \$

As of September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022, there were no holdings of securities of any one issuer, other than the U.S. Government and its agencies, in an amount greater than 10% of shareholders' equity.

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47

1,200

0.11 % \$ 24,108

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5,539

4,048

1.26 % \$ 54,564

0.14

0.19

1.68 %

^{*} Represents percentages that are not meaningful due to being insignificant or exceeding 100%

Allowance for Credit Losses for HTM Securities

On January 1, 2023, the Company adopted the new CECL standard, ASU 2016-13, using the modified retrospective method for all financial assets measured at amortized cost. Management measures expected credit losses on held-to-maturity debt securities on a collective basis by major security type. The majority of our held-to-maturity investment portfolio consists of securities issues by U.S. government entities and agencies and we consider the risk of credit loss to be zero and, therefore, we do not record an ACL. The Company's non-government backed securities include private label CMO and MBS as well as bank subordinated debt. Accrued interest receivable on held-to-maturity debt securities totaled \$0.5 million at September 30, 2023 and is excluded from the estimate of credit losses. The following table presents the activity in the allowance for credit losses for debt securities held-to-maturity by major security type for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2023:

Three Months Ended September 30, 2023	Corporat	e Bonds Corpor	rate CMO
Allowance for credit losses:			
Beginning balance	\$	71 \$	_
Provision for credit losses		_	_
Securities charged-off (recoveries)			_
Total ending allowance balance	\$	71 \$	_

Nine Months Ended September 30, 2023	Corpor	ate Bonds	Corporate CMO		
Allowance for credit losses:					
Beginning balance	\$		\$		
Impact of ASU 2016-13 adoption ⁽¹⁾		71		_	
Provision for credit losses		_		_	
Securities charged-off (recoveries)				_	
Total ending allowance balance	\$	71	\$		

Loan Portfolio

Our primary source of interest income is derived through interest earned on loans to high net worth individuals and their related commercial interests. Our senior lending and credit team consists of seasoned, experienced personnel and we believe that our officers are well versed in the types of lending in which we are engaged. Underwriting policies and decisions are managed centrally and the approval process is tiered based on loan size, making the process consistent, efficient, and effective. The management team and credit culture demands prudent, practical, and conservative approaches to all credit requests in compliance with the loan policy guidelines to ensure strong credit underwriting practices.

In addition to originating loans for our own portfolio, we conduct mortgage banking activities in which we originate and sell servicing-released, whole loans in the secondary market. Our mortgage banking loan sale activities are primarily directed at originating single family mortgages that are priced and underwritten to conform to previously agreed-upon criteria before loan funding and are delivered to the investor shortly after funding. The level of future loan originations, loan sales, and loan repayments depends on overall credit availability, the interest rate environment, the strength of the general economy, local real estate markets and the housing industry, and conditions in the secondary loan sale market. The amount of gain or loss on the sale of loans is primarily driven by market conditions and changes in interest rates, as well as our pricing and asset liability management strategies. As of September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022, we had mortgage loans held for sale of \$12.1 million and \$8.8 million, respectively, in residential mortgage loans we originated.

Beginning in the first quarter of 2022, the Company entered into whole loan purchase agreements to acquire third party originated and serviced unsecured consumer loans to hold for investment. As of September 30, 2023, the Company has \$15.5 million in loans accounted for under the fair value option with an unpaid principal balance amount of \$16.1 million. See Note 13 – Fair Value in the Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

As of September 30, 2023, the Company has \$4.8 million in PPP loans outstanding with \$0.1 million in remaining fees to be recognized. The remaining fees represent the net amount of the fees from the SBA for participation in the PPP less the loan origination costs on these loans. The current amortization of this income is being recognized over a five-year period from the time of origination, however, if a loan receives full forgiveness from the SBA or if the borrower repays the loan, the remaining income will be recognized upon payoff.

On January 1, 2023, the Company adopted ASU 2016-13, Current Expected Credit Losses or CECL which requires an allowance for credit losses on all portfolio loans including purchased loans without credit deterioration. As of September 30, 2023, the Company held \$212.2 million in acquired loans with \$1.9 million in allowance for credit losses as well as \$3.8 million in unamortized discounts.

The following presents the amortized cost of our loan portfolio by type of loan as of the dates noted (dollars in thousands):

	Septem	ber 30,	December 31,			
	203	23	20	22		
	Amount	% of Total	Amount	% of Total		
Cash, Securities, and Other ⁽¹⁾	\$ 148,618	5.9 %	\$ 165,559	6.7 %		
Consumer and Other	23,464	0.9	26,070	1.0		
Construction and Development	347,053	13.8	285,627	11.7		
1-4 Family Residential	915,011	36.5	899,722	36.8		
Non-Owner Occupied CRE	523,910	20.8	493,134	20.2		
Owner Occupied CRE	206,958	8.2	214,189	8.8		
Commercial and Industrial	 349,981	13.9	361,791	14.8		
Loans held for investment at amortized cost	\$ 2,514,995	100.0 %	\$ 2,446,092	100.0 %		
Loans accounted for under the fair value option ⁽²⁾	\$ 15,464		\$ 23,321			
Total loans held for investment	 2,530,459		 2,469,413			
Mortgage loans held for sale, at fair value ⁽³⁾	12,105		8,839			
Loans held for sale, at fair value	_		1,965			

⁽¹⁾ Includes PPP loans of \$4.8 million and \$6.9 million as of September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022, respectively.

- Cash, Securities, and Other—consists of consumer and commercial purpose loans, which are primarily secured by securities managed and under custody with us, cash on deposit with us, or life insurance policies. In addition, loans in this portfolio are collateralized with other sources of collateral. This segment of our portfolio is affected by a variety of local and national economic factors affecting borrowers' employment prospects, income levels, and overall economic sentiment. PPP loans that are fully guaranteed by the SBA are classified within this line item and had balances of \$4.8 million and \$6.9 million as of September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022, respectively.
- Consumer and Other—consists of unsecured consumer loans.
- Construction and Development—consists of loans to finance the construction of residential and non-residential properties. These loans are dependent on the strength of the industries of the related borrowers and the risks consistent with construction projects.
- 1-4 Family Residential—consists of loans and home equity lines of credit secured by 1-4 family residential properties. These loans typically enable borrowers to purchase or refinance existing homes, most of which serve as the primary residence of the owner. In addition, some borrowers secure a commercial purpose loan with owner occupied or non-owner occupied 1-4 family residential properties. Loans in this segment are dependent on the industries tied to these loans as well as the national and local economies, and local residential and commercial real estate markets.

