# FIRSTMERIT Corporation

Fourth Quarter 2013 Earnings Conference Call Supplemental Information

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## Q4 2013 Highlights

- 59th consecutive quarter of profitability
- Net income of \$57.2 million/\$0.33 per diluted share
  - Return on average assets of 0.94%
  - Return on average equity of 8.48%
- Dividend of \$0.16 per share
- Solid asset quality results
  - NCO ratio at 0.13%
  - NPA ratio at 0.60%
- Robust tangible common equity ratio of 7.71% at 12/31/2013
- Successfully converted core operating systems in October



## Income Statement Highlights

#### **Prior Quarter Comparison**

 4Q13 net income increased \$16.5 million, or 40.42%, compared with 3Q13

#### Prior-Year Quarter Comparison

 4Q13 net income increased \$19.0 million, or 49.58%, compared with 4Q12

	Financial Highlights								
(dollars in thousands except per share data)	2013 4 <sup>th</sup> Qtr	2013 3 <sup>rd</sup> Qtr	2012 4 <sup>th</sup> Qtr						
Net interest income FTE (a)	\$ 202,145	\$ 207,079	\$ 119,130						
FTE adjustment (a)	4,077	3,739	2,900						
Provision for originated loan losses	1,552	2,523	7,116						
Provision for acquired loan losses	5,515	2,033	_						
Provision for covered loan losses	2,983	1,823	5,146						
Other income	72,420	71,090	61,652						
Other expenses	179,391	211,378	112,181						
Net income	57,174	40,715	38,224						
Diluted EPS	0.33	0.23	0.35						

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## Fee Income

#### **Prior Quarter Comparison**

4Q13 noninterest income, net of securities transactions, increased \$1.33 million, or 1.87%, compared with 3Q13

#### Prior-Year Quarter Comparison

 4Q13 noninterest income, net of securities transactions, increased \$13.2 million, or 22.28%, compared with 4Q12

	Nonii	nte	rest Incor	ne
(dollars in thousands)	2013 4 <sup>th</sup> Qtr		2013 3 <sup>rd</sup> Qtr	2012 4 <sup>th</sup> Qtr
Trust department income	\$ 10,255	\$	9,608 \$	5,662
Service charges on deposits	19,084		22,146	14,247
Credit card fees	12,414		13,588	11,167
ATM and other service fees	5,659		5,216	3,432
Bank owned life insurance income	4,037		4,351	3,067
Investment services and insurance	3,530		3,403	2,147
Investment securities (losses)/gains, net	_		_	2,425
Loan sales and servicing income	3,577		3,644	7,946
Other operating income	13,864		9,134	11,559
Total other income	\$ 72,420	\$	71,090 \$	61,652

## Noninterest Expense

#### Prior Quarter Comparison

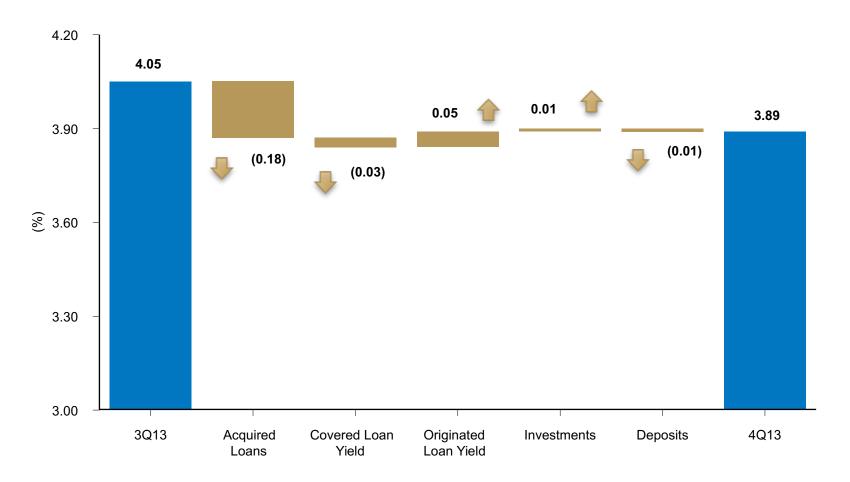
 Total noninterest expense for 4Q13 decreased \$32.0 million, or 15.13%, compared with 3Q13

#### Prior-Year Quarter Comparison

 Total noninterest expense for 4Q13, increased \$67.2 million, or 59.91%, compared with 4Q12

