

# **INVESTOR UPDATE** Fourth Quarter 2021

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First Merchants and Level One and certain of their directors and executive officers may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the common shareholders of Level One in connection with the proposed Merger. Information about the directors and executive officers of First Merchants is set forth in the proxy statement for First Merchants' 2021 annual meeting of shareholders, as filed with the SEC on Schedule 14A on April 1, 2021, which information has been updated by First Merchants from time to time in subsequent filings with the SEC. Information about the directors and executive officers of Level One is set forth in the Proxy Statement-Prospectus relating to the proposed Merger. Additional information regarding the interests of these participants, including Level One's officers and directors, is also included in the Proxy Statement-Prospectus regarding the proposed Merger.

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### 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

**Banking:** 34 Yrs

FMB:

14 Yrs

FMB: 24 Yrs

Banking:

24 Yrs

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**

FMB: 14 Yrs

Banking:

32 Yrs

FMB:

6 Yrs

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**

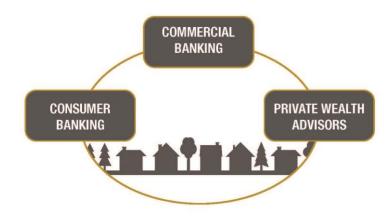
Banking: **18 Yrs** 

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.



Largest financial services holding company

**109 Banking Centers** 



### Financial Highlights as of 12/31/2021

\$15.5 Billion	YTD ROAA:	1.39%
Total Assets	YTD Return on TCE	16.17%
\$9.3 Billion	TCE/TA:	9.01%
Total Loans	Market Cap	\$2.2B
\$12.7 Billion	Dividend Yield:	2.70%
	Price / Tangible Book:	1.66x
<b>\$6.4 Billion</b> Assets Under Advisement*	Price / LTM EPS:	11.0x

\*Assets Under Management - \$3.5 Billion

### Moody's a3 Baseline Credit Assessment<sup>1</sup>

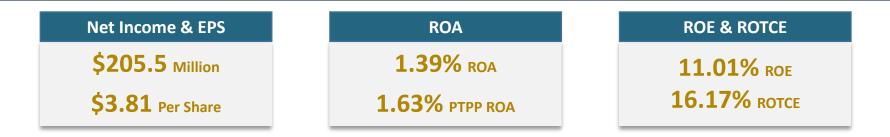


# **Fourth Quarter Highlights**



- 13.4% annualized loan growth, excluding Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans
- 12.4% annualized deposit growth
- Repurchased 116,604 shares totaling \$4.6 Million
- Announced the acquisition of Level One Bancorp in Farmington Hills, Michigan

# Year-to-Date Highlights



- Completed 17 branch consolidations year-to-date
- 6.6% annual loan growth, excluding PPP loans
- 12.1% annual deposit growth

- Repurchased 646,102 shares totaling \$25.4 Million
- Completed integration of Hoosier Trust Company
- Deployment of Online Account Origination technology



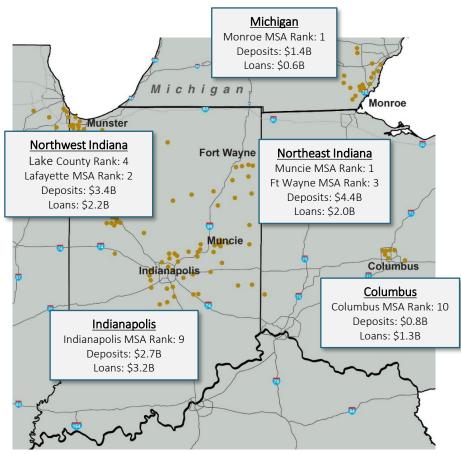
# **Strategy & Key Lines of Business**



## First Merchants Corporation

First Merchants Investment Services

# **Region and Line of Business Highlights**



MSA ranking data per S&P Global and is pro forma for pending transactions



### Loan Growth Annualized

	4Q21	2021
Commercial Group <sup>1</sup>	16.8%	9.6%
Consumer Group	3.7%	-0.5%
Private Wealth Group	1.2%	11.4%
Mortgage Group <sup>2</sup>	5.5%	0.2%
Total Loans – Adjusted <sup>1</sup>	13.4%	6.6%

- Strong Commercial growth led by C&I of 19% and IRE of 6%
- Line utilization increased within the Commercial group along with construction advances
- Consumer Loans benefited from both originations and HELOC line increases
- Pipeline remains stable across each business segment with IRE outpacing other segments

### Deposit Growth Annualized

	4Q21	2021	
Commercial Group	2.2%	16.3%	
Consumer Group	12.6%	6.4%	
Total Deposits	12.4%	12.1%	