⁽²⁾ Includes \$16.1 million and \$23.4 million of unpaid principal balance of loans held for investment accounted for under fair value option as of September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022, respectively.

⁽³⁾ Includes \$12.1 million and \$8.8 million of unpaid principal balance of mortgage loans held for sale as of September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022, respectively.

- Commercial Real Estate, Owner Occupied, and Non-Owner Occupied—consists of commercial loans collateralized by real estate. These loans may be collateralized by owner occupied or non-owner occupied real estate, as well as multi-family residential real estate. These loans are dependent on the strength of the industries of the related borrowers and the success of their businesses.
- Commercial and Industrial—consists of commercial and industrial loans, including working capital lines of credit, permanent working capital term loans, business asset loans, acquisition, expansion and development loans, and other loan products, primarily in our target markets. This portfolio primarily consists of term loans and lines of credit which are dependent on the strength of the industries of the related borrowers and the success of their businesses. MSLP loans of \$5.1 million and \$5.9 million as of September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022, respectively, are classified within this line item.
- Loans held for investment accounted for under the fair value option—consists of unsecured consumer loans that had an unpaid principal balance of \$16.1 million and \$23.4 million as of September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022, respectively.

The contractual maturity ranges of loans in our loan portfolio and the amount of such loans with fixed and floating interest rates in each maturity range, at amortized cost as of the dates noted, are summarized in the following tables:

	As of September 30, 2023											
(Dollars in thousands)		One Year or Less		One Through Five Years			ve Through fteen Years	Fi	After ifteen Years		Total	
Cash, Securities, and												
Other	\$	79,261	\$	67,461	(1)	\$	1,216	\$	680	\$	148,618	
Consumer and Other		17,112		3,801			1,308		1,243		23,464	
Construction and												
Development		121,432		181,745			35,349		8,527		347,053	
1-4 Family Residential		42,270		161,617			34,671		676,453		915,011	
Non-Owner Occupied												
CRE		30,009		314,239			166,416		13,246		523,910	
Owner Occupied CRE		20,006		88,715			89,239		8,998		206,958	
Commercial and Industrial		114,818		189,603			45,560		_		349,981	
Total	\$	424,908	\$	1,007,181		\$	373,759	\$	709,147	\$	2,514,995	
Loans accounted for under												
the fair value option		173		14,708			583				15,464	
Total loans	\$	425,081	\$	1,021,889		\$	374,342	\$	709,147	\$	2,530,459	
Amounts with fixed rates		139,497		708,703			251,464		23,612		1,123,276	
Amounts with floating												
rates		285,584		313,186			122,878		685,535		1,407,183	
Total loans	\$	425,081	\$	1,021,889		\$	374,342	\$	709,147	\$	2,530,459	

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(Dollars in thousands)	One Year or Less	(One Through Five Years		ve Through ifteen Years	Fi	After fteen Years	Total	
Cash, Securities, and Other	\$ 58,461	\$	104,848	(1)	\$ 1,565	\$	685	\$ 165,559	
Consumer and Other	16,955		6,570		1,495		1,050	26,070	
Construction and Development	71,046		199,632		14,694		255	285,627	
1-4 Family Residential	25,862		179,207		34,205		660,448	899,722	
Non-Owner Occupied CRE	34,341		258,327		185,297		15,169	493,134	
Owner Occupied CRE	6,427		81,499		114,734		11,529	214,189	
Commercial and Industrial	94,513		218,043		49,235			361,791	
Total	\$ 307,605	\$	1,048,126		\$ 401,225	\$	689,136	\$ 2,446,092	
Loans accounted for under the fair value option	17		22,563		741		<u> </u>	 23,321	
Total loans	\$ 307,622	\$	1,070,689		\$ 401,966	\$	689,136	\$ 2,469,413	
Amounts with fixed rates	126,298		505,084		202,062		86,872	920,316	
Amounts with floating rates	181,324		565,605		199,904		602,264	1,549,097	
Total loans	\$ 307,622	\$	1,070,689		\$ 401,966	\$	689,136	\$ 2,469,413	

⁽¹⁾ Includes PPP loans.

Loan Modifications

On January 1, 2023 the Company adopted ASU 2022-02, which introduces new reporting requirements for modifications of loans to borrowers experiencing financial difficulty. GAAP requires that certain types of modifications of loans in response to a borrower's financial difficulty be reported and include the following; (i) principal forgiveness, (ii) interest rate reduction, (iii) other than insignificant payment delay, (iv) term extension, or (v) any combination of the foregoing. ASU 2022-02 eliminates the recognition measurement guidance for troubled debt restructured ("TDR") loans, and instead requires an entity to evaluate whether a modification represents a new loan or a continuation of an existing loan in accordance with ASC Topic 310-20, Receivables - Nonrefundable Fees and Other Costs. If a modification results in a new loan under the guidance, the Company will recognize any unearned deferred net revenue and measure the ACL on the loan on a collective basis rather than individually analyzed.

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, a loan modification program was designed and implemented to assist our clients experiencing financial stress resulting from the economic impacts caused by the global pandemic. The Company was offering loan extensions, temporary payment moratoriums, and financial covenant waivers for commercial and consumer borrowers impacted by the pandemic who have a pass risk rating and have not been delinquent over 30 days on payments in the last two years.

In 2021, the deferral period ended for all non-acquired loans previously modified and payments resumed under the original terms. As of September 30, 2023, the Company's loan portfolio included 43 non-acquired loans which were previously modified under the loan modification program, totaling \$72.9 million. Through the Teton Acquisition, the Company acquired loans which were previously modified and are no longer in their deferral period. As of September 30, 2023, there were 14 of these loans, totaling \$3.0 million.

All loans modified in response to COVID-19 are classified as performing and pass rated as of September 30, 2023 and included in the allowance for credit losses. Management has increased our loan level reviews and portfolio monitoring to address the changing environment. Management believes the diversity of the loan portfolio is prudent and remains consistent with the credit culture and goals of the Bank.

Interest accrued during the modification term on modified loans is deferred to the end of the loan term. Interest receivable is excluded from the estimate of credit losses.

