UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

DATE OF REPORT (Date of earliest event reported): April 26, 2022

FIRST MERCHANTS CORPORATION (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

India	ina
(State or other jurisdict	tion of incorporation)
001-41342	35-1544218
(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

200 East Jackson Street P.O. Box 792

Muncie, IN 47305-2814

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(765) 747-1500 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

	(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)	
Title of Each Class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, \$0.125 stated value per share	FRME	The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC
Depositary Shares, each representing a 1/100th interest in a share of Non-Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series A	FRMEP	The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

□ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

□ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

□ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company \Box

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

ITEM 2.02 RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

On Tuesday April 26, 2022, First Merchants Corporation will conduct a first quarter 2022 earnings conference call and web cast at 10:00 a.m. (ET). A copy of the slide presentation utilized on the conference call is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(a) Not applicable.

(b) Not applicable.

(c) Not applicable.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit 99.1 Exhibit 104 Slide Presentation, utilized on April 26, 2022, during conference call and web cast by First Merchants Corporation Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document)

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

First Merchants Corporation (Registrant)

By: /s/ Michele M. Kawiecki

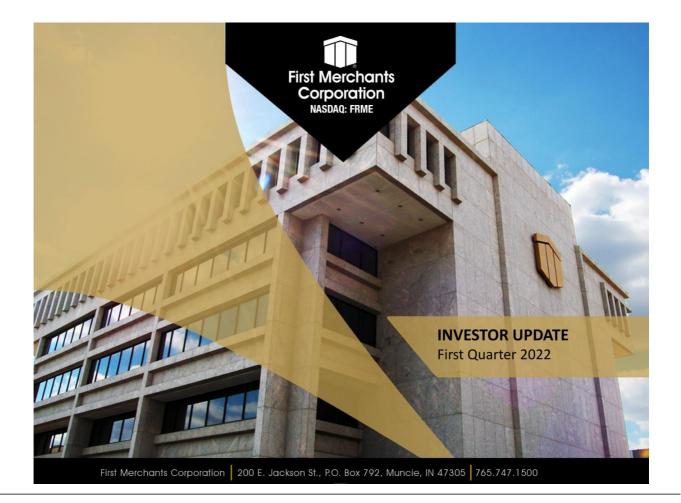
Michele M. Kawiecki

Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

Dated: April 26, 2022

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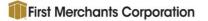


Forward Looking Statement

This presentation contains forward-looking statements made pursuant to the safe-harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such forward-looking statements can often, but not always, be identified by the use of words like "believe", "continue", "pattern", "estimate", "project", "intend", "anticipate", "expect" and similar expressions or future or conditional verbs such as "will", "would", "should", "could", "might", "can", "may", or similar expressions. These forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements relating to the expected benefits of the proposed merger (the "Merger") between First Merchants Corporation ("First Merchants") and Level One Bancorp, Inc. ("Level One"), including future financial and operating results, cost savings, enhanced revenues, and accretion/dilution to reported earnings that may be realized from the Merger, as well as other statements of First Merchants' goals, intentions and expectations; statements regarding the First Merchants' iss and future costs and benefits whether with respect to the Merger or otherwise. These forward-looking statements, including, among other things: the risk that the businesses of First Merchants and Level One will not be integrated successfully or such integration may be more difficult, time consuming or costly than expected; expected revenue synergies and cost savings from the Merger may not be fully realized or realized within the expected time frame; revenues following the Merger may be lower than expected; cusmer and employee relationships and business operations may be disrupted by the Merger; possible changes in monetary and fiscal policies, and laws and regulations; the effects of easing restrictions on participants in the financial audiministrative cases; possible changes in market, economic, operational, liquidity of earnings and excesscapial sufficient for the lawful and prudent declaration of dividends; changes in market, economic, operational, liquidity, availability of loans; fluctuations

NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES

These slides contain non-GAAP financial measures. For purposes of Regulation G, a non-GAAP financial measure is a numerical measure of the registrant's historical or future financial performance, financial position or cash flows that excludes amounts, or is subject to adjustments that have the effect of excluding amounts, that are included in the most directly comparable measure calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP in the statement of income, balance sheet or statement of cash flows (or equivalent statements) of the issuer; or includes amounts, or is subject to adjustments that have the effect of including amounts, that are excluded from the most directly comparable measure so calculated and presented. In this regard, GAAP refers to generally accepted accounting principles in the United States. Pursuant to the requirements of Regulation G, First Merchants Corporation has provided reconciliations within the slides, as necessary, of the non-GAAP financial measure to the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure.



Executive Management Team



Mark Hardwick Chief Executive Officer

Mark K. Hardwick currently serves as the Chief Executive Officer of First Merchants Corporation and First Merchants Bank. Mark joined First Merchants in November of 1997 as Corporate Controller and was promoted to Chief Financial Officer in April of 2002. In 2016, Mark's title expanded to include Chief Operating Officer, overseeing the leadership responsibilities for finance, operations, technology, risk, legal, and facilities for the corporation. Prior to joining First Merchants Corporation, Mark served as a senior accountant with BKD, LLP in Indianapolis. Mark is a graduate of Ball State University with a Master of Business Administration and Bachelor's degree in Accounting. He is also a certified public accountant and a graduate of the Stonier School of Banking.



Mike Stewart President

Mike Stewart currently serves as President for First Merchants Corporation and First Merchants Bank overseeing the Commercial, Private Wealth, and Consumer Lines of Business for the Bank. Mike joined the bank in 2008 as Chief Banking Officer. Prior to joining First Merchants, Mike spent 18 years with National City Bank in various commercial sales and credit roles. Mike has a Master of Business Administration from Butler University and a Bachelor's degree in Finance from Millikin University.