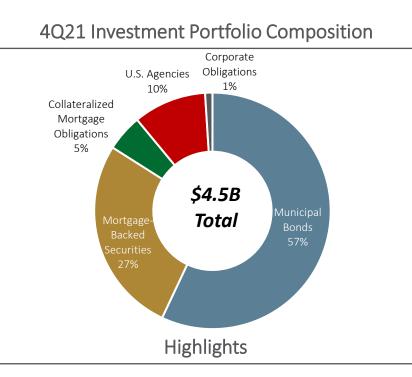
- For the full year, commercial growth was driven by retention of stimulus payments primarily in municipal and public entity relationships
- For the full year, stimulus payments have largely been utilized and Consumer deposit growth was reflective of both customer acquisition and core balance growth

# **Fourth Quarter Financial Results**

	(\$M except per share data)		For the T	hree Month	s Ended,		Mania	0/ )/		
							Variance Linked	% Variance Linked QTR-		
		12/31/20	3/31/21	6/30/21	9/30/21	12/31/21		Annualized		
	Balance Sheet & Asset Quality									4Q21 Highlights
1.	Total Assets	\$14,067.2	\$14,629.1	\$14,923.1	\$15,060.7	\$15,453.1	\$392.4	10.4%		
2.	Total Loans	9,247.1	9,322.7	9,139.8	9,047.6	9,253.0	205.5	9.1%		53.49% Efficiency Ratio
3.	Investments	3,146.8	3,700.9	4,148.3	4,445.5	4,524.4	78.8	7.1%		-
4.	Deposits	11,361.6	11,951.8	12,203.4	12,348.7	12,732.6	383.9	12.4%	_	12 40/ encoding allogen growth areas
5.	Common Equity	1,875.5	1,805.9	1,871.8	1,868.1	1,912.6	44.5	9.5%		13.4% annualized loan growth, over
										prior quarter excluding PPP loans
6.	TCE Ratio	9.65%	8.78%	9.04%	8.94%	9.01%	0.07%			
7.	Total RBC Ratio	14.36	14.33	14.23	14.02	13.92	-0.10		-	Not interact income, evoluting the
										Net interest income, excluding the
8.	ACL / Loans	1.41	2.16	2.19	2.21	2.11	-0.10			impact of PPP loan income, increased
9.	NCOs / Avg Loans	0.02	0.16	0.06	-0.01	0.20	0.21			\$1.0 million over prior quarter
10.	NPAs + 90PD / Assets	0.47	0.41	0.40	0.35	0.29	-0.06			
	Summary Income Statement									PPP fee income totaled \$3.3 million, a
									-	
11.	Net Interest Income	\$102.3	\$100.4	\$104.3	\$104.7	\$101.3	(\$3.4)	-13.1%		decrease of \$4.1 million from prior
12.	Provision for Loan Losses	4.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%		quarter. Remaining unearned fees total
13.	Non-interest Income	27.5	24.1	30.9	28.5	25.8	(2.7)	-37.2%		\$2.8 million.
14.	Non-interest Expense	72.5	66.1	69.3	71.4	72.4	1.1	5.9%		Ş2.8 mmon.
15.	Pre-tax Income	52.8	58.4	65.9	61.8	54.7	(7.1)	-46.2%		
16.	Provision for Taxes	7.6	8.9	10.3	9.1	7.0	(2.1)	-93.2%		Pre-Tax, Pre-Provision (PTPP) Earnings
17.	Net Income	45.2	49.5	55.6	52.8	47.7	(5.0)	-38.2%		totaled \$55.2 million, PTPP ROA was
										1.44% and PTPP ROE was 11.68%
18.	ROAA	1.29%	1.39%	1.51%	1.41%	1.25%	-0.16%			1.44% and PTPP RUE was 11.06%
19.	ROAE	9.72	10.75	12.04	11.17	10.10	-1.07			
20.	ROTCE	14.37	15.87	17.77	16.33	14.78	-1.55			
21.	Net Interest Margin	3.38	3.23	3.22	3.20	3.04	-0.16			
22.	Efficiency Ratio	55.01	50.23	48.91	51.18	53.49	2.31			
	Per Share									
23.	Earnings per Diluted Share	\$0.83	\$0.91	\$1.03	\$0.98	\$0.89	(\$0.09)			
24.	Tangible Book Value per Share	24.27	22.98	24.15	24.31	25.21	0.90			
25.	Dividend per Share	0.26	0.26	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.00			
26.	Dividend Payout Ratio	31.3%	28.6%	28.2%	29.6%	32.6%	3.0%			