	Nonin	ter	est Exp	er	ıse
(dollars in thousands)	2013 4 <sup>th</sup> Qtr		2013 3 <sup>rd</sup> Qtr		2012 4 <sup>th</sup> Qtr
Salaries, wages, pension, and employee benefits	\$ 93,621	\$	97,390	\$	61,560
Net occupancy expense	14,066		13,816		7,114
Equipment expense	13,177		11,040		7,398
Taxes, other than federal income taxes	2,618		2,785		1,924
Stationary, supplies and postage	4,895		3,801		2,162
Bankcard, loan processing and other costs	10,886		40,786		9,260
Advertising	4,855		4,432		2,774
Professional services	8,358		9,768		6,119
Telephone	3,427		3,326		1,230
Amortization of intangibles	2,692		2,972		444
FDIC expense	5,106		4,925		1,738
Other operating expenses	15,690		16,337		10,458
Total noninterest expense	\$ 179,391	\$	211,378	\$	112,181

## **Net Interest Margin**



## Asset Yields / Liability Costs\*

(dollars in thousands)		Q4 2013		Q3 2013			Q4 2012		
Total investment securities and federal funds sold	\$	5,301,642	2.47%	\$	6,151,723	2.49% \$	3,686,815	2.89%	
Originated Loans	9	9,988,587	3.80%		9,377,826	3.86%	8,444,208	3.94%	
Acquired Loans	3	3,669,292	7.50%		4,025,514	7.67%	_	—%	
Covered loans		623,981	7.31%		703,497	7.30%	1,095,185	6.33%	
Total loans	14	l,281,860	4.92%		14,106,837	5.13%	9,539,393	4.22%	
Total earning assets	20	,593,750	4.17%		20,276,825	4.33%	13,246,693	3.85%	
Demand – non interest bearing	\$ 5	5,546,316	—%	\$	5,443,800	<b>—</b> % \$	3,306,444	—%	
Demand – interest bearing	2	2,875,375	0.10%		2,720,592	0.12%	1,122,796	0.09%	
Savings and money market accounts	8	3,544,097	0.28%		8,570,910	0.30%	5,743,599	0.36%	
Certificates and other time deposits	2	2,551,688	0.39%		2,720,929	0.25%	1,422,246	0.64%	
Total deposits	19	,517,476	0.19%		19,456,231	0.18%	11,595,085	0.27%	
Borrowings	1	,474,007	1.38%		1,537,427	1.33%	1,120,969	0.47%	
Total interest bearing liabilities	15	5,445,167	0.37%		15,549,858	0.36%	9,409,610	0.39%	

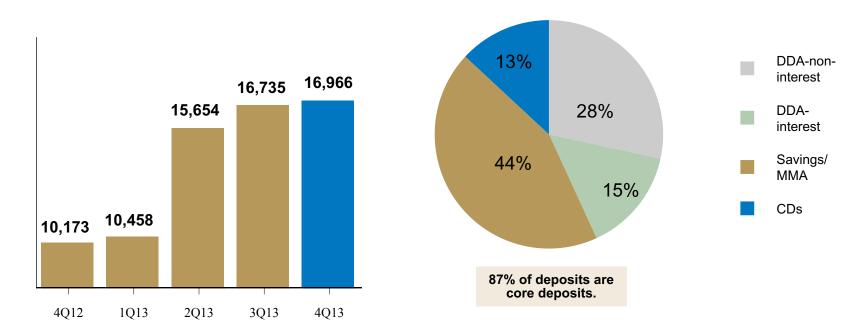
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## Deposits\*