John Martin Chief Credit Officer

John Martin currently serves as Executive Vice President and Chief Credit Officer of First Merchants Corporation overseeing the Commercial, Small Business and Consumer Credit functions, as well as the Mortgage Line of Business. Prior to joining First Merchants, John spent 18 years with National City Bank in various sales and senior credit roles. John is a graduate of Indiana University where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in Economics. He also holds a Master of Business Administration in Finance from Case Western Reserve University.

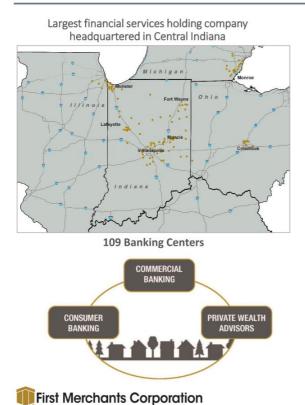


Michele Kawiecki Chief Financial Officer

Michele Kawiecki currently serves as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer for First Merchants Corporation and First Merchants Bank. Michele joined First Merchants in 2015 as Director of Finance. Prior to joining First Merchants, Michele spent 12 years with UMB Financial Corporation in Kansas City, Missouri having served as Senior Vice President of Capital Management and Assistant Treasurer; Director of Corporate Development and the Enterprise Project Management Office; and Chief Risk Officer. Prior to UMB, she worked for PriceWaterhouseCoopers LLP as an Audit Manager. Michele earned both a Master of Science in Accounting and an Executive Master of Business Administration from the University of Missouri-Kansas City and a Bachelor's degree in Accounting from Dakota Wesleyan University.

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Financial Highlights as of 3/31/2022

D Return on TCE E/TA: arket Cap	14.99% 8.31% \$2.2B		
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vidend Yield:	2.79%		
ice / Tangible Book:	1.79x		
Price / LTM EPS:			
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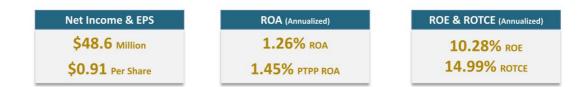
*Assets Under Management - \$3.5 Billion

Moody's a3 Baseline Credit Assessment¹



¹Moody's Credit Opinion – First Merchants Corporation, September 24, 2021, baseline Credit Assessment (BCA) reflects a bank's standalone credit strength

First Quarter Highlights



- Stated EPS of \$0.91 is same as Q1 2021 EPS of \$0.91. Excluding Paycheck Protection Program ("PPP") income, current quarter EPS was \$0.88 and Q1 2021 EPS was \$0.78¹
- 5.4% annualized deposit growth
- Legal close of the acquisition of Level One Bancorp in Farmington Hills, Michigan on April 1, 2022
- System Integration of Level One Bank planned for third quarter of 2022
- Officially introduced our new tagline: *Helping you prosper*



¹See "Non-GAAP Financial Information" for reconciliation

Business Strategy

First Merchants Bank

Consumer Banking

Diverse Locations in Stable Rural and

) Talented Customer Service

Call Center Professionals

) Competitive Digital Solutions

Deposit and CRM

Online Banking

Mobile Banking

Lending Offerings

> Full Spectrum of Consumer

Oriented Banking Center and

Helping you prosper

Growth Metro Markets

Supported by:

Commercial Banking

Full Spectrum of Debt Capital and Treasury Service Offerings Located in Prime Growth Markets

-) Small Business & SBA
-) Middle Market C&I
-) Investment Real Estate
- Public Finance
-) Sponsor Finance
-) Asset Based Lending
-) Syndications
- Treasury Management Services
-) Merchant Processing Services

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Private Wealth Advisors

Comprehensive and coordinated approach to personal wealth management

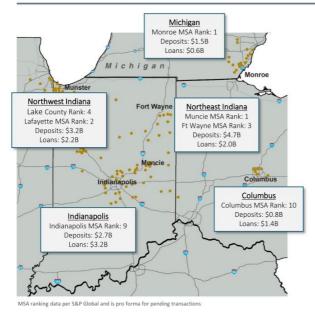
Expertise in:

-) Investment Management
-) Private Banking
-) Fiduciary Estate
- > Financial Planning

Strengthen commercial relationships with personal services for executives/owners and retirement plan services for companies

Partner with consumer to offer personal investment advice through First Merchants Investment Services

Business Highlights



Loan	Growth	Annua	lized
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	1Q22
Commercial ¹	5.9%
Consumer	(1.2)%
Private Wealth	37.2%
Mortgage	19.2%
Total Loans – Adjusted ¹	7.2%

Strong C&I growth continued at over 10% annualized

 C&I demand remains strong with line utilization continuing to increase

Commercial growth rate offset by IRE payoffs of \$40 million during the quarter

Portfolio mortgage growth driven by construction products and variable pricing structures

Pipeline remains stable across the bank

Deposit Growth An	nualized
	1Q22
Commercial	(9.8)%
Consumer	7.0%
Total Deposits	5.4%

 Commercial balances declined due to customer working capital deployment and stimulus proceeds slowing for municipal and public entities

Strong growth in Consumer balances via new account acquisition
 Reduction of deposit costs over the entire deposit portfolio