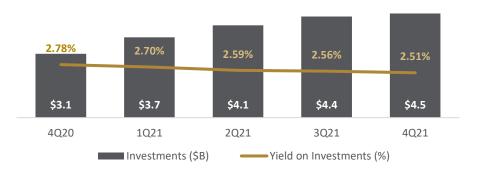
# **2021 Year End Financial Results**

	(\$M except per share data)	For the Ye	ar Ended Decembe	r 31,	Variance	% Variance		
		2019	2020	2021	YOY	YOY		
								2021 Year End Highlights
	Balance Sheet & Asset Quality							
1.	Total Assets	\$12,457.3	\$14,067.2	\$15,453.1	\$1,385.9	9.9%		
2.	Total Loans	8,468.3	9,247.1	9,253.0	5.9	0.1%		50.94% Efficiency Ratio
3.	Investments	2,596.1	3,146.8	4,524.4	1,377.6	43.8%	-	50.94% Efficiency Ratio
4.	Deposits	9,840.0	11,361.6	12,732.6	1,371.0	12.1%		
5.	Common Equity	1,786.4	1,875.6	1,912.6	36.9	2.0%	•	6.6% annualized loan growth, over
6.	TCE Ratio	10.16%	9.65%	9.01%	-0.64%			prior year excluding PPP loans
7.	Total RBC Ratio	14.29	14.36	13.92	-0.44			
								Pre-Tax, Pre-Provision (PTPP)
8.	ALLL / Loans	0.95	1.41	2.11	0.70			earnings totaled \$241.3 million, an
9.	NCOs / Avg Loans	0.04	0.09	0.10	0.01			increase of \$12.8 million or 6% over
10.	NPAs + 90PD / Assets	0.20	0.47	0.29	-0.18			prior year
	Summary Income Statement							
11.	Net Interest Income	\$356.7	\$382.1	\$410.7	\$28.6	7.5%		Tangible book value per share
12.	Provision for Loan Losses	2.8	58.7	0.0	(58.7)	-100.0%		increased \$0.94 over prior year
13.	Non-interest Income	86.7	109.9	109.3	(0.6)	-0.5%		increased 50.54 over prior year
14.	Non-interest Expense	246.8	263.4	279.2	15.8	6.0%		
15.	Pre-tax Income	193.8	170.0	240.8	70.8	41.7%	•	2021 ROTCE totaled 16.17%
16.	Provision for Taxes	29.3	21.4	35.3	13.9	65.0%		
17.	Net Income	164.5	148.6	205.5	56.9	38.3%		
18.	ROAA	1.48%	1.10%	1.39%	0.29%			
19.	ROAE	10.48	8.14	11.01	2.87			
20.	ROTCE	15.81	12.21	16.17	3.96			
21.	Net Interest Margin	3.69	3.29	3.18	-0.11			
22.	Efficiency Ratio	52.73	51.71	50.94	-0.77			
	Per Share							
23.	Earnings per Diluted Share	\$3.19	\$2.74	\$3.81	\$1.07			
24.		21.94	24.27	25.21	0.94			
25.	Dividend per Share	1.00	1.04	1.13	0.09			
26.	Dividend Payout Ratio	31.3%	38.0%	29.7%	-8.3%			



- Modified duration of 5.8 years
- 2022 roll off cash flow \$327 million / ~2.09% yield
- Current purchase tax equivalent yield of ~2.30%
- AA rated municipal bond portfolio
- The Allowance for Credit Losses for Investments is \$245,000

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



### **Investment Portfolio Gains**

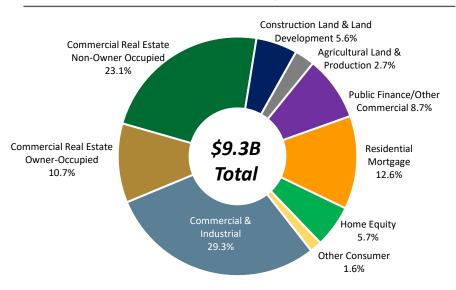
#### **Unrealized Gains**

Net unrealized Gain of \$98.4 million

#### **Realized Gains**

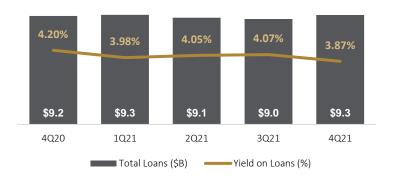
- 4Q 2020 \$2.4 million
- 1Q 2021 \$1.8 million
- 2Q 2021 \$1.8 million
- 3Q 2021 \$1.7 million
- 4Q 2021 \$0.4 million

# **Loan Portfolio Highlights**



### 4Q21 Loan Composition

### Yield on Loans (%) / Total Loans (\$B)

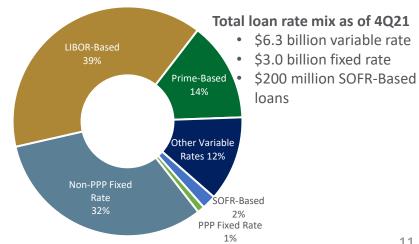


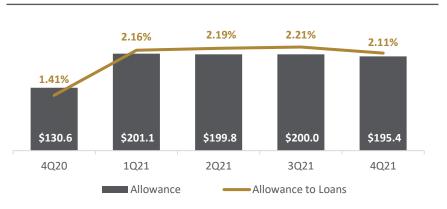
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### Highlights

- Portfolio composition remains ~80% Commercial oriented
  - Composition mostly unchanged from prior quarter
- Loan yields remained strong at 3.87%, 3.70% excluding PPP loans and fair value accretion
- New/renewed loan yields averaged 3.14% for the guarter