The following table presents the amortized cost basis as of September 30, 2023 of the loans modified to borrowers experiencing financial difficulty during the year ended September 30, 2023, disaggregated by class of financing receivable and type of concession granted during the period. The percentage of the amortized cost basis of loans that were modified to borrowers in financial distress as compared to the amortized cost basis of each class of financing receivable is also presented below.

	cipal veness	est rate uction	erm ension	term and	nbination: extension principal giveness	tei and	ombination: rm extension l interest rate reduction	Total class of financing receivable
Commercial and Industrial	\$ 	\$	\$	\$	185	\$	_	0.1 %
Total	\$ 	\$	\$ _	\$	185	\$		

The following table presents the financial effect by type of modification made to borrowers experiencing financial difficulty for the period ended September 30, 2023:

	Principal forgiveness	Interest rate reduction	Term extension
			Added a weighted-average 2.8
	Reduced the amortized		years to the life of the loan, which
	cost basis of the loan by		reduced monthly payment amounts
Commercial and Industrial	\$185 thousand	<u>—</u>	for the borrower

Non-Performing Assets

Non-performing assets include non-accrual loans and OREO. The accrual of interest on loans is discontinued at the time the loan becomes 90 or more days delinquent unless the loan is well secured and in the process of collection or renewal due to maturity. Past due status is based on the contractual terms of the loan. In all cases, loans are placed on non-accrual status or charged off if collection of interest or principal is considered doubtful.

OREO represents assets acquired through, or in lieu of, foreclosure. The amounts reported as OREO are supported by recent appraisals, with the appraised values adjusted, where applicable, for expected transaction fees likely to be incurred upon sale of the property. We incur recurring expenses relating to OREO in the form of maintenance, taxes, insurance, and legal fees, among others, until the OREO parcel is disposed. While disposition efforts with respect to our OREO are generally ongoing, if these properties are appraised at lower-than-expected values or if we are unable to sell the properties at the prices for which we expect to be able to sell them, we may incur additional losses. During the year ended December 31, 2022, we recognized an immaterial amount of gains on the sale of OREO.

The amount of lost interest for non-accrual loans was \$1.9 million and \$0.1 million for the three months ended September 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively. For the nine months ended September 30, 2023 and 2022, the amount of lost interest was \$2.8 million and \$0.1 million.

We had amortized cost of \$55.6 million and \$12.3 million in non-performing assets as of September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022, respectively.

The following presents the amortized cost basis of non-performing loans as of the dates noted (dollars in thousands):

	Sep	otember 30,	Do	ecember 31,
		2023		2022
Non-accrual loans by category				
Cash, Securities, and Other	\$	1,704	\$	4
Consumer and Other		7,503		5
Construction and Development				201
1-4 Family Residential		3,063		_
Owner Occupied CRE		3,980		1,165
Commercial and Industrial		39,370		10,762
Total non-accrual loans		55,620		12,137
OREO		_		_
Total non-performing assets	\$	55,620	\$	12,137
Non-accrual loans to total loans ⁽¹⁾		2.21 %		0.50 %
Non-performing assets to total assets		1.85		0.43
Allowance for credit losses to non-accrual loans		41.67		139.14
Accruing loans 90 or more days past due	\$	_	\$	25

⁽¹⁾ Excludes mortgage loans held for sale of \$12.1 million and \$8.8 million as of September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022, respectively. Excludes \$16.1 million and \$23.4 million of unpaid principal balance of loans held for investment accounted for under the fair value option.

Credit Quality Indicators

We categorize loans into risk categories based on relevant information about the ability of the borrowers to service their debt, such as: current financial information, historical payment experience, credit documentation, public information, and current economic trends, among other factors. We analyze loans individually by classifying the loans by credit risk on a quarterly basis, which are segregated into the following definitions for risk ratings:

Special Mention—Loans categorized as special mention have a potential weakness or borrowing relationships that require more than the usual amount of management attention. Adverse industry conditions, deteriorating financial conditions, declining trends, management problems, documentation deficiencies, or other similar weaknesses may be evident. Ability to meet current payment schedules may be questionable, even though interest and principal are still being paid as agreed. The asset has potential weaknesses that may result in deteriorating repayment prospects if left uncorrected. Loans in this risk grade are not considered adversely classified.

Substandard—Substandard loans are considered "classified" and are inadequately protected by the current net worth and paying capacity of the obligor or by the collateral pledged, if any. Loans so classified have a well-defined weakness or weaknesses that jeopardizes the liquidation of the debt. They are characterized by the distinct possibility that the Bank will sustain some loss if the deficiencies are not corrected. Loans in this category may be placed on non-accrual status and may individually be evaluated.

Doubtful—Loans graded doubtful are considered "classified" and have all the weaknesses inherent in those classified as Substandard with the added characteristic that the weaknesses make collection or liquidation in full, on the basis of currently known facts, conditions, and values, highly questionable and improbable. However, the amount or certainty of eventual loss is not known because of specific pending factors.

Loans accounted for under the fair value option are not rated.

Loans not meeting any of the three criteria above are considered to be pass-rated loans.

As of September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022, non-performing loans of \$55.6 million and \$12.1 million, respectively, were included in the substandard category in the table below. The following presents the amortized cost basis of loans by credit quality indicator, by class of financing receivable, as of the dates noted (dollars in thousands):

	As of September 30, 2023									
		Pass		Special Mention		Substandard		Not Rated		Total
Cash, Securities, and Other ⁽¹⁾	\$	146,914	\$	_	\$	1,704	\$	_	\$	148,618
Consumer and Other ⁽²⁾		15,964		_		7,500		15,464		38,928
Construction and Development		347,053		_		_		_		347,053
1-4 Family Residential		911,948		_		3,063		_		915,011
Non-Owner Occupied CRE		518,878		5,032		_		_		523,910
Owner Occupied CRE		202,978		_		3,980		_		206,958
Commercial and Industrial		306,521		2,304		41,156		_		349,981
Total	\$	2,450,256	\$	7,336	\$	57,403	\$	15,464	\$	2,530,459

		As	of	December 31, 20	22		
	 Pass	Special Mention		Substandard		Not Rated	Total
Cash, Securities, and Other ⁽¹⁾	\$ 165,555	\$ _	\$	4	\$	_	\$ 165,559
Consumer and Other ⁽²⁾	26,070	_		_		23,321	49,391
Construction and Development	285,426	_		201		_	285,627
1-4 Family Residential	899,722	_		_		_	899,722
Non-Owner Occupied CRE	493,134	_		_		_	493,134
Owner Occupied CRE	213,024	_		1,165		_	214,189
Commercial and Industrial	 348,844	2,185		10,762			361,791
Total	\$ 2,431,775	\$ 2,185	\$	12,132	\$	23,321	\$ 2,469,413

⁽¹⁾ Includes PPP loans of \$4.8 million and \$6.9 million as of September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022, respectively.