¹Excluding Change in PPP Loans 7

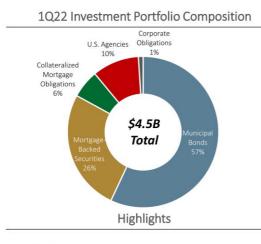
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First Quarter Financial Results

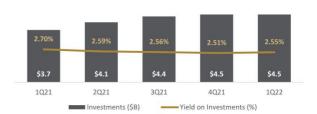
	(SM except per share data)		For the T	hree Month	is Ended,		Variance	% Variance	
		3/31/21	6/30/21	9/30/21	12/31/21	3/31/22		Linked QTR- Annualized	
	Balance Sheet & Asset Quality								1Q22 Highlights
1.	Total Assets	\$14,629.1	\$14,923.1	\$15,060.7	\$15,453.1	\$15,465.3	\$12.2	0.3%	
2.	Total Loans	9,322.7	9,139.8	9,047.6	9,253.0	9,360.2	107.1	4.6%	 52.79% Efficiency Ratio
3.	Investments	3,700.9	4,148.3	4,445.5	4.524.4	4,489.3	(35.1)	-3.1%	S2.7570 Efficiency Natio
4.	Deposits	11,951.8	12,203.4	12,348.7	12,732.6	12,906.0	173.4	5.4%	
5.	Common Equity	1,805.9	1,871.8	1,868.1	1,912.6	1,807.6	(104.9)	-21.9%	Net interest income, excluding the
5.	connon equity	1,000.0	1,071.0	1,000.1	1,512.0	1,007.0	(104.5)	21.570	impact of PPP loan income and fair
6.	TCE Ratio	8.78%	9.04%	8.94%	9.01%	8.31%	-0.70%		
7.	Total RBC Ratio	14.33	14.23	14.02	13.92	13.85	-0.07		value accretion, increased \$3.2 million
				0.000	100000				over prior quarter and \$10.1 million
8.	ACL / Loans	2.16	2.19	2.21	2.11	2.09	-0.02		over 1Q 2021
9.	NCOs / Avg Loans	0.16	0.06	-0.01	0.20	-0.03	-0.23		0000102021
10.	NPAs + 90PD / Assets	0.41	0.40	0.35	0.29	0.33	0.04		
									PPP fee income totaled \$1.7 million, a
	Summary Income Statement								decrease of \$1.7 million from prior
11.	Net Interest Income	\$100.4	\$104.3	\$104.7	\$101.3	\$102.3	\$1.0	4.0%	quarter and \$5.9 million from 1Q 2021
12.	Provision for Loan Losses	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%	Remaining unearned fees total \$1.1
13.	Non-interest Income	24.1	30.9	28.5	25.8	25.9	0.0	0.8%	
14.	Non-interest Expense	66.1	69.3	71.4	72.4	72.3	(0.1)	-0.8%	million
15.	Pre-tax Income	58.4	65.9	61.8	54.7	55.9	1.2	8.7%	
16.	Provision for Taxes	8.9	10.3	9.1	7.0	7.3	0.3	20.1%	Pre-Tax, Pre-Provision (PTPP) Earnings
17.	Net Income	49.5	55.6	52.8	47.7	48.6	0.8	7.1%	
									totaled \$56.0 million, PTPP ROA was
18.	ROAA	1.39%	1.51%	1.41%	1.25%	1.26%	0.01%		1.45% and PTPP ROE was 11.85%
19.	ROAE	10.75	12.04	11.17	10.10	10.28	0.18		
20.	ROTCE	15.87	17.77	16.33	14.78	14.99	0.21		
21.	Net Interest Margin	3.23	3.22	3.20	3.04	3.03	-0.01		Declines in TCE Ratio of 0.70% and
22.	Efficiency Ratio	50.23	48.91	51.18	53.49	52.79	-0.70		Tangible Book Value per share of
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	Per Share						-		7.70% reflect the impact of AOCI
23.	Earnings per Diluted Share	\$0.91	\$1.03	\$0.98	\$0.89	\$0.91	\$0.02		changes in equity due to market
23.	Tangible Book Value per Share	22.98	24.15	24.31	25.21	23.26	(1.95)		volatility
24.	Dividend per Share	0.26	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.00		
26.	Dividend Payout Ratio	28.6%	28.2%	29.6%	32.6%	31.9%	-0.7%		

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Investment Portfolio Highlights

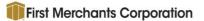


Yield on Investments (%) / Total Investments (\$B)



Investment Portfolio Gains / Losses

- Effective duration of 5.9 years
- 2022 roll off cash flow \$198 million / ~2.38% yield
- Current purchase tax equivalent yield of ~3.50%
- AA rated municipal bond portfolio
- Allowance for Credit Losses for Investments of \$245,000