### 4Q21 Portfolio by Yield Type

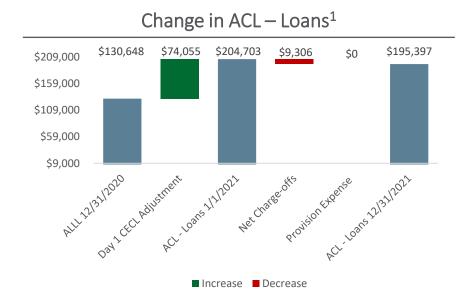




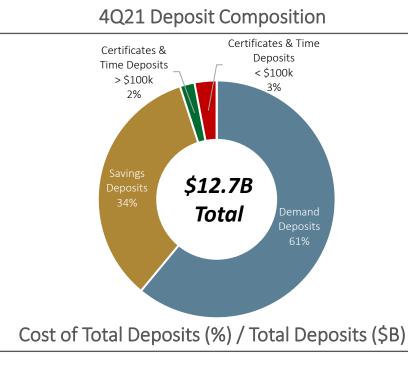
### 4Q21 Allowance for Credit Losses - Loans

### Highlights

- Allowance to Loans, excluding PPP loans, is 2.14%
- The reserve for unfunded commitments was unchanged at \$20.5 million, and recorded in Other Liabilities
- Remaining fair value adjustment on acquired loans is \$10.9 million







#### 0.27% 0.21% 0.19% 0.18% 0.18% \$11.4 \$12.0 \$12.2 \$12.3 \$12.7 4020 1021 2021 3021 4021 Total Deposits (\$B) Cost of Total Deposits (%)

### Highlights

- Strong core deposit base
  - 98% core deposits<sup>1</sup>
  - 21% non-interest bearing
  - ~55% yield 5 bps or less
- Consumer DDA average balance per account hit a new peak in December 2021 and is 35% higher than pre-pandemic levels

#### vs. Prior Periods

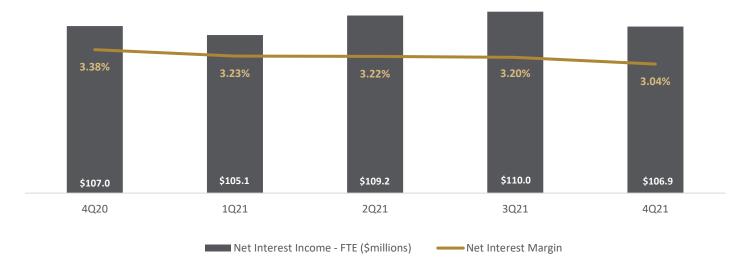
- Total deposit costs remained stable and low at 0.18%
  - Down 9 bps from 4Q20
- Average deposits up 10% when annualized from 3Q21, and 12% over prior year
  - Reflects retention of public fund stimulus payments
  - Time deposits continue to migrate to money market and non-time interest bearing accounts

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

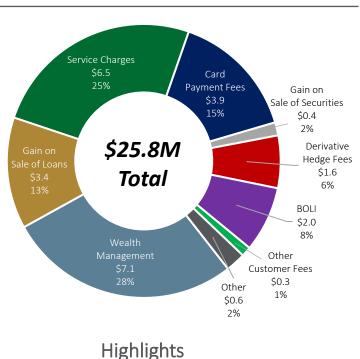


# **Net Interest Margin**

		4Q20	1Q21	2Q21	3Q21	4Q21
1.	Net Interest Income - FTE (\$millions)	\$ 107.0	\$ 105.1	\$ 109.2	\$ 110.0	\$ 106.9
2.	Fair Value Accretion	\$ 3.0	\$ 1.8	\$ 2.5	\$ 1.5	\$ 1.5
3.	PPP Loan Income	\$ 11.6	\$ 9.2	\$ 9.7	\$ 8.2	\$ 3.7
4.	Tax Equivalent Yield on Earning Assets	3.72%	3.52%	3.49%	3.46%	3.29%
5.	Interest Expense/Average Earning Assets	0.34%	0.29%	0.27%	0.26%	0.25%
6	Net Interest Margin	3.38%	3.23%	3.22%	3.20%	3.04%
7.	Fair Value Accretion Effect	0.09%	0.06%	0.07%	0.04%	0.04%
8.	Impact of PPP Loans	0.16%	0.13%	0.15%	0.17%	0.08%





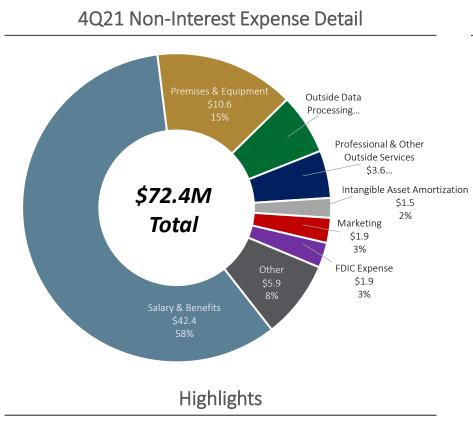


4Q21 Non-Interest Income Detail (\$M)