# Average Core Deposits\* \$ in millions

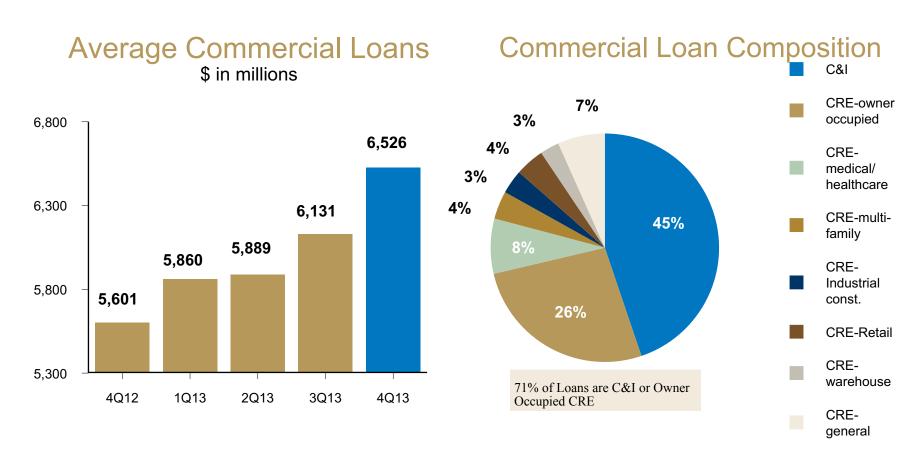
### **Average Total Deposits**



(\*) Core deposits include all deposits less certificates of deposit, average total deposit composition as of 12/31/2013.



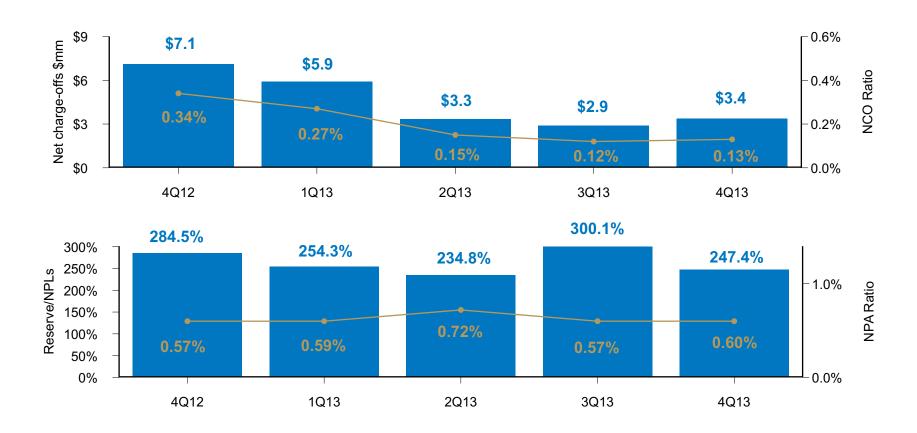
## Commercial Loan Portfolio\*



(\*) Excludes acquired loans from Citizens and loans covered by loss sharing agreements with the FDIC.



## Credit Results – Excluding Covered Loans



## Capital Position<sup>(a)</sup>

(dollars in thousands)	December 31, 2	2013	September 30,	2013	December 31,	, 2012	
Consolidated							
Total Equity	\$2,702,894	11.30%	\$2,654,645	11.00%	\$1,645,202	11.03%	
Common Equity	2,602,894	10.89%	2,554,645	10.58%	1,645,202	11.03%	
Tangible common equity (b)	1,780,320	7.71%	1,729,379	7.42%	1,178,785	8.16%	
Tier 1 capital <sup>(c)</sup>	1,857,438	11.33%	1,843,870	11.24%	1,193,188	11.25%	
Total risk-based capital (d)	2,256,524	13.77%	2,246,124	13.69%	1,325,971	12.50%	
Leverage <sup>(e)</sup>	1,857,438	8.06%	1,843,870	8.00%	1,193,188	8.43%	

<sup>(</sup>a) Regulatory capital information is preliminary and subject to change.

<sup>(</sup>b) Common equity less all intangibles; computed as a ratio to total assets less intangible assets.

<sup>(</sup>c) Shareholders' equity less goodwill; computed as a ratio to risk adjusted assets, as defined in the 1992 risk based capital guidelines.

<sup>(</sup>d) Tier 1 capital plus qualifying loan less allowance, computed as a ratio to risk adjusted assets as defined in the 1992 risk based capital guidelines.

<sup>(</sup>e) Tier 1 capital computed as a ratio to the latest quarter's average assets less goodwill.

#### Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Measures: Tangible common equity and total assets

The table below presents computations of tangible common equity, tangible assets and the tangible common equity to tangible assets ratio, which are all considered non-GAAP measures. The table below also reconciles the U.S. GAAP performance measures to the corresponding non-GAAP measures. Management uses these non-GAAP financial measures to asses the quality of capital and believes that investors may find them useful in their analysis of the Corporation. Non-GAAP financial measures have inherent limitations, are not required to be uniformly applied and are not audited. Although these non-GAAP financial measures are frequently used by investors to evaluate a company, they have limitations as analytical tools, and should not be considered in isolation, or as a substitute for analysis of results as reported under GAAP. These non-GAAP measures are not necessarily comparable to similar measures that may be represented by other companies.