Allowance for Credit Losses on Loans

On January 1, 2023, the Company adopted the new CECL standard, ASU 2016-13, using the modified retrospective method for all financial assets measured at amortized cost. Reporting periods beginning after January 1, 2023 are presented under ASU 2016-13 while prior period amounts continue to be reported in accordance with previously applicable GAAP. Beginning January 1, 2023, the allowance for credit losses for loans is measured on the loan's amortized cost basis, excluding interest receivable. Interest receivable excluded at September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022 was \$10.8 million and \$9.8 million, respectively.

The allowance for credit losses ("ACL") is a valuation account that is deducted from the loans' amortized cost basis to present the net amount expected to be collected on the loans. The ACL excludes loans held for sale and loans accounted for under the fair value option. The Company elected to not measure an ACL for accrued interest receivables, as we write off applicable accrued interest receivable balances in a timely manner when a loan is placed on non-accrual status, in which any accrued but uncollected interest is reversed from current income. Loans are charged off against the allowance when management believes the uncollectibility of a loan balance is confirmed. Expected recoveries do not exceed the aggregate of amounts previously charged-off and expected to be charged-off. Management estimates the allowance balance using relevant available information, from internal and external sources, related to past events, current conditions, and reasonable and supportable forecasts. Actual Company and regional peer historical credit loss experience provides the basis for the estimation of expected credit losses. The Company identified and grouped portfolio segments based on risk characteristics and underlying collateral. The call code for each financial asset type was assessed and, where appropriate, expanded for certain call codes into separate segments based on risk characteristics.

⁽²⁾ Includes \$16.1 million and \$23.4 million of unpaid principal balance of loans held for investment accounted for under fair value option as of September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022, respectively.

ACL for pooled loans are estimated using a discounted cash flow ("DCF") methodology using the amortized cost basis (excluding interest) for all loans modeled within a performing pool of loans. The DCF analysis pairs loan-level term information, for example, maturity date, payment amount, interest rate, with top-down pool assumptions such as default rates, prepayment speeds, to produce individual expected cash flows for every instrument in the segment. The results are then aggregated to produce segment level results and reserve requirements for each segment.

The quantitative DCF model also incorporates forward-looking macroeconomic information over a reasonable and supportable period of two years. Subsequent to two year period, the Company reverts to its historical loss rate and historical prepayment and curtailment speeds on a straight-line basis over a one year reversion period.

The Company applies qualitative factors to capture losses that are expected but may not be adequately reflected in the quantitative model described above. Qualitative adjustments are made based on management's assessment of the risks that may lead to a future loan loss or differences in current loan-specific risk characteristics such as differences in underwriting standards, portfolio mix, changes in environmental and economic conditions, or other relevant factors.

Loans that do not share risk characteristics are evaluated on an individual basis. Loans evaluated individually are not included in the pooled loan evaluation. When management determines that foreclosure is probable, expected credit losses are based on the fair value of the collateral at the reporting date, adjusted for selling costs as appropriate.

Allowance for credit losses - held-to-maturity securities: Held-to maturity securities are carried at amortized cost when management has the positive intent and ability to hold them to maturity. The majority of our held-to-maturity investment portfolio consists of securities issues by U.S. government entities and agencies. These securities are either explicitly or implicitly guaranteed by the U.S. government, are highly rated by major rating agencies, and have a long history of no credit losses. With respect to these securities, we consider the risk of credit loss to be zero and, therefore, we do not record an ACL for these securities. The Company's non-government backed securities include private label CMO and MBS and bank subordinated debt. Private label refers to private institutions such as brokerage firms, banks, and home builders, that also securitize mortgages.

Management measures expected credit losses on held-to-maturity debt securities on a collective basis by major security type. Accrued interest receivable on held-to-maturity debt securities is excluded from the estimate of credit losses. The estimate of expected credit losses considers historical credit loss information that is adjusted for current conditions and reasonable and supportable forecasts. Management classifies the held-to-maturity portfolio into the follow major security types: Corporate bonds and Corporate CMO.

Allowance for credit losses - off-balance sheet credit exposures: The Company estimates expected credit losses over the contractual period in which the Company is exposed to credit risk via a contractual obligation to extend credit, unless that obligation is unconditionally cancellable by the Company. The allowance for credit losses on off-balance sheet credit exposures is adjusted through the Provision for credit losses and is recorded in Other liabilities. The estimate includes consideration of the likelihood that funding will occur and an estimate of expected credit losses on commitments expected to be funded over its estimated life. The probability of funding is based on historical utilization statistics for unfunded loan commitments. The loss rates used are calculated using the same assumptions as the associated funded balance.

The Allowance for credit losses on loans ("ACL") represents Management's best estimate of current expected credit losses on loans considering available information, from internal and external sources, relevant to assessing collectibility over the loans' contractual terms, adjusted for expected prepayments when appropriate. Our quantitative discounted cash flow models use economic forecasts including; housing price index ("HPI"), gross domestic product ("GDP"), and national unemployment. The HPI, GDP, and unemployment twelve month forecasts used in our model as of September 30, 2023 is based on a slightly improved macro-economic forecast assuming a soft landing as compared to assumptions previously used as of January 1, 2023 projecting the likelihood of a deeper recession. As a result, we forecasted decreased probability of default rates and loss given default rates which in turn reduced our model loss rates, partially offset by loan growth and changes in our segment mix, resulting in a \$1.5 million release of provision on pooled loans for the nine months ended September 30, 2023. The allowance on individually analyzed loans was \$4.0 million as of September 30, 2023.