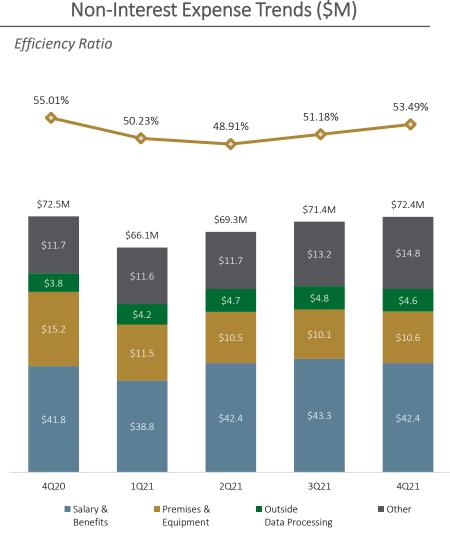
- 89% in Customer-related fees totaling \$22.8 million for 4Q21, and \$93.6 million for the year, an increase of \$2.6 million over prior year despite a decline in card payment fees due to the impact of Durbin adoption in mid-2020
- Decrease in Other Income primarily reflects a \$1.4 million decrease in net realized gains on the sale of securities

#### Non-Interest Income Trends (\$M) Fee Income / Revenue 22.1% 20.6% 20.5% 19.4% 18.6% \$30.9M \$28.5M \$27.5M \$25.8M \$24.1M \$6.7 \$4.2 \$4.2 \$3.5 \$3.9 \$5.6 \$4.4 \$5.3 4Q20 1Q21 2Q21 3021 4Q21 Wealth Gain on Service Card Other Sale of Loans Management Charges Payment Fees

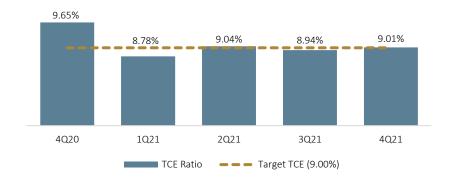
# **Non-Interest Expense Highlights**



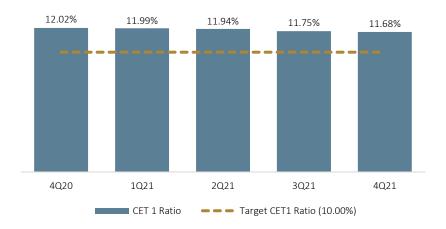
 4Q21 expenses increased \$1.0 million over 3Q21 which included \$0.5 million of Level One acquisition expenses







### Common Equity Tier 1 Ratio



### Total Risk-Based Capital Ratio





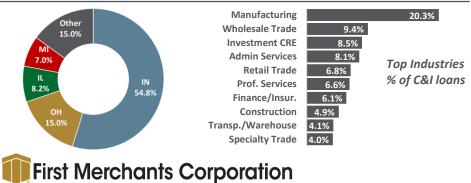
# Loan Portfolio

### Loan Portfolio Trends (\$M)

	4Q20	1Q21	2Q21	3Q21	4Q21
1. Commercial & Industrial	\$2,429	\$2,450	\$2,214	\$2,125	\$2,213
2. Sponsor Finance	351	430	460	448	504
3. CRE Owner Occupied	955	946	950	953	984
4. Construction/Land/Land Dev.	485	541	491	522	523
5. CRE Non-Owner Occupied	2,221	2,179	2,264	2,150	2,136
6. Agricultural	282	246	235	241	246
7. Public Finance/Other Commercial	<u>648</u>	<u>678</u>	759	<u>782</u>	807
8. Total Commercial Loans	7,371	7,470	7,373	7,221	7,413
9. Residential Mortgage	1,236	1,244	1,146	1,159	1,168
10. Home Equity	508	482	490	531	524
11. Other Consumer	<u>132</u>	<u>127</u>	<u>131</u>	<u>137</u>	<u>148</u>
12. Total Resid. Mortgage & Consumer	<u>1,876</u>	<u>1,853</u>	<u>1,767</u>	<u>1,827</u>	<u>1,840</u>
13. Total Loans	\$9,247	\$9,323	\$9,140	\$9,048	\$9,253
14. Paycheck Protection Program Loans <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 667	\$ 742	\$ 416	\$ 198	\$ 107

**\$ 416 \$ 198 \$ 107** <sup>1</sup>Included in C&I and Sponsor above

### Geography / C&I Top Industries



### Highlights

### Portfolio

- Diversified and growing loan portfolio by:
  - Line of business
  - Industry and geography
  - Type: commercial, mortgage and consumer