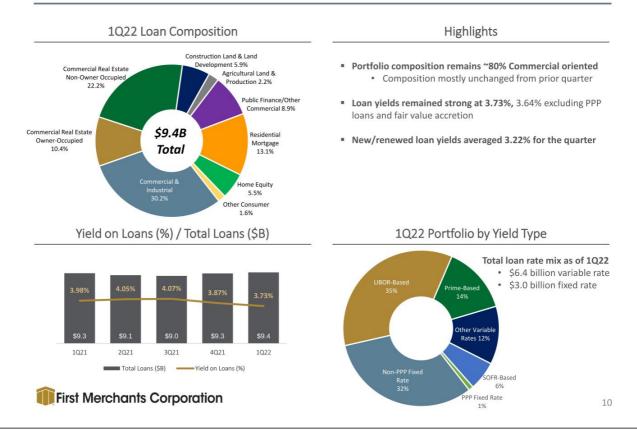
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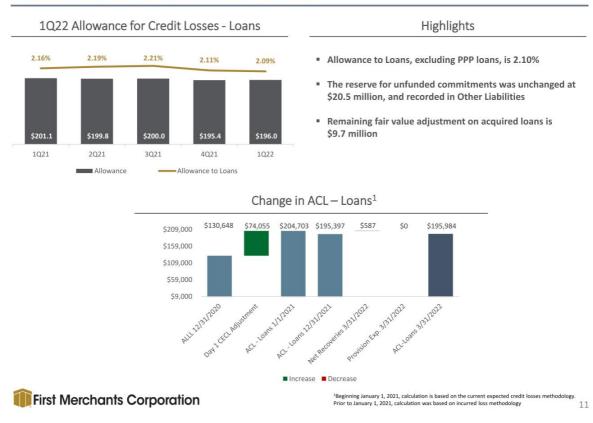
Net unrealized AFS Loss of \$101.3 million

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1Q 2021	\$1.8 million	
2Q 2021	\$1.8 million	
3Q 2021	\$1.7 million	
4Q 2021	\$0.4 million	
1Q 2022	\$0.6 million	
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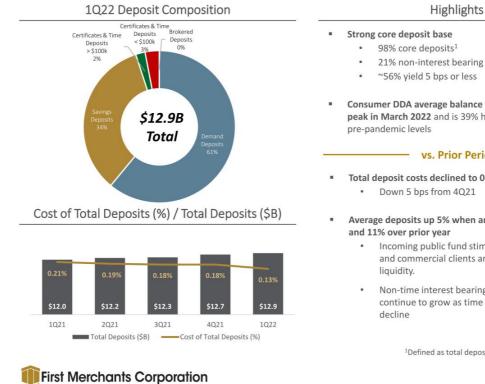
Loan Portfolio Highlights

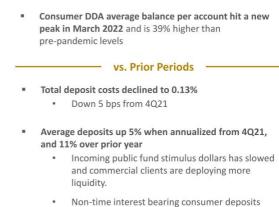




Allowance for Credit Losses - Loans

Deposit Portfolio Highlights





Highlights

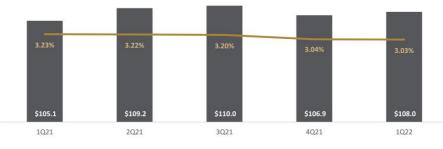
continue to grow as time deposits balances decline

¹Defined as total deposits less time deposits > \$100k

Net Interest Margin

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		1Q21	2Q21	3Q21	4Q21		1Q22
1.	Net Interest Income - FTE (\$millions)	\$ 105.1	\$ 109.2	\$ 110.0	\$ 106.9	\$	108.0
2.	Fair Value Accretion	\$ 1.8	\$ 2.5	\$ 1.5	\$ 1.5	\$	1.0
3.	PPP Loan Income	\$ 9.2	\$ 9.7	\$ 8.2	\$ 3.7	\$	1.9
4.	Adjusted Net Interest Income - FTE ¹	\$ 94.1	\$ 97.0	\$ 100.3	\$ 101.7	\$	105.1
5.	Tax Equivalent Yield on Earning Assets	3.52%	3.49%	3.46%	3.29%		3.23%
6.	Interest Expense/Average Earning Assets	0.29%	0.27%	0.26%	0.25%	1	0.20%
7.	Net Interest Margin	3.23%	3.22%	3.20%	3.04%	l.	3.03%
8.	Fair Value Accretion Effect	0.06%	0.07%	0.04%	0.04%		0.03%
9.	Impact of PPP Loans	0.13%	0.15%	0.17%	0.08%		0.03%
10.	Adjusted Net Interest Margin ¹	3.04%	3.00%	2.99%	2.92%		2.97%
	1Adjusted for Fair Value Accretion and PPP Loan Income					Ĺ	

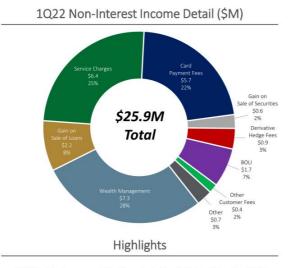
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Net Interest Income - FTE (\$millions) Net Interest Margin

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Non-Interest Income Highlights

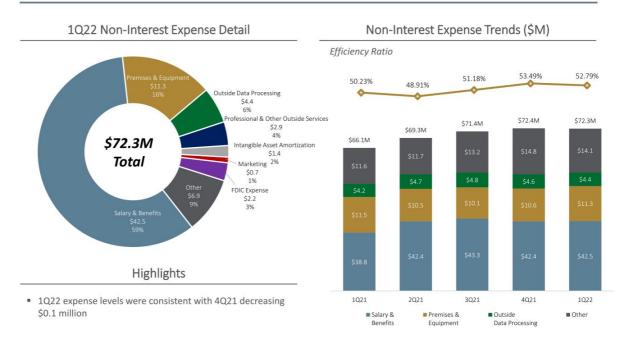




 89% in Customer-related fees totaling \$23.0 million for 1Q22, an increase of \$0.1 million over 4Q21 driven by service charges, wealth management fees and card payment fees, offset by lower gains on mortgage loan sales

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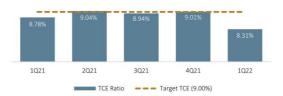
Non-Interest Expense Highlights