The following presents summary information regarding our allowance for credit losses during the periods presented (dollars in thousands):

	Three Months Ended September 30,			N	ine Months End	ed September 30,		
		2023		2022	2023			2022
Average loans outstanding ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	\$ 2	,502,419	\$	2,241,343	\$	2,484,634	\$ 2	2,059,213
Total loans outstanding at end of period ⁽³⁾	\$ 2	,514,995	\$	2,328,451	\$	2,514,995	\$ 2	,328,451
Allowance for credit losses at beginning of period	\$	22,044	\$	14,357	\$	17,183	\$	13,732
Impact of adopting ASU 2016-13						3,470		
Provision for credit losses		1,321		1,756		2,725		2,485
Charge-offs:								
Cash, Securities, and Other		_		_		_		_
Consumer and Other		(12)		(50)		(42)		(242)
Construction and Development		_		_		_		_
1-4 Family Residential		_		_		_		_
Non-Owner Occupied CRE		_		_		_		_
Owner Occupied CRE		_		_		_		_
Commercial and Industrial		(186)		_		(186)		_
Total charge-offs		(198)		(50)		(228)		(242)
Recoveries:								
Cash, Securities, and Other		_		_		_		_
Consumer and Other		4		18		19		106
Construction and Development		_		_		_		
1-4 Family Residential		3		_		3		_
Non-Owner Occupied CRE		_		_		_		
Owner Occupied CRE		_		_		_		_
Commercial and Industrial		1		_		3		
Total recoveries		8		18		25		106
Net (charge-offs) recoveries		(190)		(32)		(203)		(136)
Allowance for credit losses at end of period	\$	23,175	\$	16,081	\$	23,175	\$	16,081
Allowance for credit losses to total loans ⁽⁴⁾		0.92 %		0.69 %		0.92 %		0.69 %
Net charge-offs to average loans		0.01		*		0.01		0.01

⁽¹⁾ Average balances are average daily balances.

(2) Excludes average outstanding balances of mortgage loans held for sale of \$12.7 million and \$11.5 million for the three months ended September 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively, and \$12.0 million and \$17.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

⁽³⁾ Excludes mortgage loans held for sale of \$12.1 million and \$12.7 million as of September 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively. Includes \$4.4 million and \$6.9 million in bank originated PPP loans as of September 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively, and \$0.4 million and \$0.8 million of acquired PPP loans as of September 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively. Excludes \$16.1 million and \$22.6 million of unpaid principal balance of loans held for investment accounted for under the fair value option.

⁽⁴⁾ Allowance for credit loss amounts for periods prior to the ASU 2016-13 adoption date of January 1, 2023 are reported in accordance with previously applicable GAAP.

^(*) Immaterial

The following presents the allocation of the allowance for credit losses among loan categories and other summary information. The allocation for credit losses by category should neither be interpreted as an indication of future charge-offs, nor as an indication that charge-offs in future periods will necessarily occur in these amounts or in the indicated proportions. The allocation of a portion of the allowance for credit losses to one category of loans does not preclude its availability to absorb losses in other categories.

	As of Septem	ber 30, 2023	As of December 31, 2022			
(Dollars in thousands)	Amount	°⁄°(2)	Amount ⁽¹⁾	°/0(2)		
Cash, Securities, and Other	\$ 1,126	5.9 %	\$ 1,198	6.7 %		
Consumer and Other	114	0.9	191	1.0		
Construction and Development	7,901	13.8	2,025	11.7		
1-4 Family Residential	3,620	36.5	6,309	36.8		
Non-Owner Occupied CRE	2,255	20.8	3,490	20.2		
Owner Occupied CRE	1,010	8.2	1,510	8.8		
Commercial and Industrial	 7,149	13.9	2,460	14.8		
Total allowance for credit losses	\$ 23,175	100.0 %	\$ 17,183	100.0 %		

⁽¹⁾ Allowance for credit loss amounts for periods prior to the ASU 2016-13 adoption date of January 1, 2023 are reported in accordance with previously applicable GAAP.

Allowance for credit losses - off-balance sheet credit exposures

The Company estimates expected credit losses over the contractual period in which the Company is exposed to credit risk via a contractual obligation to extend credit, unless that obligation is unconditionally cancellable by the Company. The allowance for credit losses on off-balance sheet credit exposures is adjusted through Provision for credit losses and is recorded in Other liabilities. The estimate includes consideration of the likelihood that funding will occur and an estimate of expected credit losses on commitments expected to be funded over its estimated life. The probability of funding is based on historical utilization statistics for unfunded loan commitments. The loss rates used are calculated using the same assumptions as the associated funded balance. Refer above for changes in the factors that influenced the current estimate of ACL and reasons for the changes. The following table presents the changes in the ACL on unfunded loan commitments:

	onths Ended ber 30, 2023	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2023		
Beginning balance	\$ 4,029	\$	419	
Impact of adopting ASU 2016-13			3,481	
Provision for credit losses	 (991)		(862)	
Ending balance	\$ 3,038	\$	3,038	

Deferred Tax Assets, Net

Deferred tax assets, net represent the differences in timing of when items are recognized for GAAP purposes and when they are recognized for tax purposes, as well as our net operating losses. Our deferred tax assets, net are valued based on the amounts that are expected to be recovered in the future utilizing the tax rates in effect at the time recognized. Our deferred tax assets, net as of September 30, 2023, decreased \$0.3 million, or 4.2%, compared to December 31, 2022.

Deposits

Our deposit products include money market accounts, demand deposit accounts, time deposit accounts (typically certificates of deposit), NOW accounts (interest checking accounts), and savings accounts. Our accounts are federally insured by the FDIC up to the legal maximum amount.

⁽²⁾ Represents the percentage of loans to total loans in the respective category.

Total deposits increased by \$14.8 million, or 0.6%, to \$2.42 billion as of September 30, 2023 from December 31, 2022. Total average deposits for the three months ended September 30, 2023 were \$2.36 billion, an increase of \$205.0 million, or 9.5%, compared to \$2.15 billion as of September 30, 2022. The increase in total deposits from December 31, 2022 was primarily attributable to new and expanded deposit relationships. The increase in average deposits for the three months ended September 30, 2023 compared to the same period in 2022 was driven primarily by new and expanded deposit relationships.

The following presents the average balances and average rates paid on deposits during the periods presented (dollars in thousands):

	As of or for the Three Month Period Ending September 30,									
		2023	3	2022						
(Dollars in thousands)		Average Balance	Average Rate	Average Balance	Average Rate					
Deposits										
Money market deposit accounts	\$	1,293,580	4.05 % \$	1,019,639	0.91 %					
Demand deposit accounts		159,219	0.38	289,545	0.14					
Uninsured time deposits		67,273	4.08	52,992	1.24					
Other time deposits		309,030	4.37	87,514	0.50					
Total time deposits		376,303	4.32	140,506	0.78					
Savings accounts		17,216	0.09	30,598	0.02					
Total interest-bearing deposits		1,846,318	3.75	1,480,288	0.73					
Noninterest-bearing accounts		512,956		673,949						
Total deposits	\$	2,359,274	2.94 % \$	2,154,237	0.50 %					