(Dollars in thousands)	Q4 2013	Q3 2013		Q2 2013		Q1 2013		Q4 2012
Shareholders' equity (GAAP)	\$ 2,702,894	\$ 2,654,645	\$	2,650,909	\$	1,754,850	\$	1,645,202
Less: Preferred stock	100,000	100,000		100,000		100,000		<u> </u>
Common shareholders' equity (non-GAAP)	2,602,894	2,554,645		2,550,909		1,654,850		1,645,202
Less: Intangible assets	82,755	85,447		88,419		6,055		6,373
Goodwill	739,819	739,819		739,819		460,044		460,044
Tangible common equity (non-GAAP)	1,780,320	1,729,379		1,722,671		1,188,751		1,178,785
Total assets (GAAP)	\$ 23,909,027	\$ 24,134,729	\$	23,531,872	\$	15,272,484	\$	14,913,012
Less: Intangible assets	82,755	85,447		88,419		6,055		6,373
Goodwill	739,819	739,819		739,819		460,044		460,044
Tangible assets (non-GAAP)	\$ 23,086,453	\$ 23,309,463	\$	22,703,634	\$	14,806,385	\$	14,446,595
Tangible common equity to tangible assets ratio (non-GAAP)	7.71%	7.42%	0	7.59%	6	8.03%	0	8.16%

#### Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Measures: Tier 1 common equity 1

The following table provides calculations of Tier 1 capital (regulatory) and Tier 1 common equity (non-GAAP). Traditionally, the Federal Reserve and other banking regulatory bodies have assessed a bank's capital adequacy based on Tier 1 capital, the calculation of which is prescribed in amount by federal banking regulations. These regulators are supplementing their assessment of the capital adequacy of a bank based on a variation of Tier 1 capital, known as Tier 1 common equity. While not prescribed in amount by federal banking regulations (under Basel I), analysts and banking regulators have assessed the Corporation's capital adequacy using the Tier 1 common equity measure. Because Tier 1 common equity is not formally defined by U.S. GAAP or prescribed in any amount by federal banking regulations (under Basel I), this measure is currently considered to be a non-GAAP financial measure and other entities may calculate it differently than the Corporation's disclosed calculations. Since analysts and banking regulators may assess the Corporation's capital adequacy using Tier 1 common equity, Management believes that it is useful to provide investors the ability to assess the Corporation's capital adequacy on this same basis.

Tier 1 common equity is often expressed as a percentage of risk-weighted assets. Under the risk-based capital framework, a company's balance sheet assets and credit equivalent amounts of off-balance sheet items are assigned to one of four broad risk categories. The aggregated dollar amount in each category is then multiplied by the risk-weighted category. The resulting weighted values from each of the four categories are added together and this sum is the risk-weighted assets total that, as adjusted, comprises the denominator of certain risk-based capital ratios. Tier 1 capital is then divided by this denominator (risk-weighted assets) to determine the Tier 1 capital ratio. Adjustments are made to Tier 1 capital to arrive at Tier 1 common equity (non-GAAP). Tier 1 common equity (non-GAAP) is also divided by the risk-weighted assets to determine the Tier 1 common equity ratio (non-GAAP). The amounts disclosed as risk weighted assets are calculated consistent with banking regulatory requirements.

(Dollars in thousands)	Q4 2013		Q3 2013		Q2 2013	Q1 2013	Q4 2012
Shareholders' equity (GAAP)	\$ 2,702,894	\$	2,654,645	\$	2,650,909	\$ 1,754,850	\$ 1,645,202
Plus: Net unrealized (gains) losses on available-for-sale securities	29,297		11,990		274	(47,504)	(55,418)
Defined benefit postretirement plan losses in accumulated other comprehensive income	37,579		71,623		71,623	71,623	71,623
Trust preferred securities	74,500		74,500		74,499	_	_
Less: Intangible assets	82,755		85,447		88,419	6,055	6,373
Goodwill	739,819		739,819		739,819	460,044	460,044
Disallowed deferred tax asset	162,123		141,625		130,693	_	_
Other adjustments (2)	2,135		1,997		2,841	1,943	1,802
Tier 1 capital (regulatory)	1,857,438		1,843,870		1,835,533	1,310,927	1,193,188
Less: Preferred stock	100,000		100,000		100,000	100,000	_
Trust preferred securities	74,500		74,500		74,499	_	_
Tier 1 common equity (non-GAAP)	1,682,938		1,669,370		1,661,034	1,210,927	1,193,188
Risk-weighted assets (regulatory)	16,389,338		16,409,206		16,151,960	10,609,418	10,607,832
Tier 1 common equity ratio (non-GAAP)	10.27%	, D	10.17%	,	10.28%	11.41%	11.25%

<sup>(1)</sup> Regulatory capital information is preliminary and subject to change.

<sup>(2)</sup> These include adjustments to other comprehensive income related to threshold deductions and other adjustments.

### Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Measures: Basel III Common Equity Ratio 1

The following table provides calculations of Tier 1 common, based on the Corporation's current understanding of the Final Basel III requirements, released in July 2013. The Corporation currently calculates its risk-based capital ratios under guidelines adopted by the Federal Reserve based on the 1988 Capital Accord ("Basel I") of the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (the "Basel Committee"). In December 2010, the Basel Committee released its final framework for Basel III, which will strengthen international capital and liquidity regulation. In June 2012, U.S. Regulators released three separate Notices of Proposed Rulemaking covering U.S. implementation of the Basel III framework. In July 2013, U.S. Regulators released final rules covering the U.S. implementation of the Basel III framework, which will change capital requirements and place greater emphasis on common equity. For the Corporation, the Basel III framework will be phased in beginning in 2015 with full implementation complete beginning in 2019. The calculations provided below are estimates, based on the Corporation's current understanding of the final framework, including the Corporation's interpretation of the requirements, and informal feedback received through the regulatory process. The Corporation's understanding of the framework is evolving and will likely change as analysis and discussions with regulators continue. Because the Basel III implementation regulations are not formally defined by GAAP, these measures are considered to be non-GAAP financial measures, and other entities may calculate them differently from the Corporation's disclosed calculations. Since analysts and banking regulators may assess the Corporation's capital adequacy using the Basel III framework, we believe that it is useful to provide investors the ability to assess the Corporation's capital adequacy on the same basis.

(Dollars in thousands)		Q4 2013		Q3 2013	Q2 2013		Q1 2013	Q4 2012
Shareholders' equity (GAAP)		\$ 2,702,894	\$	2,654,645	\$ 2,650,909	\$	1,754,850	\$ 1,645,202
Plus Net unrealized (gains) losses on available-	or-sale securities	29,297		11,990	274		(47,504)	(55,418)
Defined benefit postretirement plans in acc	umulated other comprehensive income	37,579		71,623	71,623		71,623	71,623
Trust preferred securities (long term debt)		_		_	_		_	_
Less: Non-qualifying goodwill		739,819		739,819	739,819		460,044	460,044
Non-qualifying intangible assets (2)		82,755		85,447	88,419		6,055	6,373
Other fully phased-in adjustments (3)		208,097		176,497	177,341		1,943	1,802
Basel III tier 1 capital (regulatory)		1,739,099		1,736,495	1,717,227		1,310,927	1,193,188
Less: Preferred stock		100,000		100,000	100,000		100,000	_
Trust preferred securities		_		_	_		_	
Basel III tier 1 common equity (regulatory)		1,639,099		1,636,495	1,617,227		1,210,927	1,193,188
Basel I risk-weighted assets (regulatory)		16,389,338		16,409,206	16,151,960		10,609,418	10,607,832
Basel III risk-weighted assets (regulatory) (4)		17,182,648		17,341,757	16,411,917		10,609,418	10,607,832
Basel III tier 1 common equity ratio (non-GAAP)		9.54%	0	9.44%	9.85%	)	11.41%	11.25%

<sup>(1)</sup> Regulatory capital information is preliminary and subject to change.

<sup>(2)</sup> Under Basel III, regulatory capital must be reduced by purchased credit card relationship intangible assets on a phased in basis with a 40% reduction beginning January 1, 2015 with a 100% reduction beginning January 1, 2018. These assets are partially allowed in Basel I capital.

<sup>(3)</sup> Estimates of fully phased-in adjustments for disallowed deferred tax assets, other comprehensive income related to threshold deductions and other fully phased-in adjustments.

<sup>(4)</sup> The Corporation continues to develop systems and internal controls to calculate risk-weighted assets as required by Basel III. The amounts reported are an approximation, based on our understanding of the requirements and subject to change.

#### Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Measures: Adjusted net income

The following table presents net income as reported (GAAP) excluding the impact of acquisition related costs incurred during 2013 and 2012 to arrive at adjusted net income.

Management believes these adjustments increase comparability of period-to-period results and uses these measures to assess performance and believes investors may find them useful in their analysis of the Corporation. It is possible that the activities related to the adjustments may recur; however, Management does not consider the activities related to the adjustments to be indications of ongoing operation. Return on average tangible common shareholders' equity is a non-GAAP measure that calculates the return on average common shareholders' equity excluding goodwill and intangible assets. This measure is useful for evaluating the performance of a business consistently, whether acquired or developed internally. Non-GAAP financial measures have inherent limitations, are not required to be uniformly applied and are not audited. Although these non-GAAP financial measures are frequently used by investors to evaluate a company, they have limitations as analytical tools, and should not be considered in isolation, or as a substitute for analysis of results as reported under GAAP. These non-GAAP measures are not necessarily comparable to similar measures that may be represented by other companies.

(Dollars in thousands)	Q4 2013	Q3 2013	Q2 2013	Q1 2013	Q4 2012	
Net income (GAAP)	\$ 57,174	\$ 40,715 \$	48,450	\$ 37,346 \$	38,224	
Net income adjustments						
Plus: Acquisition related expenses, net of taxes	3,874	21,722	20,851	2,340	1,354	
Branch closure costs, net of taxes	676	_	_	_		
Adjusted net income (non-GAAP)	61,724	62,437	69,301	39,686	39,578	
Annualized net income (GAAP)	226,832	161,532	194,332	151,459	152,065	
Annualized adjusted net income (non-GAAP)	244,883	247,712	277,966	160,949	157,452	
Average assets (GAAP)	24,034,846	24,013,594	22,810,702	14,983,543	14,702,215	
Average equity (GAAP)	2,673,635	2,661,546	2,571,964	1,715,005	1,635,275	
Average tangible common equity (non-GAAP)	1,749,754	1,739,437	1,690,772	1,186,540	1,168,642	
Return on average assets (GAAP)	0.94%	0.67%	0.85%	1.01%	1.03%	
Adjusted return on average assets (non-GAAP)	1.02%	1.03%	1.22%	1.07%	1.07%	
Return on average equity (GAAP)	8.48%	6.07%	7.56%	8.83%	9.30%	
Adjusted return on average equity (non-GAAP)	9.16%	9.31%	10.81%	9.38%	9.63%	
Return on average tangible common equity (non-GAAP)	12.96%	9.29%	11.49%	12.76%	13.01%	
Adjusted return on average tangible common equity (non-GAAP)	14.00%	14.24%	16.44%	13.56%	13.47%	

#### Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Measures: Non-operating items

The table below presents non-interest income and noninterest expense (GAAP) excluding certain adjustments to arrive at adjusted noninterest income and noninterest expense (non-GAAP). The Corporation believes that the exclusion of these adjustments provides a meaningful base for period-to-period comparisons, which Management believes will assist investors in analyzing the operating results of the Corporation. These non-GAAP financial measures are also used by Management to assess the performance of the Corporation's business. It is possible that the activities related to the adjustments may recur; however, Management does not consider the activities related to the adjustments to be indications of ongoing operations. The Corporation believes that presentation of these non-GAAP financial measures will permit investors to assess the performance of the Corporation on the same basis as that applied by Management.

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Net interest income (FTE) (non-GAAP)	\$ 202,145	\$ 207,079	\$ 201,605	\$ 114,376	\$ 119,130
Noninterest income (GAAP)	72,420	71,090	69,439	57,392	61,652
Noninterest income adjustments:					
Gains (losses) on sales of securities	_	_	(2,794)	(9)	2,425
Branch closure costs	1,040	_	_	_	<u> </u>
Adjusted noninterest income (non-GAAP)	73,460	71,090	72,233	57,401	59,227
Adjusted revenue (non-GAAP)	275,605	278,169	273,838	171,777	178,357
Noninterest expense (GAAP)	179,391	211,378	189,640	106,925	112,181
Noninterest expense adjustments:  Less: Amortization of intangible assets	2,692	2,972	2.411	317	444
Acquisition related expenses	5,960	33,418	29,284	3,600	2,083
Adjusted noninterest expense (non-GAAP)	170,739	174,988	157,945	103,008	109,654
Fee income ratio, as reported (non-GAAP)  Efficiency ratio, as reported, excluding amortization of intangible assets and securities gains	26.38%				
(losses) (non-GAAP)  Efficiency ratio, as adjusted (non-GAAP)	64.36% 61.95%				

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