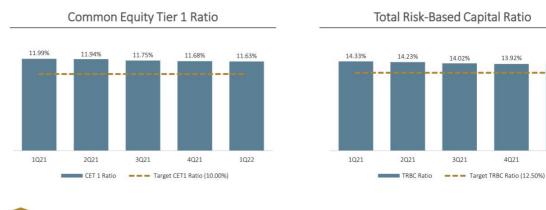




Capital Ratios

Tangible Common Equity Ratio



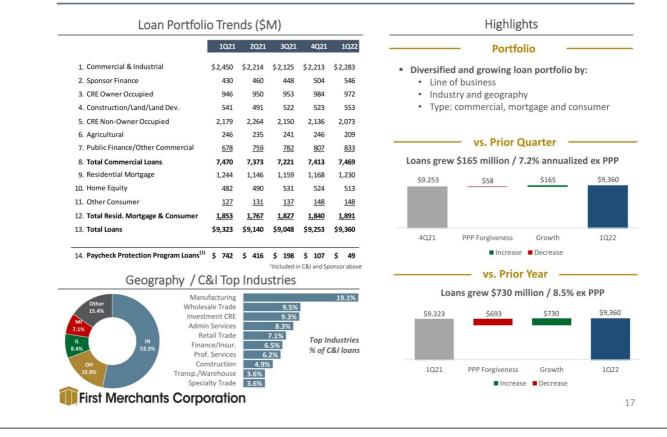


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13.85%

1Q22

Loan Portfolio



Asset Quality

Asset	Asset Quality Trends (\$M)								
	1Q21	2Q21	3Q21	4Q21	1Q22				
1. Non-Accrual Loans	\$ 57.9	\$ 57.6	\$ 51.5	\$ 43.1	\$ 42.7				
2. Other Real Estate	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.5	6.3				
3. 90PD Loans	1.1	0.2	0.2	1.0	2.1				
4. Renegotiated Loans	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.1				
5. NPAs + 90PD	\$ 60.3	\$ 59.0	\$ 52.8	\$ 44.9	\$ 51.2				
6. NPAs + 90PD/Loans and ORE	0.65%	0.65%	0.58%	0.49%	0.55%				
7. Classified Loans	\$247.7	\$183.7	\$144.6	\$122.7	\$102.3				
8. Classified Loans/Loans	2.66%	2.01%	1.60%	1.33%	1.09%				
 9. Net Charge-offs (QTD) 10. QTD NCO/Avg. Loans (Annualized) 	\$ 3.6 0.16%	\$ 1.3 0.06%	\$ (0.2) -0.01%	\$ 4.6 0.20%	\$ (0.6) -0.03%				

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Highlights

- vs. Prior Quarter

- Favorable Asset Quality Position
- Continued reduction in non-accrual loans
- \$5.8 million ORE from performing Multi-family Housing project. Loss not expected.
- Classified loans continue favorable trend, decreasing \$20.4 million in Q1

- vs. Prior Year -

Favorable Asset Quality Trends

- Non-accrual loans down \$15.2 million (26%)
- NPAs + 90PD decreased \$9.1 million (15%)
- Classified loans down \$145.4 million (58.7%)
 - Drivers of Improvement: Senior living, manufacturing, agriculture, residential investment real estate and admin services portfolios

Non-Performing Assets

Non-Performing Assets Roll Forward (\$M)

		1Q21	2Q21	3Q21	4Q21	1Q22
1. B	eginning Balance NPAs + 90PD	\$66.4	\$60.3	\$59.0	\$52.8	\$44.9
N	Ion-Accrual					
2.	Add: New Non-Accruals	6.5	5.4	22.6	6.4	4.4
3.	Less: To Accrual/	(5.8)	(4.0)	(27.9)	(9.5)	(4.3)
	Payoff/Renegotiated					
4.	Less: To ORE	17	-	(0.2)		
5.	Less: Charge-offs	<u>(4.3)</u>	<u>(1.7)</u>	(0.6)	(5.3)	<u>(0.5)</u>
6. N	Ion-Accrual Loans Change	(3.6)	(0.3)	(6.1)	(8.4)	(0.4)
0	other Real Estate Owned (ORE)					
7.	Add: New ORE Properties	-	-	0.2	-	5.8
8.	Less: ORE Sold	(0.3)	-	(0.1)	1	8
9.	Less: ORE Losses (write-downs)		-		<u>(0.2</u>)	
10. C	RE Change	(0.3)	-	0.1	(0.2)	5.8
11. 9	0PD Change	0.3	(0.9)	-	0.8	1.1
12. R	enegotiated Loans Change	(2.5)	(0.1)	<u>(0.2)</u>	(0.1)	(0.2)
13. N	IPAs + 90PD Change	<u>(6.1)</u>	<u>(1.3)</u>	<u>(6.2)</u>	(7.9)	<u>6.3</u>
14. E	nding Balance NPAs + 90PD	\$60.3	\$59.0	\$52.8	\$44.9	\$51.2

Highlights

— 1st Quarter NPA Roll Forward –

- Recoveries of \$1.1 million offset by gross charge-offs of \$0.5 million
- \$5.8 million performing property moved to ORE \$6.3 million increase in NPAs + 90 PD 1Q22