		As of and for the Nine Months Ended September 30,									
		2023	3	2022							
(Dollars in thousands)		Average Balance	Average Rate	Average Balance	Average Rate						
Deposits											
Money market deposit accounts	\$	1,279,310	3.75 % \$	1,057,051	0.45 %						
NOW accounts		186,178	0.41	301,501	0.15						
Uninsured time deposits		65,436	3.60	52,001	1.13						
Other time deposits		282,247	3.91	101,560	0.49						
Total time deposits		347,683	3.85	153,561	0.71						
Savings accounts		20,343	0.05	31,930	0.04						
Total interest-bearing deposits		1,833,514	3.39	1,544,043	0.41						
Noninterest-bearing accounts		528,609		674,081							
Total deposits	\$	2,362,123	2.63 % \$	2,218,124	0.29 %						

Average noninterest-bearing deposits to average total deposits was 21.7% and 31.3% for the three months ended September 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively, and 22.4% and 30.4% for the nine months ended September 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

Our average cost of funds was 3.08% and 0.64% for the three months ended September 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively, and 2.77% and 0.38% for the nine months ended September 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively. The increase in cost of funds was primarily driven by increased rates on interest-bearing deposit accounts and borrowings due to the rising rate environment, a highly competitive deposit market, and an increase in short-term borrowings which provided additional liquidity for funding the growth in the balance sheet.

The following presents the amount of certificates of deposit by time remaining until maturity as of September 30, 2023 (dollars in thousands):

	Thr	ee Months or Less	 Three to Six Months	Six t	to 12 Months	Aft	er 12 Months	Total
Uninsured Time Deposits	\$	23,214	\$ 34,346	\$	31,776	\$	4,674	\$ 94,010
Other		61,798	80,398		90,611		46,642	279,449
Total	\$	85,012	\$ 114,744	\$	122,387	\$	51,316	\$ 373,459

Borrowings

We have short-term and long-term borrowing sources available to supplement deposits and meet our liquidity needs. As of September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022, borrowings totaled \$312.2 million and \$199.0 million, respectively. On January 1, 2022, the Company redeemed subordinated notes due December 31, 2026 in the amount of \$6.6 million, which were redeemable on or after January 1, 2022.

On March 12, 2023 the Federal Reserve Board announced it would make additional funding available to eligible depository institutions to help assure banks have the ability to meet the needs of depositors made available through the creation of a new Bank Term Funding Program ("BTFP"). The BTFP is meant to be an additional resource of liquidity against high-quality securities, eliminating an institution's need to quickly sell those securities in times of stress. As of September 30, 2023, the Company has pledged a par value of \$45.6 million in securities under the BTFP and borrowed \$31.0 million with a maturity date of March 27, 2024. The rate for the borrowing is based on the one year overnight swap rate plus 10 basis points and is fixed over the term of the advanced based on the date of the advance. The borrowing can be pre-paid at any time without penalty.

The increase in borrowings as of September 30, 2023 compared to December 31, 2022 is attributed to additional FHLB and Federal Reserve borrowings driven by a desire to have increased cash levels on our balance sheet through the end of the quarter to support balance sheet growth and liquidity, partially offset by the paydown of loans in the Paycheck Protection Program Loan Facility ("PPPLF") from the Federal Reserve with a period end balance of \$3.9 million. Borrowing from the PPPLF is expected to trend in the same direction as the PPP loan balances. The following presents balances of each of the borrowing facilities as of the dates noted (dollars in thousands):

	September 30,		December 31,			
	2023			2022		
Borrowings						
FHLB borrowings	\$	225,067	\$	141,498		
Federal Reserve borrowings		34,863		5,388		
Subordinated notes		52,279		52,132		
Total	\$	312,209	\$	199,018		

FHLB

We have a blanket pledge and security agreement with FHLB that requires certain loans and securities to be pledged as collateral for any outstanding borrowings under the agreement. The collateral pledged as of September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022 amounted to \$1.28 billion and \$1.26 billion, respectively. Based on this collateral and the Company's holdings of FHLB stock, the Company was eligible to borrow an additional \$624.8 million as of September 30, 2023.

	ľ	s of or for the Nine Months Ended eptember 30,
		2023
Short-term borrowings		
Maximum outstanding at any month-end during the period	\$	343,100
Balance outstanding at end of period		225,067
Average outstanding during the period		101,026
Average interest rate during the period		4.93 %
Average interest rate at the end of the period		5.49

The Bank has borrowing capacity associated with two unsecured federal funds lines of credit up to \$10.0 million and \$19.0 million. As of September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022, there were no amounts outstanding on any of the federal funds lines.

Our borrowing facilities include various financial and other covenants, including, but not limited to, a requirement that the Bank maintains regulatory capital that is deemed "well capitalized" by federal banking agencies. As of September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022, the Company was in compliance with the covenant requirements.

Derivatives

<u>Cash Flow Hedges:</u> On March 21, 2023, the Company executed an interest rate swap with a notional amount that was designated as a cash flow hedge of certain Federal Home Loan Bank borrowings. The notional amount of the interest rate swaps does not represent amounts exchanged by the parties. The amount exchanged is determined by reference to the notional amount and the other terms of the individual interest rate swap agreements. The swap hedges the benchmark index (SOFR) with a receive float/pay fixed swap for the period March 21, 2023 through April 1, 2026. The notional amount of the interest rate swap as of September 30, 2023 was \$50.0 million.

<u>Derivatives Not Designated as Hedges:</u> During the nine months ended September 30, 2023, the Company entered into interest rate swaps to offset interest rate exposure with its commercial and residential variable rate loan clients. Clients with variable rate loans may choose to enter into an interest rate swap to hedge the interest rate risk on the loan and effectively pay a fixed rate payment. The Company will simultaneously enter into an interest rate swap on the same underlying loan and notional amount to hedge risk on the fixed rate loan. The notional amount of interest rate swaps with its loan customers as of September 30, 2023 was \$24.5 million. While these derivatives represent economic hedges, they do not qualify as hedges for accounting purposes.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Liquidity resources primarily include interest-bearing and noninterest-bearing deposits which contribute to our ability to raise funds to support asset growth, acquisitions, and meet deposit withdrawals and other payment obligations. Access to purchased funds include the ability to borrow from FHLB, other correspondent banks, and the use of brokered deposits.

The following presents the composition of our funding sources and the average assets in which those funds are invested as a percentage of average total assets during the periods presented.