#### vs. Prior Quarter

#### Loans grew \$296 million / 13.4% annualized ex PPP

📕 Increase 📕 Decrease 🔳 Total



#### vs. Prior Year

#### Loans grew \$566 million / 6.6% ex PPP

📕 Increase 📕 Decrease 🔳 Total



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# **Asset Quality**

### Asset Quality Trends (\$M)

	4Q20	1Q21	2Q21	3Q21	4Q21
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1. Non-Accrual Loans	\$ 61.5	\$ 57.9	Ş 57.6	\$ 51.5	\$ 43.1
2. Other Real Estate	0.9	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.5
3. 90PD Loans	0.8	1.1	0.2	0.2	1.0
4. Renegotiated Loans	3.2	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.3
5. NPAs + 90PD	\$ 66.4	\$ 60.3	\$ 59.0	\$ 52.8	\$ 44.9
6. NPAs + 90PD/Loans and ORE	0.72%	0.65%	0.65%	0.58%	0.49%
7. Classified Loans	\$250.0	\$247.7	\$183.7	\$144.6	\$122.7
8. Classified Loans/Loans	2.70%	2.66%	2.01%	1.60%	1.33%
9. Net Charge-offs (QTD)	\$ 0.6	\$ 3.6	\$ 1.3	\$ (0.2)	\$ 4.6
10. QTD NCO/Avg. Loans (Annualized)	0.02%	0.16%	0.06%	-0.01%	0.20%

### Highlights

### vs. Prior Quarter

#### **Improved Asset Quality**

- Non-accrual loans decreased \$8.4 million
- Classified loans decreased \$21.9 million
  - Largest reductions in agriculture and specialty trade loans

#### vs. Prior Year

#### **Favorable Asset Quality Trends**

- Non-accrual loans decreased \$18.4 million
- NPAs + 90PD decreased \$21.5 million
- Classified loans decreased \$127.3 million, a 50.9% decline
  - Senior living, manufacturing, agriculture and admin services portfolios contributed majority of reduction



# **Non-Performing Assets**

### Non-Performing Assets Roll Forward (\$M)

		1Q21	2Q21	3Q21	4Q21	2021
1.	Beginning Balance NPAs + 90PD	\$66.4	\$60.3	\$59.0	\$52.8	\$66.4
	Non-Accrual					
2.	Add: New Non-Accruals	6.5	5.4	22.6	6.4	40.9
3.	Less: To Accrual/	(5.8)	(4.0)	(27.9)	(9.5)	(47.2)
	Payoff/Renegotiated					
4.	Less: To OREO	-	-	(0.2)	-	(0.2)
5.	Less: Charge-offs	<u>(4.3)</u>	<u>(1.7)</u>	<u>(0.6)</u>	<u>(5.3)</u>	<u>(11.9)</u>
6.	Non-Accrual Loans Change	(3.6)	(0.3)	(6.1)	(8.4)	(18.4)
	Other Real Estate Owned (ORE)					
7.	Add: New ORE Properties	-	-	0.2	-	0.2
8.	Less: ORE Sold	(0.3)	-	(0.1)	-	(0.4)
9.	Less: ORE Losses (write-downs)				<u>(0.2</u> )	<u>(0.2</u> )
10.	ORE Change	(0.3)	-	0.1	(0.2)	(0.4)
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11.	90PD Change	0.3	(0.9)	-	0.8	0.2
12.	Renegotiated Loans Change	<u>(2.5)</u>	<u>(0.1)</u>	<u>(0.2)</u>	<u>(0.1)</u>	<u>(2.9)</u>
13.	NPAs + 90PD Change	<u>(6.1)</u>	<u>(1.3)</u>	<u>(6.2)</u>	<u>(7.9)</u>	<u>(21.5)</u>
14.	Ending Balance NPAs + 90PD	\$60.3	\$59.0	\$52.8	\$44.9	\$44.9

### Highlights

### — 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter NPA Roll Forward —

#### \$7.9 million net reduction in NPAs + 90 PD

- \$9.5 million in resolved non-accrual loans
- Top three non-accrual relationships total \$23.4 million
- \$5.3 million of gross charge-offs in 4Q21 with recoveries of \$0.7 million

#### 2021

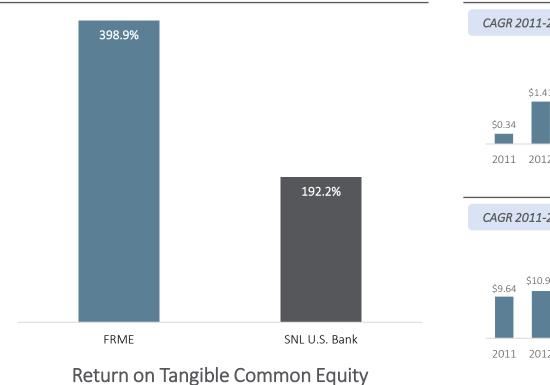
#### \$21.5 million net reduction in NPAs + 90 PD

- \$40.9 million in new non-accrual loans during 2021
  - Top industries lessors of real estate, agribusiness and construction
- \$47.2 million in resolved non-accrual loans
- \$11.9 million of gross charge-offs in 2021 with recoveries of \$2.6 million



# **Track Record of Shareholder Value**

10-Year Total Return (12/31/11-12/31/21)