Top three non-accrual relationships total \$22.5 million

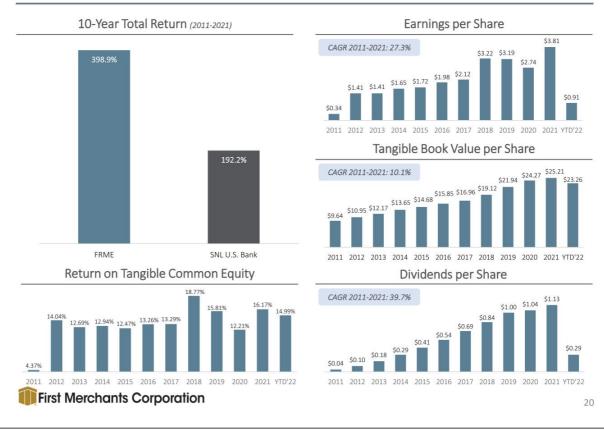
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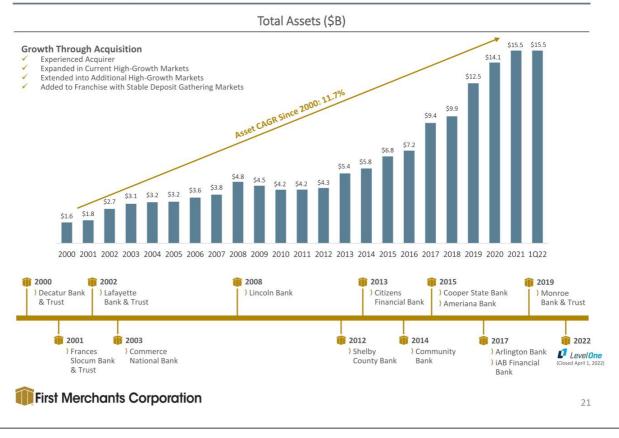
- Medical Office

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Track Record of Shareholder Value

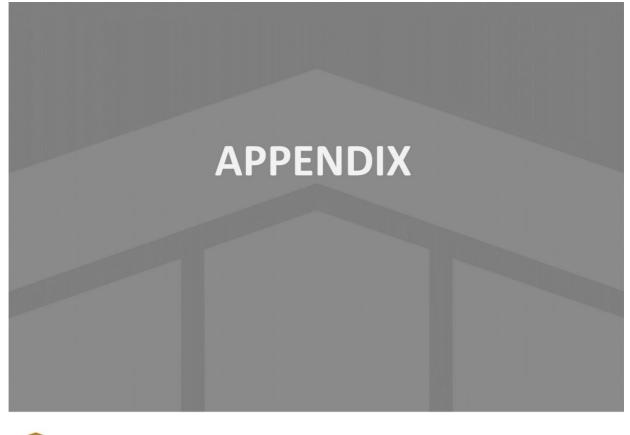


History of Organic and Whole Bank Acquisition Growth



Vision for the Future

Our Vision:	To enhance the financial wellness of the diverse communities we serve.	
Our Mission:	To be the most responsive, knowledgeable, and high-performing bank for our clients, teammates, and shareholders.	
Our Team:	We are a collection of dynamic colleagues with diverse experiences and perspectives who share a passion for positively impacting lives. We are genuinely committed to attracting and engaging teammates of diverse backgrounds. We believe in the power of inclusion and belonging.	
Strategic Imperatives:	 Lead a brand-focused cultural transformation through inclusivity, teamwork, performance management, career development, rewards and work-life balance 	
	 Produce organic growth across all lines of business and markets through focused, data-driver industry leading client acquisition, expansion and retention activities 	1
	 Invest in the digital transformation of our delivery channels to simplify the client experience 	
	 Maintain top-quartile financial results supported by industry-leading governance, risk and compliance practices to ensure long-term sustainability 	
	 Continue to leverage our core competency in acquisitions to enhance growth, efficiency and high performance 	
	 Cultivate a high-quality shareholder base that values environmental, social and governance initiatives inspired by our stakeholder-centric business model 	
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CAPITAL RATIOS (dollars in thousands):

		1Q21		2Q21	3Q21	4Q21	1Q22
Total Risk-Based Capital Ratio (dollars in thousands)							
Total Stockholders' Equity (GAAP)		1,805,856		1,871,800	1,868,090	1,912,571	1,807,633
Adjust for Accumulated Other Comprehensive (Income) Loss ¹		(35,810)		(60,080)	(39,889)	(55,113)	84,392
Less: Preferred Stock		(125)		(125)	(125)	(125)	(125)
Add: Qualifying Capital Securities		46,427		46,487	46,546	46,606	46,665
Less: Tier 1 Capital Deductions		(iii)		-	-	(14)	
Less: Disallowed Goodwill and Intangible Assets		(563,889)		(566,412)	(565,221)	(564,002)	(562,887)
Less: Disallowed Deferred Tax Assets		(1,379)		(1,152)	(1,005)	(239)	(374)
Add: Modified CECL Transition Amount		40,314		40,314	34,542	34,542	23,028
Total Tier 1 Capital (Regulatory)	\$	1,291,394 \$	5	1,330,832	\$ 1,342,938 \$	1,374,240	\$ 1,398,332
Qualifying Subordinated Debentures		65,000		65,000	65,000	65,000	65,000
Allowance for Loan Losses includible in Tier 2 Capital	0	131,061		135,690	139,200	143,241	146,247
Total Risk-Based Capital (Regulatory)	\$	1,487,455 \$	5	1,531,522	\$ 1,547,138 \$	1,582,481	\$ 1,609,579
Net Risk-Weighted Assets (Regulatory)	\$	10,383,360 \$	5	10,759,672	\$ 11,037,663 \$	11,369,907	\$ 11,618,250
Total Risk-Based Capital Ratio (Regulatory)		14.33%		14.23%	14.02%	13.92%	13.85%
Common Equity Tier 1 Capital Ratio							
Total Tier 1 Capital (Regulatory)	\$	1,291,394 \$	5	1,330,832	\$ 1,342,938 \$	1,374,240	\$ 1,398,332
Less: Qualified Capital Securities		(46,427)		(46,487)	(46,546)	(46,606)	(46,665)
Add: Additional Tier 1 Capital Deductions		-		2	-	1.2	-
Common Equity Tier 1 Capital (Regulatory)	\$	1,244,967 \$	5	1,284,345	\$ 1,296,392 \$	1,327,634	\$ 1,351,667
Net Risk-Weighted Assets (Regulatory)	\$	10,383,360 \$	5	10,759,672	\$ 11,037,663 \$	11,369,907	\$ 11,618,250
Common Equity Tier 1 Capital Ratio (Regulatory)		11.99%		11.94%	11.75%	11.68%	11.63%

¹ Includes net unrealized gains or losses on securities available for sale, net gains or losses on cash flow hedges, and amounts resulting from the application of the applicable accounting guidance for defined benefit and other postretirement plans.

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TANGIBLE COMMON EQUITY RATIO (dollars in thousands):						
		1Q21	2Q21	3Q21	4Q21	1Q22
Tangible Common Equity Ratio (dollars in thousands)	_					
Total Stockholders' Equity (GAAP)	\$	1,805,856	\$ 1,871,800	\$ 1,868,090	\$ 1,912,571	\$ 1,807,633
Less: Preferred Stock		(125)	(125)	(125)	(125)	(125)
Less: Intangible Assets		(571,536)	(573,786)	(572,323)	(570,860)	(569,494)
Tangible Common Equity (non-GAAP)	\$	1,234,195	\$ 1,297,889	\$ 1,295,642	\$ 1,341,586	\$ 1,238,014
Total Assets (GAAP)	\$	14,629,066	\$ 14,923,097	\$ 15,060,725	\$ 15,453,149	\$15,465,258
Less: Intangible Assets		(571,536)	(573,786)	(572,323)	(570,860)	(569,494)
Tangible Assets (non-GAAP)	\$	14,057,530	\$ 14,349,311	\$ 14,488,402	\$14,882,289	\$14,895,764
Tangible Common Equity Ratio (non-GAAP)		8.78%	9.04%	8.94%	9.01%	8.31%

TANGIBLE COMMON EQUITY PER SHARE (dollars in thousands):

		4Q11		4Q12		4Q13		4Q14		4Q15		4Q16		4Q17		4Q18
Tangible Common Equity Per Share																
Total Stockholders' Equity (GAAP)	\$	514,467	\$	552,236	\$	634,923	\$	726,827	\$	850,509	\$	901,657	\$	1,303,463	\$:	1,408,260
Less: Preferred Stock		(90,783)		(90,908)		(125)		(125)		(125)		(125)		(125)		(125)
Less: Intangible Assets		(150,471)		(149,529)		(202,767)		(218,755)		(259,764)		(258,866)		(476,503)		(469,784)
Tax Benefit		2,224		2,249		4,973		6,085		6,278		5,930		6,788		5,017
Tangible Common Equity, Net of Tax (non-GAAP	\$	275,437	\$	314,048	\$	437,004	\$	514,032	\$	596,898	\$	648,596	\$	833,623	\$	943,368
Shares Outstanding	2	8,559,707	2	8,692,616	3	35,921,761	3	7,669,948	4	0,664,258	4	0,912,697	4	9,158,238	49	9,349,800
Tangible Common Equity per Share (non-GAAP)	\$	9.64	\$	10.95	\$	12.17	\$	13.65	\$	14.68	\$	15.85	\$	16.96	\$	19.12

TANGIBLE COMMON EQUITY PER SHARE (dollars in thousands):

	4Q19	4Q20	1Q21	2Q21	3Q21	4Q21	1Q22
Tangible Common Equity Per Share							
Total Stockholders' Equity (GAAP)	\$1,786,437	\$1,875,645	\$1,805,856	\$1,871,800	\$1,868,090	\$1,912,571	\$1,807,633
Less: Preferred Stock	(125)	(125)	(125)	(125)	(125)	(125)	(125)
Less: Intangible Assets	(578,881)	(572,893)	(571,536)	(573,786)	(572,323)	(570,860)	(569,494)
Tax Benefit	7,257	5,989	5,710	5,432	5,153	4,875	4,615
Tangible Common Equity, Net of Tax (non-GAAP	\$ 1,214,688	\$1,308,616	\$ 1,239,905	\$1,303,321	\$ 1,300,795	\$ 1,346,461	\$ 1,242,629
Shares Outstanding	55,368,482	53,922,359	53,953,723	53,972,386	53,510,745	53,410,411	53,424,823
Tangible Common Equity per Share (non-GAAP)	\$ 21.94	\$ 24.27	\$ 22.98	\$ 24.15	\$ 24.31	\$ 25.21	\$ 23.26

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ADJUSTED EPS EXCLUDING PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM ("PPP")