	Three Months Ended September 30,	Nine Months Ended September 30,
	2023	2023
Sources of Funds:		
Deposits:		
Noninterest-bearing	18.28 %	18.80 %
Interest-bearing	65.79	65.22
FHLB and Federal Reserve borrowings	4.46	4.64
Subordinated notes	1.86	1.86
Other liabilities	0.86	0.88
Shareholders' equity	8.75	8.60
Total	100.00 %	100.00 %
Uses of Funds:		
Total loans, net	88.38 %	87.63 %
Investment securities	2.78	2.85
Correspondent bank stock	0.26	0.30
Mortgage loans held for sale	0.45	0.43
Interest-bearing deposits in other financial institutions	3.65	4.33
Noninterest-earning assets	4.48	4.46
Total	100.00 %	100.00 %
Average noninterest-bearing deposits to total average deposits	21.74 %	22.38 %
Average loans to total average deposits	106.07	105.19
Average interest-bearing deposits to total average deposits	78.26	77.62

Our primary source of funds is interest-bearing and noninterest-bearing deposits, and our primary use of funds is loans. We do not expect a change in the primary source or use of our funds in the foreseeable future.

Capital Resources

Total shareholders' equity increased \$5.4 million, or 2.2%, from December 31, 2022 to \$246.3 million as of September 30, 2023. The increase was primarily due to Net income for the year and a \$2.1 million increase in Additional paid-in capital driven primarily by stock-based compensation expense, partially offset by a \$5.3 million net reduction to Retained earnings as a result of the adoption of ASU 2016-13 for Current Expected Credit Losses ("CECL").

On January 6, 2022, the Company filed a Form S-3 Registration Statement with the SEC providing that the Company may offer and sell from time to time, separately or together, in multiple series or in one or more offerings, any combination of common stock, preferred stock, debt securities, warrants, depository shares and units, up to a maximum aggregate offer price of \$100 million.

We are subject to various regulatory capital adequacy requirements at a consolidated level and the Bank level. These requirements are administered by federal banking agencies. Failure to meet minimum capital requirements can initiate certain mandatory and possibly additional discretionary actions by regulators that, if undertaken, could have a direct material effect on our condensed consolidated financial statements. Under capital adequacy guidelines and, additionally for banks, the regulatory framework for prompt corrective action, we must meet specific capital guidelines that involve quantitative measures of our assets, liabilities, and certain off-balance sheet items as calculated under regulatory accounting practices.

Capital levels are viewed as important indicators of an institution's financial soundness by banking regulators. Generally, FDIC-insured depository institutions and their holding companies are required to maintain minimum capital relative to the amount and types of assets they hold. As of September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022, our holding company and Bank were in compliance with all applicable regulatory capital requirements, and the Bank was classified as "well capitalized," for purposes of the prompt corrective action regulations. As we continue to grow our operations and maintain capital requirements, our regulatory capital levels may decrease depending on our level of earnings. We continue to monitor growth and control our capital activities in order to remain in compliance with all applicable regulatory capital standards.

The following presents our regulatory capital ratios during the periods presented (dollars in thousands):

	September 30, 2023				December	31, 2022
	Amount		Ratio	Amount		Ratio
Tier 1 capital to risk-weighted assets						
Bank	\$	246,454	10.42 %	\$	234,738	10.29 %
Consolidated Company		220,952	9.32		212,229	9.28
Common Equity Tier 1(CET1) to risk-weighted assets						
Bank		246,454	10.42		234,738	10.29
Consolidated Company		220,952	9.32		212,229	9.28
Total capital to risk-weighted assets						
Bank		267,546	11.31		252,398	11.06
Consolidated Company		295,045	12.45		282,889	12.37
Tier 1 capital to average assets						
Bank		246,454	8.88		234,738	8.65
Consolidated Company		220,952	7.96		212,229	7.81

Contractual Obligations and Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

We enter into credit-related financial instruments with off-balance sheet risk in the normal course of business to meet the financing needs of our clients. These financial instruments include commitments to extend credit. Such commitments involve, to varying degrees, elements of credit and interest rate risk in excess of the amount recognized in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets. Commitments may expire without being utilized. Our exposure to credit loss is represented by the contractual amount of these commitments, although material losses are not anticipated. We follow the same credit policies in making commitments as we do for on-balance sheet instruments.

The following presents future contractual obligations to make future payments during the periods presented (dollars in thousands):

	As of September 30, 2023								
	1 Year or Less	1 Y	More than ear but Less an 3 Years		More than Years but Less than 5 Years		5 Years or More		Total
FHLB and Federal Reserve	\$ 256,065	\$	_	\$	3,865	\$	_	\$	259,930
Subordinated notes			_		_		52,279 (1)		52,279
Time deposits	322,143		13,954		37,362		_		373,459
Minimum lease payments	 3,468		4,216		2,034		1,388		11,106
Total	\$ 581,676	\$	18,170	\$	43,261	\$	53,667	\$	696,774

⁽¹⁾ Reflects contractual maturity dates of March 31, 2030, December 1, 2030, September 1, 2031, and December 15, 2032.

The following presents financial instruments whose contract amounts represent credit risk, as of the periods presented (dollars in thousands):

		September 30, 2023			December 31, 2022		
	Fi	ixed Rate	Variable Rate		Fixed Rate	V	ariable Rate
Unused lines of credit	\$	117,594	\$ 596,467	\$	211,285	\$	601,202
Standby letters of credit		11,597	14,425	5	8,571		16,737
Commitments to make loans to sell		22,408	_	_	13,553		_
Commitments to make loans		11,913	11,552	2	20,895		81,663

We may enter into contracts for services in the conduct of ordinary business operations, which may require payment for services to be provided in the future and may contain penalty clauses for early termination of the contracts. We do not believe these off-balance sheet arrangements have or are reasonably likely to have a material effect on our financial condition, revenues or expenses, results of operations, liquidity, capital expenditures, or capital resources. However, there can be no assurance that such arrangements will not have an effect on future operations.

Critical Accounting Policies

Our accounting policies and procedures are described in Note 1 - Organization and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies in the accompanying Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements as well as the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2022 as filed with the SEC.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk

Interest Rate Sensitivity and Market Risk

Market risk is the risk of loss in a financial instrument arising from adverse changes in market prices and rates, foreign currency exchange rates, commodity prices, and equity prices. Our market risk arises primarily from interest rate risk inherent in lending, investing, and deposit taking activities. To that end, management actively monitors and manages interest rate risk exposure. We do not have any market risk sensitive instruments entered into for trading purposes.

Management uses various asset/liability strategies to manage the re-pricing characteristics of our assets and liabilities designed to ensure that exposure to interest rate fluctuations is limited within established guidelines of acceptable levels of risk-taking.