# 4.37% 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 First Merchants Corporation



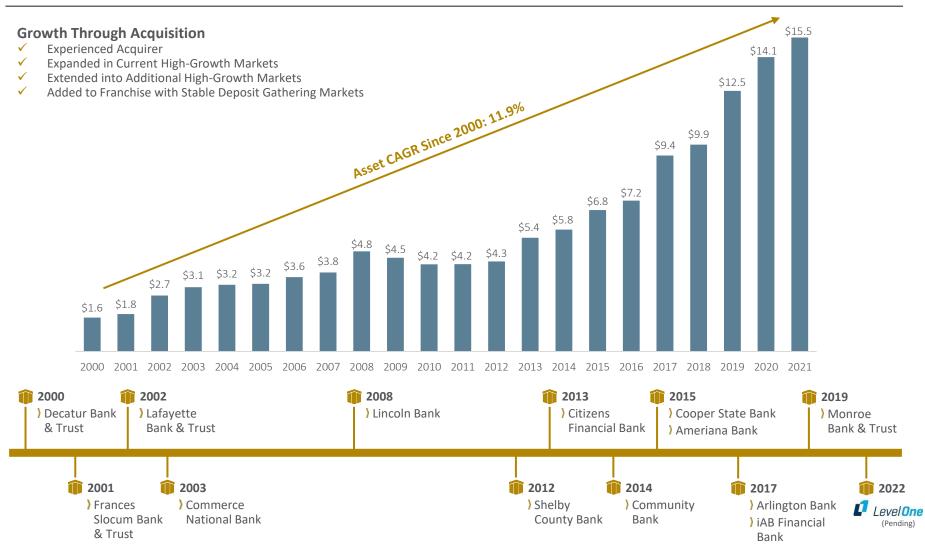




Earnings per Share

# History of Organic and Whole Bank Acquisition Growth

Total Assets (\$B)



# **Vision for the Future**

Our Vision:	To enhance the financial wellness of the diverse communities we serve.
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**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•Lead a brand-focused cultural transformation through inclusivity, teamwork, performanceImperatives:•management, career development, rewards and work-life balance

- Produce organic growth across all lines of businesses and markets through focused, data driven industry leading client acquisition, expansion and retention activities
- 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



# APPENDIX



	4Q20	1Q21	2Q21	3Q21	4Q21
Total Risk-Based Capital Ratio (dollars in thousands)					
Total Stockholders' Equity (GAAP)	1,875,645	1,805,856	1,871,800	1,868,090	1,912,571
Adjust for Accumulated Other Comprehensive (Income) Loss <sup>1</sup>	(74,836)	(35,810)	(60,080)	(39,889)	(55,113)
Less: Preferred Stock	(125)	(125)	(125)	(125)	(125)
Add: Qualifying Capital Securities	46,368	46,427	46,487	46,546	46,606
Less: Tier 1 Capital Deductions	-	-	-	-	-
Less: Disallowed Goodwill and Intangible Assets	(564,982)	(563,889)	(566,412)	(565,221)	(564,002)
Less: Disallowed Deferred Tax Assets	-	(1,379)	(1,152)	(1,005)	(239)
Add: Modified CECL Transition Amount	-	40,314	40,314	34,542	34,542
Total Tier 1 Capital (Regulatory)	\$ 1,282,070 \$	1,291,394 \$	1,330,832 \$	1,342,938 \$	1,374,240
Qualifying Subordinated Debentures	65,000	65,000	65,000	65,000	65,000
Allowance for Loan Losses includible in Tier 2 Capital	128,481	131,061	135,690	139,200	143,241
Total Risk-Based Capital (Regulatory)	\$ 1,475,551 \$	1,487,455 \$	1,531,522 \$	1,547,138 \$	1,582,481
Net Risk-Weighted Assets (Regulatory)	\$ 10,276,333 \$	10,383,360 \$	10,759,672 \$	11,037,663 \$	11,369,907
Total Risk-Based Capital Ratio (Regulatory)	14.36%	14.33%	14.23%	14.02%	13.92%
Common Equity Tier 1 Capital Ratio					
Total Tier 1 Capital (Regulatory)	\$ 1,282,070 \$	1,291,394 \$	1,330,832 \$	1,342,938 \$	1,374,240
Less: Qualified Capital Securities	(46,368)	(46,427)	(46,487)	(46,546)	(46,606)
Add: Additional Tier 1 Capital Deductions	-	-	-	-	-
Common Equity Tier 1 Capital (Regulatory)	\$ 1,235,702 \$	1,244,967 \$	1,284,345 \$	1,296,392 \$	1,327,634
Net Risk-Weighted Assets (Regulatory)	\$ 10,276,333 \$	10,383,360 \$	10,759,672 \$	11,037,663 \$	11,369,907
Common Equity Tier 1 Capital Ratio (Regulatory)	12.02%	11.99%	11.94%	11.75%	11.68%

<sup>1</sup> 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.



	4Q20	1Q21	2Q21	3Q21	4Q21
Tangible Common Equity Ratio (dollars in thousands)					
Total Stockholders' Equity (GAAP)	\$ 1,875,645 \$	1,805,856 \$	1,871,800 \$	1,868,090	\$ 1,912,571
Less: Preferred Stock	(125)	(125)	(125)	(125)	(125)
Less: Intangible Assets	 (572,893)	(571,536)	(573,786)	(572,323)	(570,860)
Tangible Common Equity (non-GAAP)	\$ 1,302,627 \$	1,234,195 \$	1,297,889 \$	1,295,642	\$ 1,341,586
Total Assets (GAAP)	\$ 14,067,210 \$	14,629,066 \$	14,923,097 \$	15,060,725	\$ 15,453,149
Less: Intangible Assets	 (572 <i>,</i> 893)	(571,536)	(573,786)	(572,323)	(570,860)
Tangible Assets (non-GAAP)	\$ 13,494,317 \$	14,057,530 \$	14,349,311 \$	14,488,402	\$ 14,882,289
Tangible Common Equity Ratio (non-GAAP)	9.65%	8.78%	9.04%	8.94%	9.01%

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

	4Q18	4Q19	4Q20	1Q21	2Q21	3Q21	4Q21	
Tangible Common Equity Per Share								
Total Stockholders' Equity (GAAP)	\$ 1,408,260	\$1,786,437	\$ 1,875,645	\$1,805,856	\$1,871,800	\$ 1,868,090	\$ 1,912,571	
Less: Preferred Stock	(125)	(125)	(125)	(125)	(125)	(125)	(125)	
Less: Intangible Assets	(469,784)	(578,881)	(572,893)	(571,536)	(573 <i>,</i> 786)	(572,323)	(570 <i>,</i> 860)	
Tax Benefit	5,017	7,257	5,989	5,710	5,432	5,153	4,875	
Tangible Common Equity, Net of Tax (non-GAAP	\$   943,368	\$ 1,214,688	\$ 1,308,616	\$1,239,905	\$1,303,321	\$ 1,300,795	\$ 1,346,461	
Shares Outstanding	49,349,800	55,368,482	53,922,359	53,953,723	53,972,386	53,510,745	53,410,411	
Tangible Common Equity per Share (non-GAAP)	\$ 19.12	\$ 21.94	\$ 24.27	\$ 22.98	\$ 24.15	\$ 24.31	\$ 25.21	



# **Non-GAAP**

2019	4Q20	2020	1Q21	2Q21	3Q21	4Q21	2021
\$ 246,763	\$ \$ 72,536	5 \$ 263,405	\$ 66,098	3 \$ 69,295	5 \$ 71,384	\$ 72,436	\$ 279,213
(5 <i>,</i> 994	) (1,476	5) (5,987	) (1,357	7) (1,464	4) (1,463)	(1,463)	(5 <i>,</i> 747)
(2,428	3) 1,576	5 (330	) (734	4) (178	3) 91	(171)	(992)
238,341	. 72,630	5 257,088	64,007	67,653	3 70,012	70,802	272,474
356,660	102,31	1 382,127	100,428	3 104,264	104,715	101,273	410,680
13,085	64,644	4 16,966	4,711	L 4,948	3 5,331	5,594	20,586
A <u>369,745</u>	106,95	5 399,093	105,139	9 109,212	2 110,046	106,867	431,266
86,688	3 27,483	3 109,926	24,091	L 30,884	4 28,501	25,847	109,323
(4,415	5) (2,398	3) (11,895	) (1,799	9) (1,761	l) (1,756)	(358)	(5,674)
82,273	25,08	5 98,031	22,292	2 29,123	3 26,745	25,489	103,649
452,018	132,040	) 497,124	127,431	L 138,335	5 136,791	132,356	534,915
52.73%	6 55.01	% 51.71%	<b>50.23</b> %	<b>48.91</b>	% 51.18%	53.49%	50.94%
2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
\$ 478,440	\$ 535,506	\$ 540,255	\$ 675,295	\$ 753,724	\$ 884,664 \$	1,110,524 \$	1,343,861
(74,181)	(90,908)	(47,537)	(125)	(125)	(125)	(125)	(125)
(149,554)	(147,889)	(153,519)	(199,354)	(215,281)	(254,332)	(360,005)	(467,421)
\$ 254,705	\$ 296,709	\$ 339,199	\$ 475,816	\$ 538,318	\$ 630,207	5 750,394	876,315
\$ 9,013	\$ 40,583	\$ 42,150	\$ 60,162	\$ 65,384	\$ 81,051 \$	96,070	5 159,139
2,112	1,081	892	1,395	1,720	2,542	3,670	5,307
\$ 11,125	\$ 41,664	\$ 43,042	\$ 61,557	\$ 67,104	\$ 83,593 \$	5 99,740 Ş	5 164,446
4.37%	14.04%	12.69%	12.94%	12.47%	13.26%	13.29%	18.77%
2019	4020	2020	1021	2021	3021	4021	2021
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\$1,569,615	\$1,856,896	\$ 1,825,135	\$1,840,432	\$1,846,037	/ \$1,889,037	\$ 1,890,229	\$1,866,632
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	\$1,289,140	\$ 1,255,633			, , ,		\$1,298,995
5 164,460	\$ 45,135	\$ 148,600	\$ 49,469	\$ 55,559	\$ 52,770	\$ 47,733	\$ 205,531
4,736	1,166	4,730				1,156	4,540
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