		1Q21	2Q21		3Q21	4Q21	1Q22
(Dollars in Thousands, Except Per Share Amounts)	-						
Net Income Available to Common Stockholders - GAAP	\$	49,469	\$ 55,559	\$	52,770	\$ 47,733	\$ 48,586
Adjustments:							
PPP loan income		(9,243)	(9,725)		(8,211)	(3,721)	(1,884
Tax on adjustment		2,266	2,385		2,013	912	462
Adjusted Net Income Available to Common Stockholders - NON-GAAP	\$	42,492	\$ 48,219	\$	46,572	\$ 44,924	\$ 47,164
Average Diluted Shares Outstanding		54,134	54,184		53,960	53,660	53,616
Diluted Earnings Per Share - GAAP	\$	0.91	\$ 1.03	\$	0.98	\$ 0.89	\$ 0.91
Adjustments:							
PPP loan income		(0.17)	(0.18)		(0.15)	(0.07)	(0.04
Tax on adjustment		0.04	0.04		0.04	0.02	0.01
Adjusted Diluted Earnings Per Share - NON-GAAP	\$	0.78	\$ 0.89	\$	0.87	\$ 0.84	\$ 0.88

EFFICIENCY RATIO (dollars in thousands):

		1021	2Q21	3Q21	4Q21	1022
EFFICIENCY RATIO (dollars in thousands):						
Non Interest Expense (GAAP)	\$	66,098	\$ 69,295	\$ 71,384	\$ 72,436	\$ 72,325
Less: Intangible Asset Amortization		(1,357)	(1,464)	(1,463)	(1,463)	(1,366)
Less: OREO and Foreclosure Expenses		(734)	(178)	91	(171)	(564)
Adjusted Non Interest Expense (non-GAAP)	_	64,007	67,653	70,012	70,802	70,395
Net Interest Income (GAAP)		100,428	104,264	104,715	101,273	102,280
Plus: Fully Taxable Equivalent Adjustment		4,711	4,948	5,331	5,594	5,736
Net Interest Income on a Fully Taxable Equivalent Basis (non-GAAP)	2	105,139	109,212	110,046	106,867	108,016
Non Interest Income (GAAP)		24,091	30,884	28,501	25,847	25,897
Less: Investment Securities Gains (Losses)		(1,799)	(1,761)	(1,756)	(358)	(566)
Adjusted Non Interest Income (non-GAAP)		22,292	29,123	26,745	25,489	25,331
Adjusted Revenue (non-GAAP)	a 1 <u>0</u>	127,431	138,335	136,791	132,356	133,347
Efficiency Ratio (non-GAAP)		50.23%	48.91%	51.18%	53.49%	52.79%

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RETURN ON TANGIBLE COMMON EQUITY (dollars in thousands):

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Return on Tangible Common Equity		2010/02/08/0		575879187955			The state of the second	
Total Average Stockholders' Equity (GAAP)	\$ 478,440	\$ 535,506	\$ 540,255	\$ 675,295	\$ 753,724	\$ 884,664	\$1,110,524	\$ 1,343,861
Less: Average Preferred Stock	(74,181)	(90,908)	(47,537)	(125)	(125)	(125)	(125)	(125)
Less: Average Intangible Assets, Net of Tax	(149,554)	(147,889)	(153,519)	(199,354)	(215,281)	(254,332)	(360,005)	(467,421)
Average Tangible Common Equity, Net of Tax (non-GAAP)	\$ 254,705	\$ 296,709	\$ 339,199	\$ 475,816	\$ 538,318	\$ 630,207	\$ 750,394	\$ 876,315
Net Income (GAAP)	\$ 9,013	\$ 40,583	\$ 42,150	\$ 60,162	\$ 65,384	\$ 81,051	\$ 96,070	\$ 159,139
Less: Intangible Asset Amortization, Net of Tax	2,112	1,081	892	1,395	1,720	2,542	3,670	5,307
Tangible Net Income (non-GAAP)	\$ 11,125	\$ 41,664	\$ 43,042	\$ 61,557	\$ 67,104	\$ 83,593	\$ 99,740	\$ 164,446
Return on Tangible Common Equity (non-GAAP)	4.37%	14.04%	12.69%	12.94%	12.47%	13.26%	13.29%	18.77%

RETURN ON TANGIBLE COMMON EQUITY (dollars in thousands):

		2019	2020		1Q21		2Q21		3Q21		4Q21		2021		1Q22
Return on Tangible Common Equity		2015	2020	_	1021		2421		3421		4021		2021	_	1022
Total Average Stockholders' Equity (GAAP)	\$	1,569,615	\$ 1,825,135	\$1	1,840,432	\$1	1,846,037	\$1	,889,037	\$1	,890,229	\$:	L,866,632	\$1	,891,223
Less: Average Preferred Stock		(125)	(125)		(125)		(125)		(125)		(125)		(125)		(125)
Less: Average Intangible Assets, Net of Tax		(499,622)	(569,377)		(566,469)		(569,107)		(567,852)		(566,616)		(567,512)		(565,476)
Average Tangible Common Equity, Net of Tax (non-GAAP)	\$	1,069,868	\$ 1,255,633	\$1	1,273,838	\$1	1,276,805	\$1	,321,060	\$1	,323,488	\$:	L,298,995	\$1	,325,622
Net Income (GAAP)	\$	164,460	\$ 148,600	\$	49,469	\$	55,559	\$	52,770	\$	47,733	\$	205,531	\$	48,586
Less: Intangible Asset Amortization, Net of Tax		4,736	4,730		1,072		1,156		1,156		1,156		4,540		1,079
Tangible Net Income (non-GAAP)	\$	169,196	\$ 153,330	\$	50,541	\$	56,715	\$	53,926	\$	48,889	\$	210,071	\$	49,665
Return on Tangible Common Equity (non-GAAP)		15.81%	12.21%		15.87%		17.77%		16.33%		14.78%		16.17%		14.99%