The board of directors monitors interest rate risk by analyzing the potential impact on the net economic value of equity and net interest income from potential changes in interest rates and considers the impact of alternative strategies or changes in balance sheet structure. We manage our balance sheet, in part, to maintain the potential impact on economic value of equity and net interest income within acceptable ranges despite changes in interest rates.

Our exposure to interest rate risk is reviewed at least quarterly by the board of directors. Interest rate risk exposure is measured using interest rate sensitivity analysis to determine the change in net interest income and economic value of equity in the event of hypothetical changes in interest rates. If potential changes to net economic value of equity and net interest income resulting from hypothetical interest rate changes are not within the limits established by our board of directors, the board of directors may direct management to adjust the asset and liability mix to bring interest rate risk within board-approved limits.

The following presents the sensitivity in net interest income and fair value of equity during the periods presented, using a parallel ramp scenario.

	As of Septem	ber 30, 2023	As of December 31, 2022		
Change in Interest Rates (Basis Points)	Percent Change in Net Interest Income	Percent Change in Fair Value of Equity	Percent Change in Net Interest Income	Percent Change in Fair Value of Equity	
200	(5.48)%	(15.95)%	(2.26)%	(9.99)%	
100	(3.01)	(9.01)	(1.13)	(5.09)	
Base	_	_	_	_	
-100	2.93	8.42	1.08	2.07	
-200	8.87	4.36	4.33	(4.27)	

The model simulations as of September 30, 2023 imply that our balance sheet is more liability sensitive compared to our balance sheet as of December 31, 2022.

Although the simulation model is useful in identifying potential exposure to interest rate changes, actual results for net interest income and economic value of equity may differ. There are a variety of factors that can impact the outcomes such as timing and magnitude of interest rate changes, asset and liability mix, pre-payment speeds, deposit beta assumptions, and decay rates that differ from our projections. Additionally, the results do not account for actions implemented to manage our interest rate risk exposure.

Impact of Inflation

Our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements and related notes included within this Form 10-Q have been prepared in accordance with GAAP, which requires the measurement of financial position and operating results in terms of historical dollars, without considering changes in the relative value of money over time due to inflation or recession.

Our assets and liabilities are substantially monetary in nature. Therefore, changes in interest rates can significantly impact our performance beyond the general effects of inflation. Interest rates do not necessarily move in the same direction or magnitude as prices of general goods and services, while other operating expenses can be correlated with the impact of general levels of inflation.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

As of the end of the period covered by this Form 10-Q, the Company carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of its management, including its Chief Executive Officer and Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of its disclosure controls and procedures. In designing and evaluating the disclosure controls and procedures, management recognizes that any controls and procedures, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable assurance of achieving the desired control objectives, and management was required to apply judgment in evaluating its controls and procedures. Based on this evaluation, the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the "Exchange Act") were effective as of the end of the period covered by this report.

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Beginning January 1, 2023, the Company adopted ASU 2016-13, "Financial Instruments – Credit Losses (Topic 326): Measurement of Credit Losses on Financial Instruments." The Company implemented changes to the policies, processes, and controls over the estimation of the allowance for credit losses to support the adoption of ASU 2016-13. While many controls in operation under this new standard mirror controls under prior GAAP, there were some new controls implemented. Except as related to the adoption of ASU 2016-13, there were no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2023 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

The Company, from time to time, is involved in various legal actions arising in the normal course of business. While the ultimate outcome of any such proceedings cannot be predicted with certainty, it is the opinion of management, after consulting with our legal counsel, that no proceedings exist, either individually or in the aggregate, which, if determined adversely to the Company, would have a material effect on the Company's condensed consolidated financial statements. See Note 8 - Commitments and Contingencies in the Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

The following risk factor represents a material change to the risk factors previously disclosed under "Item 1A. Risk Factors" of the Company's 2022 Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on March 15, 2023.

The soundness of other financial institutions could adversely affect us

The lack of soundness of other financial institutions or financial market utilities may adversely affect the Company. The Company's ability to engage in routine funding and other transactions could be adversely affected by the actions and commercial soundness of other financial institutions. Financial institutions are interdependent because of trading, clearing, counterparty or other relationships. Defaults by, or even rumors or questions about, one or more financial institutions or financial market utilities, or the financial services industry generally, may lead to market-wide liquidity problems and losses of client, creditor and counterparty confidence and could lead to losses or defaults by other financial institutions, or the Company.

Recent events relating to the failures of certain banking entities in March and April of 2023 have caused general uncertainty regarding the adequacy of liquidity of banks, in particular regional banks which in turn has generated significant market volatility among publicly traded bank holding companies. Although we are not directly impacted by these recent bank failures, the resulting speed and with which news, including social media outlets, led depositors to withdraw or attempt to withdraw funds from these and other financial institutions, as well as the volatile impact to stock prices, could have a material effect on the Company's operations.

Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

(c) Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

	Total number of shares purchased (1)	ŗ	Average price paid per share	Total number of shares purchased as part of publicly announced plans or programs	approximate dollar value) of shares that may yet be purchased under the plans or programs
July 1, 2023 through July 31, 2023	691	\$	27.15	<u>—</u>	_
August 1, 2023 through August 31, 2023	2,880		20.77		_
September 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023	_		_	_	_

⁽¹⁾ These shares relate to the net settlement by employees related to vested, restricted stock awards and do not impact the shares available for repurchase. Net settlements represent instances where employees elect to satisfy their income tax liability related to the vesting of restricted stock through the surrender of a proportionate number of the vested shares to the Company.

Item 3. Defaults upon Senior Securities

Not applicable.

Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures

Not applicable.

Item 5. Other Information

Not applicable.

Item 6. Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description
31.1*	Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) of the Exchange Act, as adopted
	pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
31.2*	Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) of the Exchange Act, as adopted
	pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
32.1**	Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section
	906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
32.2**	Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section
	906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
101.INS*	Inline XBRL Instance Document
101.SCH*	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document
101.CAL*	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document
101.DEF*	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document
101.LAB*	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document
101.PRE*	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (formatted as inline XBRL and contained in Exhibit 101)

^{*} Filed herewith.

^{**} These exhibits are furnished herewith and shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Exchange Act, or otherwise subject to the liability of that section, and shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act.

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.

November 3, 2023	By: /s/ Scott C. Wylie
Date	Scott C. Wylie
	Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, and President
November 3, 2023	By: /s/ David R. Weber
Date	David R. Weber
	Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer