UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report: November 29, 2021

Finward Bancorp

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Indiana 000-26128 35-1927981 (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

9204 Columbia Avenue Munster, Indiana 46321 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(219) 836-4400 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant unde any of the following provisions:
☑ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

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☐ Pre-commencement com	nmunications pursuant to Rule 14	d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
☐ Pre-commencement com	nmunications pursuant to Rule 13e	e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
Securities registered pursua	ant to Section 12(b) of the Act: No	ne.
Title of each class N/A	Trading Symbol(s) N/A	Name of each exchange on which registered N/A
•	•	g growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of es Exchange Act of 1934 (§ 240.12b-2 of this chapter).
Emerging growth company		

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. \Box

Item 7.01.

Regulation FD Disclosure

On November 29, 2021 Finward Bancorp (the "Bancorp") will present financial and other information to investors. The slides for the presentation are attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report and are incorporated by reference into this Item 7.01. This information is furnished pursuant to Item 7.01 of Form 8-K and shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section. The filing of this report shall not been deemed an admission as to the materiality of any information in the report that is required to be disclosed solely by reason of Regulation FD.

Additional Information for Shareholders

In connection with the proposed merger with RYFL, Finward has filed with the SEC a Registration Statement on Form S-4 that includes a Joint Proxy Statement of RYFL and Finward, as well as a Prospectus of Finward (the "Joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus"), as well as other relevant documents concerning the proposed transaction. Finward and RYFL have mailed the definitive Joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus to shareholders of Finward and RYFL (which mailings were first made on or about November 8, 2021). SHAREHOLDERS AND INVESTORS ARE URGED TO READ THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT AND THE JOINT PROXY STATEMENT/ PROSPECTUS REGARDING THE MERGER AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS FILED WITH THE SEC, AS WELL AS ANY AMENDMENTS OR SUPPLEMENTS TO THOSE DOCUMENTS, BECAUSE THEY CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION.

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Forward-Looking Statements

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Although management believes that the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are reasonable, actual results may differ materially from those expressed or implied in such statements. Risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially include: the significant risks and uncertainties for our business, results of operations, and financial condition, as well as our regulatory capital and liquidity ratios and other regulatory requirements caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, which will depend on several factors, including the scope and duration of the pandemic, its influence on financial markets, the effectiveness of our remote work arrangements and staffing levels in branches and other operational facilities, and actions taken by governmental authorities and other third parties in response to the pandemic; changes in asset quality and credit risk; the inability to sustain revenue and earnings growth; changes in interest rates, market liquidity, and capital markets, as well as the magnitude of such changes, which may reduce net interest margins; inflation; customer acceptance of the Bancorp's products and services; customer borrowing, repayment, investment, and deposit practices; customer disintermediation; the introduction, withdrawal, success, and timing of business initiatives; competitive conditions; the inability to realize cost savings or revenues or to implement integration plans and other consequences associated with mergers, acquisitions, and divestitures; economic conditions; and the impact, extent, and timing of technological changes, capital management activities, and other actions of the Federal Reserve Board and legislative and regulatory actions and reforms.

In addition to the above factors, we also caution that the actual amounts and timing of any future common stock dividends or

share repurchases will be subject to various factors, including our capital position, financial performance, capital impacts of strategic initiatives, market conditions, and regulatory and accounting considerations, as well as any other factors that our Board of Directors deems relevant in making such a determination. Therefore, there can be no assurance that we will repurchase shares or pay any dividends to holders of our common stock, or as to the amount of any such repurchases or dividends. Further, statements about the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on our business, operations, financial performance, and prospects may constitute forward-looking statements and are subject to the risk that the actual impacts may differ, possibly materially, from what is reflected in those forward-looking statements due to factors and future developments that are uncertain, unpredictable, and in many cases beyond our control, including the scope and duration of the pandemic, actions taken by governmental authorities in response to the pandemic, and the direct and indirect impact of the pandemic on our customers, third parties, and us.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Slide presentation for investor calls commencing on November 29, 2021

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SIGNATURE

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.

Date: November 26, 2021

Finward Bancorp

By: /s/ Peymon S. Torabi

Name: Mr. Peymon S. Torabi

Title: Executive Vice President, Chief

Financial Officer and Treasurer

Filed by Finward Bancorp pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act of 1933 Subject Company: Finward Bancorp Commission File No. 000-26128



Investor Presentation

Monday, November 29, 2021





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Disclosures Regarding Non-GAAP Measures

This presentation refers to certain financial measures that are identified as non-GAAP. FNWO believes that these non-GAAP measures are helpful to investors to better understand the FNWO's assets, earnings, and shareholders' equity at the date of this presentation. This supplemental information should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for the related GAAP measures. See the attached table at the end of this presentation for a reconciliation of the non-GAAP measures identified herein and their most comparable GAAP measures.



Overview of Finward Bancorp

Company Overview

- 110-year old bank headquartered in Munster, Indiana
- Community bank with core competency in commercial lending, funded by a formidable, low-cost core deposit franchise
- Named a Best Bank to Work for in America for 2015-2020 as well as a Top 200 Community Bank for 15 consecutive years by American Banker magazine
- · Committed to our core values of Stability, Integrity, Community and Excellence
- · Expanded into Illinois via two successfully integrated acquisitions
- Growing a full-service wealth management business

Primary Busi	ness Segments
Community Banking	Wealth Management
Indiana state-chartered commercial bank organized in 1910 22 full-service retail locations across Indiana and Illinois (excludes the 9 Royal Financial locations to be added) I deerson business banking team Full service mortgage banking capabilities	Estate & retirement planning Corporate fiduciary business Advisory & brokerage IRA & Keogh accounts \$373M of assets under care 12% YOY growth in revenues from 201 to 2020
NPAs / Assists excludes restructured fears from normalization. Non-SAMP calculation, see Pages 29, 30 E 30. Core net income, adjusted for realized gain on sale of securities.	
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Financial Highlights								
S in Millions	2019	2020	03 2021 YTO					
Total Assets	\$1,328	\$1,496	\$1,610					
Total Gross Loans	906	965	956					
Total Deposits	1.154	1.302	1,406					
Total Equity	134	152	153					
NPAs / Assets(002)	0.72%	1.11%	0.93%					
NIM (FTE)	3.73%	3.64%	3.49%					
Core ROAA(2)(3)	0.91%	0.94%	0.88%					
Core ROATCE(2)(3)	10.6%	10.4%	9.9%					
Full-Time Employees	255	264	263					

Investment Rationale

Robust & Disciplined **Growth Supporting** Strong Profitability

- 9.8%TBV + Dividend CAGR since year-end 2013
- Emphasis on expanding both wealth management and business banking
- . Organic growth enhanced by strategic acquisitions expanding reach into markets that are very similar to the legacy footprint
- Core ROAA of 0.88%⁽¹⁾ and core ROATCE of 9.9%⁽¹⁾ for the year-to-date period ending in Q3 2021

Experienced Management Team

- Dynamic, enthusiastic management team with significant experience in Chicago area markets led by a highly accomplished Board of Directors
- Executive management team well positioned to take the Company through the next phase of the strategic plan
- 18%²⁾ insider ownership aligns management's interests with shareholders

Dynamic Operating Markets

- Operating in the "shadow" of Chicago: enjoying the positives of Chicago's diverse economy with the benefit of being headquartered in Indiana
- . Well positioned to growthrough ample acquisition opportunities in our operating markets
- · Vibrant, highly educated workforce

Attractive & Growing Core Deposit Franchise

- Formidable and well established core deposit base of 90% of total deposits growing in excess of 12.6% per year (2013-current)
- . Dedicated to banking our clients' entire relationship through whichever of our channels meets their needs

Strategic Investments in Infrastructure & Technology

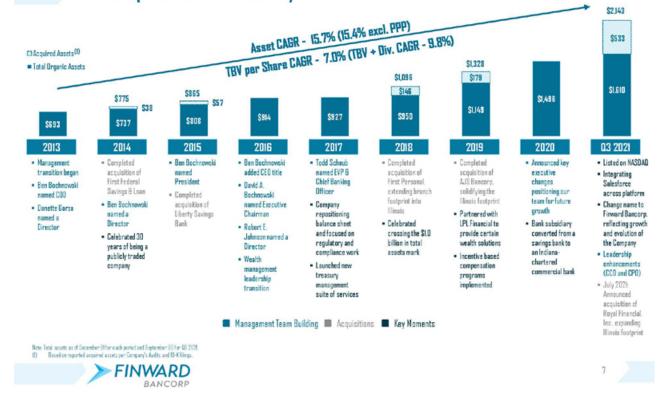
- · Focused on establishing scalable platforms for all business lines to support continued growth
- Re-engineering branch and digital banking channels while bolstering data analytics to better address client needs
- Leveraging technology to enhance operations, creating highly scalable processes
- Non-CAP calculation, see Payes 29 6:30.

 Per March 202 group statement. Beneficial ownership includes shared of restricted stock.

 Core deposits defined as total deposits less time deposits greater than \$100K.



Corporate History



Executive Management Team

- Multi-generational leadership team with decades of combined experience working together
- Significant insider ownership of 18%⁽¹⁾ aligning interests with shareholders
- Seasoned banking team with deep ties to core operating markets
- Risk-aligned corporate culture, promoting responsibility and accountability

Officer		Years of Banking Experience	Year Started at Finward Bancorp	Position with Company
9	Benjamin J. Bochnowski	II	2010	President & Chief Executive Officer
	Robert T. Lowry	36	1985	Executive VP & Chief Operating Officer
9	Tadd M. Scheub	26	1996	Executive VP & Chief Banking Officer
9	Peymon S. Torabi	18	2003	Executive VP & Chief Financial Officer
0	Leane E. Cerven	27	2010	Executive VP & Chief Risk Officer
	Tanya A. Leetz	27	1994	Executive VP & Chief Technology Officer
	Jill Washington	15	2021	Senior VP & Chief People Officer

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Diverse Board of Directors

Board Member	Age	Year Joined Board	
David A. Bochnowski Executive Chairman	76	1977	

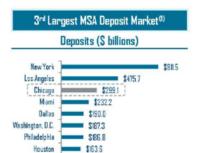
Board Me	mber	Age	Year Joined Board
9	Benjamin J. Bochnowski President & CEO	41	2014
-	Donald P. Fesko	49	2005
	Edward J. Furticella	74	2000
	Danette Garza	67	2013
100	Joel Gorelick	74	2000
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Board Member	Age	Year Joined Board
Amy W. Han	58	2008
Robert E. Johnson III	52	2016
Kenneth V. Krupinski	74	2003
Anthony M. Puntillo	55	2004
James L. Wieser	74	1999





Dynamic & Attractive Operating Market



\$137.2

\$100.4

Atlanta





FNWD Operating Market: The "Shadow" of Chicago

- Benefits from Chicago's demographics and Indiana's business-friendly environment
- Indiana ranked 2nd among Midwest states for cost of doing business in 2019
- 28 Fortune 1000 companies combined headquartered throughout Chicago and Northwest Indiana
- Chief Executive magazine ranked Indiana the 5th best state in the nation for business, placing it 1st in the Midwest in 2019

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Disciplined and Experienced Acquiror

	First Federal Savings & Loan Association of Hammond	Liberty Savings Bank, FSB	— Personal Bank	AJS BANCORP, INC.	Royal
Transaction Date	Closed April 2014	Closed July 2015	Closed July 2018	Closed January 2019	Announced July 2021
Transaction Value	0)	(1)	SIGM	\$34M	\$53M
Assets (\$M) ⁽²⁾ As a % of FNWD Assets	\$38M 5%	\$57M 7%	S146M 15%	\$179M 16%	\$533M 33%
Loans (SM) ⁽²⁾	\$29M	\$28M	\$95M	\$88M	\$464M
Deposits (\$M) ⁽²⁾	\$37M	\$56M	I \$125м	\$144M	\$466M
# of Branches	2	3	3	3	9

Source: SSP Global Warket Intelligence

First Federal Savings & Lise Accordates of Hammond and Liberty Savings Bank, FSB transactions were valuetary supervisory conversions. FSMID did not pay any consideration as part of the transaction

(2) Based on reported acquired amounts per Company's Audits and IO-K fillings.



Acquisition of Royal Financial, Inc. (RYFL)

Company Overview

- · Royal Financial, Inc. has provided banking and financial services in the Chicagoland area since 1887 through its wholly-owned subsidiary Royal Savings
- Headquartered in Chicago, IL and operates nine full-services branch locations throughout Chicago with lending centers in Homewood and St. Charles, IL
- Consistently profitable with net income of \$5.2 million for the twelve months ended 6/30/2021, resulting in a LTM ROAA of 1.01% and ROATCE of 11.9%
- 4.18%⁽⁰⁾ yield on loans and 0.33%⁽⁰⁾ cost of total deposits for the quarter ended

Transaction Rationale

- · Strengthens presence in attractive Chicago market, with pro forma deposits of approximately \$1.9 billion and top 25 deposit market share in the Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, IL-IN-WI MSA
- Strong EPS accretion of ~25% in the first year of fully realized cost savings with mid single-digits tangible book value dilution and an earn back of approximately 2.3 years using the cross-over method
- · Pro forma company positioned to benefit from growth potential of leveraging its present business model within those new and existing markets, while benefiting from a higher legal lending limit and additional products on the Finward platform

Source: SSP Clobal Market intalligence.

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Financial Highlights					
Balance Sheet (\$M)	Capital				
Assets	\$533	TCE / TA	8.6%		
Net Loams (incl. HFS)	\$460				
Deposits	\$466				
Profitability (LTM)		Asset Quality ⁽²⁾			
NIM	3.42%	NPAs/Assets	0.44%		
ROAA	1.01%	LLR/Loans	0.83%		
ROATCE	11.9%	LLR/NPLs	175.1%		
Efficiency Ratio	57.1%	LTM NCOs/Avg. Loans	(0.05%)		

Driving Service Excellence

Deepen Relationships

- Transitioning from customers and features to relationships and solutions
- · Focus on what clients need to thrive
- Broaden product/service offerings

Drive Efficiency

- Reduce complexity
- · Reduce cycle time
- Improve sales growth

Expand Markets

- · Grow into new markets organically
- Expand product offerings
- Build scale through whole bank & team acquisitions

Superior customer service supported by best in class technology

Technology Partners















Well-Balanced, Growing Loan Portfolio





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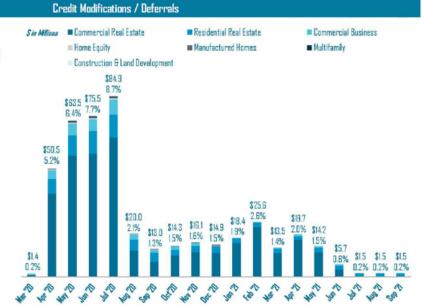


- Core competency in commercial lending (46% combined total of CRE and CSI)
- Growing C8I portfolio of \$125.9 million (\$93.0 million excl. PPP) as of 9/30/2021
- Named 2019 Lender of the Year by the Regional Development Company for commercial lending efforts
- Continuously making upgrades to residential mortgage platform with \$225 million of originations in 2020 and \$120 million for the year-to-date period
- Portfolio mortgages mainly jumbo loans, high quality loans with 10-15 year terms, and acquired loans

COVID-19 Impacts

Prudently helping borrowers unable to meet contractual payment obligations due to COVIO-19

- Consistent with regulatory guidance, consider deferrals/modifications if borrower's cash flow impacted by the pandemic
- Total deferrals/modifications of \$1.5 million (0.2% of total loans)
- As of 9/30/2021, 100% of deferrals are interest only



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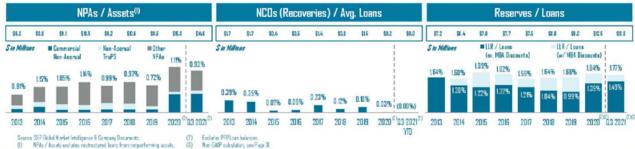
Conservative Approach to Credit

Credit Philosophy

- Experienced banking team with deep knowledge of the Chicago area market empowered to be relationship bankers (not just lenders)
- · Prudent risk identification and mitigation processes in place to proactively address risks in the loan portfolio
- · Compete aggressively for newlending opportunities, but will always appropriately structure credits to minimize risk
- Loan portfolio is well diversified to reduce concentration risks

Credit Underwriting and Administration

- Credit approval process is layered through Chief Business Banking Officer and Ioan committees (OLC, SOLC and Board EC)
- · Additional personnel to be hired in near future
- 60% of the portfolio was reviewed by an internal team or third party in 2020.
- Stress test was conducted by an outside third party in 2020 and will be tested again this year
- . Commercial portfolio workout manager actively monitors and works with borrowers for problem credits





Stable and Growing Core Deposit Franchise





Deposit Strategy

- · Formidable and well established core deposit franchise provides low-cost source of funding for loan origination
- 68% loans/deposits provides ample room for loan growth
- 81% of total deposits are non-maturity as of 9/30/2021
- Top quartile⁽³⁾ cost of deposits at I6 bps for the year-to-date period ending 9/30/2021
- 82% of time deposits as of 9/30/2021 repricing over the next 12 months: providing opportunity for additional potential down-trend in pricing

Source: SRP Blobal Marks Linkell games & Company December.

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Core Earnings Power

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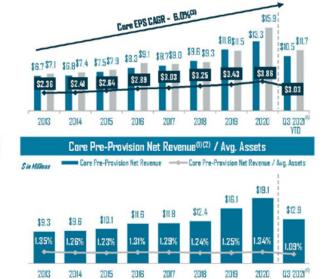
- · Strong earnings continue to accrete to and build capital
- . Low cost funding allows for utilizing the balance sheet efficiently
- · Successful execution of MSA strategy resulting in realized synergies more than accounting for one-time deal-related costs
- · Future profitability to be driven by a combination of organic growth, streamlining of internal operations, and accretive M&A



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(2) Non-CAP calculation, see Pages 29 6 30.



2016

Core Net Income⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ & Earnings Per Share⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾

Core Net Income SAAP Net Income Core EPS

2018

For comparison purposes, CASR calculated using Core EPS for the LTM period ending 9/30/2020 Earnings metrics for the year-to-dute period ending 9/30/2020.

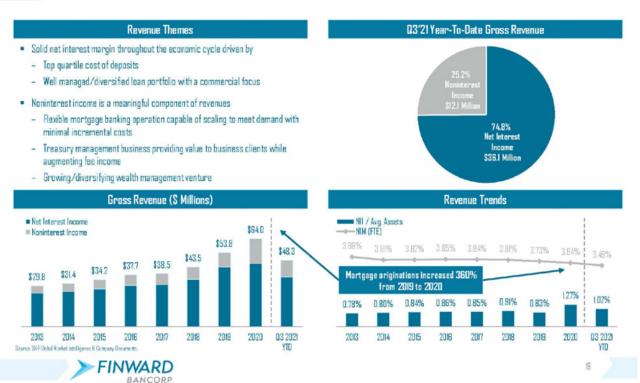
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High Quality, Recurring Revenues



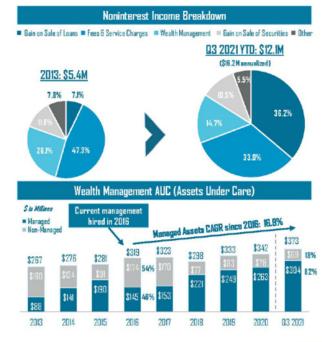
Diversified Sources of Fee Income

Noninterest Income Business

- · Mortgage banking, service income, wealth management, and other noninterest income streams are all internally developed
- Recurring fee income buttressed by record gains on mortgage loan sales (up 266% YOY from 2019 to 2020)
- · 2020 wealth management income up 12% YOY from 2019 (income tied to trust and fiduciary business, not AUC)
- Investments in enhanced treasury management services compliment business



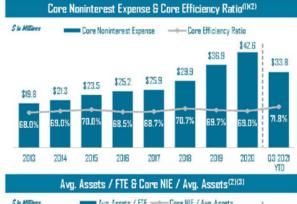
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Focused Expense Management

- Investments in core technology platforms key to leveraging of the expense base
- Long-term goal of core efficiency ratio under 60%
- Long-term goal of core NIE / Avg. Assets under 2.5%
- Total assets per FTE has increased 25% since the closing of last bank
- · Have begun a multi-year process to reposition Banking Centers for the needs of our individual communities while increasing efficiency







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Robust Capital Levels

Capital Management

- · Regulatory capital levels in excess of well-capitalized requirements
- . TCE and regulatory capital ratios demonstrate a consistent ability to leverage capital
- Have a capital plan in place that satisfies our internal goals









Reliable Stewards of Capital

Capital Strategy

- · Commitment to growing tangible book value per share:
 - (1) Supporting organic growth
 - (2) Acquisitions
 - (3) Returning capital to shareholders
- · Retaining capital necessary to support organic growth initiatives
- Deploying capital through strategic acquisitions that expand our geographic footprint and grow fee based business lines in a financially accretive manner
- Returning capital to shareholders through reasonable and competitive dividend
- Authorized buyback program in place since 2014







Recap of Franchise Highlights



Experienced and Invested Leadership

- · Dynamic team with significant experience in Chicago area markets
- Interests aligned with shareholders through substantial ownership



Meaningful Presence in Diverse, Dynamic Markets

- · Benefiting from Chicago's demographics and Indiana's business-friendly environment
- Well positioned to grow through acquisition opportunities in existing markets



Attractive Core Deposit Franchise

- 90% core deposits with top quartile cost of deposits for the year-to-date period ending 03 2021 of 16bps
- Growing core deposits in excess of 12.6% per year (CAGR since 2013)



Track Record of Exceptional Growth and Profitability

- Producing long-term earnings growth in excess of 6.0%⁽¹⁾ (CAGR since 2013) and TBV growth in excess of 7.0% (CAGR since 2013)
- · Future profitability focused on a combination of organic growth, streamlining operations, and MSA



Investing to Position For the Future

- Investing in all business lines with a focus on: (1) deepening relationships; (2) driving efficiency; and (3) expanding markets and product offerings
- Moving toward best in class technology stack
- For comparison purposes, CASR calculated using Core EPS for the LTM period ending 9/30/2021.







Board of Directors

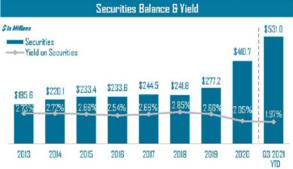
Board Member	Age	Year Joined Board	Experience
David A. Bochnowski <i>Chairman</i>	76	1977	 Executive Chairman since 2016 and previously CEO of the Company for 35 years Honored by Indiana Bankers Association as a Leader in Banking Excellence and former Chairman of America's Community Bankers Association
Benjamin J. Bochnowski President & CEU	41	2014	 Became EVP 6 C00 of the Company in 2013, promoted to President in 2015 and became CEO in 2016 Director and member of the Executive Committee of the Indiana Bankers Association and serves on the Membership Committee of American Bankers Association
Donald P. Fesko	49	2005	 President & CEO of Community Foundation of Northwest Indiana, a healthcare system with three hospitals and multiple outpatient facilities Former CEO of Community Hospital from 2005 to 2016 before being promoted to President & CEO of entire healthcare system
Edward J. Furticella	74	2000	 Professor Emeritus of Accounting at Purdue University Northwest, holding titles of Clinical Professor and Department Head among others Former CFO of Peoples Bank from 1995 to 2004 and serves on the Risk Management, Executive & Strategic Planning Committees
Danette Garza	67	2013	 Business leader who owns Jack Gray Transport Logistics Network, a hauler operation and certified Minority & Women's Business Enterprise Served as Probate Commissioner for the Lake County Superior Court from 2013 to 2017 and is a CPA as well as a licensed attorney
Joel Gorelick	74	2000	 Served as President & COO of the Company until January 2013 and has over 40 years of banking experience, including retail and commercial Serves as Charter Chairman Emeritus of the Lake County Economic Alliance
Amy W. Han	58	2008	 Completed a Ph.D. in counseling/clinical psychology; prior to graduate work held management consultant roles with Norrell Services and ATET Currently serves as the Director for Clinical Affairs and Education at the Northwest campus of Indiana University School of Medicine
Robert E. Johnson III	52	2016	 Founder, President & CEO of Cimcor, Inc., a developer of cutting edge IT security software enabling companies to maintain IT system integrity Previously Manager of business systems for Kvaerner Metals and Manager of Process Automation & Control for Davy McKee Corporation
Kenneth V. Krupinski	74	2003	 Past President of Swartz, Retson & Co., P.C. (CPA firm) and was a Certified Public Accountant for 43 years
Anthony M. Puntillo	55	2004	 Co-Owner, Managing Partner & Founder of Puntillo and Crane Orthodontics, PC, a dental specialty practice with locations in Northwest Indiana Current President-Elect of the Great Lakes Association of Orthodontists and member of various orthodontics associations
James L. Wieser	74	1999	Attorney with over 47 years of experience, concentrating in real estate development and representation of small businesses



Well-Positioned Securities Portfolio

- · Securities book currently represents 33.0% of the overall balance sheet
- Began investing excess liquidity into securities portfolio in Q4"20 to enhance net interest margin
- As of 03'21, 98% of portfolio consisted of municipals and mortgage backed securities
- Remainder of portfolio primarily in money market funds to provide for a certain level of immediate liquidity
- Conservative approach to managing investments resulted in a yield on securities of 1.97% for the year-to-date period ending in 0.3'21
- An investment subsidiary headquartered in Nevada manages the securities portfolio, minimizing taxes payable on the securities portfolio





Scorce: SSP Blobal Warket Intelligence & Company Documents.



Historical Financial Summary

	Fiscal Year Ended December 31						Fiscal	Fiscal YTD	
S in thousands, except per share data	2017		2018		2019		2020		21
Balance Sheet & Capital									
Total Assets	\$927,259		\$1,096,158		\$1,328,161		\$1,496,292	\$1,6	09,924
Loans, Net	612,729		756,438		897,228		952,688	9	42,578
Total Deposits	793,004		929,786		1,154,370		1,302,339	1,4	06,200
Tangible Common Equity ⁽¹⁾	88,844		89,872		117,319		136,461	1	38,086
TBVPer Share ⁽¹⁾	\$31.03		\$29.67		\$33,99		\$39.41		\$39.69
TCE / TA (%)(1)(2)	9.6	%	8.3	%	8.9	%	9.7 5	6	8.8
Tier 1 Leverage Ratio (%)(102)	9.6	%	8.6	%	8.5	%	8.9 9	6	8.5 9
Total Risk-Based Capital Ratio (%)	14.0	%	12.6	%	12.7	%	14.0 9	6	14.4.9
Asset Quality									
Nonperforming Assets	\$9,221		\$10,593		\$9,532		\$15,832	\$	14,635
NPAs / Assets (%)(1(2)(3)	0.99	%	0.97	%	0.72	%	1.11 5	6	0.93 5
NPLs /Loans (%)	0.89	%	1.11	%	0.91	%	1.49 5	6	1.42 5
NCOs (Recoveries) / Average Loans (%)	0.23	%	0.12	%	0.18	%	0.03 9	6	(0.00) 5
ALLL / Total Loans (%)(1)(2)(4)	1.59	%	1.64	%	1,66	%	1.84 5	6	1.77 9
Income Statement									
Net Interest Income	\$30,766		\$34,359		\$43,158		\$45,881	\$	36,118
Provision for Loan Losses	1,200		1,308		2,584		3,687		1,293
Noninterest Income	7,752		9,099		10,670		18,148		12,139
Noninterest Expense	25,488		31,383		38,030		41,636		33,904
Income Tax Expense	2,869		1,430		1,678		2,774		1,408
Net Income	8,961		9,337		11,536		15,932		11,652
GAAP Earnings Per Share	\$3.13		\$3.17		\$3.37		\$4.60		\$3.35
Profitability Ratios									
Core ROAA (%) ⁽¹⁾	0.95	%	0.96	%	0.91	%	0.94 5	6	0.88 5
Core ROATCE (%) ⁽¹⁾	9.9	%	10.9	%	10.6	%	10.4 5	6	9.9 5
Net Interest Margin (FTE) (%)	3.84	%	3.81	%	3.73	%	3.64 9	6	3.49 9
Core Efficiency Ratio (%) ⁽¹⁾	68.7	%	70.7	%	69.7	%	69.0 9	6	71.8 9
Noninterest Income / Average Assets (%)	0.85	%	0.91	%	0.83	%	1.27 9	6	1.02 9
Core Noninterest Expense / Average Assets (%) ⁽¹⁾	2.8	%	3.0	%	2.9	%	3.0 9	6	28 9

Source: SSP Blobal Munist Intelligence & Company Documents.
(1) Non-CAP calculation, see following pages.
(2) Excludes PPP Loans.



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 ALL includes MSA discounts.

(\$ in thousands)																	\$	eptember 30
	_	2013	_	2014		2015	_	2016	_	2017	_	2018	_	2019	_	2020	_	2021 YTD
Netincome	5	7,118	\$	7,394	- 5	7,852	\$	9,142	\$	8,961	- \$	9,337	\$	11,536	\$	15,932	- 5	11,652
Non-recurring expenses																		
Acquisition related costs		-		-		462		-		_		2,076		2,113		-		_
Non-recurring income																		
BOLI death benefit		-		_		-		-		-		-		(205)		-		-
Realized loss/(gain) on securities		(630)		(641)		(606)		(826)		(860)		(1,200)		(621)		(2.348)		(1,276)
Amortization of Intangibles		-		9		41		70		70		268		956		994		745
Loan accretion income		_		(318)		(390)		(606)		(466)		(828)		(1,971)		(1,919)		(897)
Related too benefit / (cost)		221		298		179		477		436		(66)		(57)		687		300
DTArevaluation		_		-		-		_		617		_		-		-		_
Dore net income	\$	6,709	\$	6,842	\$	7,519	\$	8,257	\$	8,668	- \$	9,587	\$	11,751	\$	13,346	1	10,524
Diruted average common shares outstanding		2,841,990		2,844,033		2,860,801		2,868,601		2,864,037		2,949,212		3,425,066		3,469,167		3,476,408
Reported: Diluted earnings per share	\$	2.50	\$	260	\$	2.76	\$	3.20	\$	3.13	\$	3.17	5	3.37	\$	4.61	\$	3.35
Core; Diluted earnings per share		2.36		2.41		2.64		2.89		3.03		3.25		3.43		3.86		3.03
Average total assets	\$	691,090	\$	761,431	\$	817,361	\$	888,015	\$	911,078	\$	1,001,908	\$	1,285,964	\$	1,427,176	\$	1,587,330
Reported: Return on average assiets		1.03%		0.97%		0.96%		1.03%		0.98%		0.93%		0.90%		1.12%		0.96%
Core: Return on average as sets		0.97%		0.90%		0.92%		0.93%		0.95%		0.96%		0.91%		0.94%		0.88%
(\$ in thousands)	_																	
																	\$4	eptember 30
	_	2013	_	2014	_	2015	_	2016	_	2017	_	2018	_	2019	_	2020		2021 YTD
Netinlerestincome	\$	24,427	\$	26,363	- 5	27,370	\$	30,064	\$	30,766	\$	34,369	\$	43,168	\$	45,881	1	36,118
Non-interest income		5,369		6,074		6,850		7,613		7,762		9,099		10,670		18,148		12,139
Realized loss (gain) on securities		(630)		(541)		(606)		(826)		(860)		(1,200)		(621)		(2,348)		(1,276)
Non-interest expense		(19,821)		(21,016)		(23,616)		(24,709)		(25,488)		(31,383)		(38,030)		(41,636)		(33,904)
Pre-provision net revenue	\$	9,336	\$	9,661	- \$	9,996	\$	12,132	\$	12,170	- \$	10,876	\$	15,177	\$	20,045	- 3	13,077
Non-recurring expenses		-		-		452		_		-		2,076		2,113		-		_
Non-recurring income		-		-		-		-		-		_		(206)		-		-
Amortization of intengibles		_		9		41		TO		70		268		956		994		745
Loan accretion income		-		(318)		(399)		(606)		(456)		(828)		(1,971)		(1,919)		(897)
Core: pre-provision net revenue	\$	9,336	\$	9,572	\$	10,092	\$	11,596	\$	11,784	\$	12,391	\$	16,070	\$	19,120	\$	12,926
Average total assets	\$	691,090	\$	761,431	5	817,361	\$	888,015	\$	911,078	5	1,001,908	\$	1,285,964	\$	1,427,176	\$	1,687,330
Reported: Pre-provision net revenue to average assets		1.35%		1.30%		122%		137%		1.34%		1.09%		1.18%		1.40%		1.10%
Care: Pro provision not revenue to excreme assets		1.36%		1.26%		123%		1.31%		1 20%		1 24%		1.26%		1 24%		1.00%



		2013	2014		2016	2016	2017		2018	_	2019		2020	8	eptember 30, 2021 YTD
Total assets	\$	693,453	\$ 775,044	5	864,893	\$ 913,626	\$ 927,259	5	1,096,158	5	1,328,161	\$	1,496,292	5	1,609,924
Goodwill		_	(1,611)		(2,561)	(2,792)	(2,792)		(8,170)		(11,109)		(11,109)		(11,109)
Other inlangibles		_	(84)		(523)	(494)	(424)		(3,422)		(5,114)		(4,119)		(3,374)
Paycheck Protection Plan ("PPP") loans		_	_		_	_	_		-		_		(67,175)		(32,892)
Tangible assets (well PPP)	\$	693,453	\$ 773,349	\$	861,809	\$ 910,340	\$ 924,043	\$	1,084,586	\$	1,311,938	\$	1,413,889	\$	1,562,549
Total stockholders' equity		66,761	76,165		80,909	84,108	92,060		101,464		133,542		151,689		152,569
Goodwill		-	(1,611)		(2,561)	(2,792)	(2,792)		(8,170)		(11,109)		(11,109)		(11,109)
Other intangibles		-	(84)		(523)	(494)	(424)		(3,422)		(5,114)		(4,119)		(3,374)
Tangible common equity	\$	66.761	\$ 74,470	\$	77,625	\$ 60.622	\$ 68,644	\$	69,672	\$	117.319	\$	136.461	\$	138,066
Ending number of common shares outstanding		2,841,164	2,844,167		2,851,417	2,860,157	2,864,507		3,029,157		3,451,797		3,462,908		3,479,139
Tangible common equity to tangible assets (excl PPP)		0.6%	9.6%		9.0%	8.9%	9.6%		8.3%		8.9%		9.7%		8.6%
Tangible book value per share	\$	23.50	\$ 26.18	\$	27.29	\$ 28.26	\$ 31.02	\$	29.67	\$	33.99	\$	39.41	\$	39.69
Average slockholders' common equity	\$	60,966	\$ 72,943	\$	79,299	\$ 85,842	\$ 90,538	\$	94,460	\$	126,845	\$	144,275	\$	155,945
Average goodwill		_	(1,007)		(2,156)	(2,705)	(2,792)		(4,809)		(10,650)		(11,109)		(11,109)
Average other intangibles		-	(55)		(249)	(483)	(459)		(1,504)		(5,274)		(4,616)		(3,768)
Average tangible a tockholders' common equity	\$	69,966	\$ 71,881	ş	76,895	\$ 82,654	\$ 87,287	ş	88,147	\$	110,921	ş	128,550	- 5	141,068
Reported: Return on average longible common equity		10.2%	10.3%		10.2%	11.1%	10.3%		10.5%		10.4%		12.4%		11.0%
Core: Return on average tangible common equity		9.6%	9.5%		9.8%	10.0%	9.9%		10.9%		10.6%		10.4%		9.9%
(\$ in thousands)	_													_	
		2013	2014		2015	2016	2017		2018		2019		2020	S	eptember 30, 2021 YTD
Tier 1 Capital	\$	69,008	\$ 72,033	\$	76,402	\$ 82,386	\$ 88,431	\$	92,800	\$	110,800	\$	125,300	5	133,800
Average assets for leverage ratio	\$	692,136	\$ 763,002	\$	646,736	\$ 898,966	\$ 916,846	\$	1,073,550	\$	1,310,614	\$	1,477,980	\$	1,614,151
Paychock Protection Plan ("PPP") loans		_	-		_	_	_		_		-		(67,175)		(32,802)
Average assets for leverage ratio (excl PPP)	\$	692,136	\$ 783,002	ş	846,736	\$ 898,968	\$ 916,846	ş	1,073,550	\$	1,310,614	\$	1,410,805	\$	1,581,259
Leverage Ratio (excl PPP)		10.0%	9.2%		9.0%	9.2%	9.6%		8.6%		8.5%		8.9%		8.5%



(\$ in thousands)			_		_		_		_		_		_		_			eptember 30,
		2013		2014		2015		2016		2017		2018		2019		2020		2021 YTD
Reported: Interest income on loans	\$	20,891	\$	21,232	\$	23,203	\$	26,269	\$	26,659	- 5	32,392	\$	44,455	\$	44,867	\$	31,291
Loan accretion income		_		(318)		(399)		(606)		(456)		(828)		(1,971)		(1,919)		(897)
Core: Interestincome on loans	\$	20,891	\$	20,914	\$	22,804	\$	25,663	\$	26,403	\$	31,564	s	42,484	\$	42,948	\$	30,394
Average loan balances	\$	436,429	\$	460,404	\$	522,278	\$	587,119	\$	603,913	- \$	684,159	\$	876,611	\$	961,187	- 5	970,740
Reported: Yield on loans		4.79%		4.42%		4.44%		4.47%		4.45%		4.73%		5.07%		4.67%		4.30%
Core: Yield on loans		4.79%		4.35%		4.37%		4.37%		4.37%		4.61%		4.85%		4.47%		4.17%
(\$ in thousands)	_																	
		2013		2014		2015		2016		2017		2018		2019		2020	\$	eptember 30, 2021 YTD
Reported: Allowance for loan losses	\$	7,189	\$	6,361	\$	6,953	\$	7,698	\$	7,462	\$	7,962	\$	8,999	\$	12,458	- 5	13,774
Additional reserves not part of ALLL.		_		1,458		3,835		2,908		2,376		4,592		6,042		4,098		2,572
Adjusted: Allowance for loan losses	\$	7.189	\$	7,819	\$	10,788	\$	10,606	\$	9,658	\$	12,554	5	15,041	\$	16,556	- \$	16,346
Reported: Loan balances		437,821		488,153		571,898		583,650		620,211		764,400		908,227		965,146		956,352
Paycheck Protection Plan ("PPP") loans		_		-		_		_		-		-		_		(67,175)		(82,892)
Adjusted: Loan balances	\$	437,821	\$	488,153	\$	571,898	\$	583,650	\$	620,211	ş	764,400	\$	906,227	\$	897,971	- 5	923,460
Reported: LLR / loans		1.64%		1.30%		1.22%		1.32%		1.21%		1.04%		0.99%		1.29%		1,44%
Adjusted: LLR / loans		1.64%		1.00%		1.09%		1.02%		1.59%		1.64%		1.00%		1.84%		1.77%
(\$ in thousands)																		
		2013		2014		2015		2016		2017		2018		2019		2020	8	eptember 30, 2021 YTD
Non-accruing loans	\$	3,780	\$	4,599	5	5201	ŝ	5,605	\$	4,996	\$	6,595	8	6,507	\$	13,799	5	11,027
Accruing loans >90 days delinquent		174		941		377		500		227		321		806		566		2,516
Non-accrual TruPS		1,262		1,611		1,912		1,689		2,299		2,050		1,076		929		1,011
OREO		1,084		1,745		1,590		2,665		1,699		1,627		1,083		538		81
Total non-performing assets	\$	6.290	\$	8,896	\$	9,060	\$	10.459	\$	9,221	\$	10,593	\$	9,532	\$	15.832	- \$	14,635
Total assets	\$	693,453	\$	775,044	\$	864,893	\$	913,626	\$	927,259	\$	1,096,158	\$	1,328,161	\$	1,496,292	\$	1,609,924
Paycheck Protection Plan ("PPP") loans																67.175		32,892
Total assets (excl. PPP)	\$	693,453	\$	775,044	\$	864,893	\$	913,626	\$	927,259	\$	1,096,158	\$	1,328,161	\$	1,429,117	\$	1,577,032
Reported: NPAs / sasets (excl. TDRs)		0.91%		1.15%		1.05%		1.14%		0.99%		0.97%		0.72%		1.06%		0.91%
Adjusted: NPAs / as sets (excl. TDRs & PPP)		0.91%		1.15%		1.05%		1.14%		0.99%		0.97%		0.72%		1.11%		0.93%



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		2013	2014	2015	2016		2017		2018	2019	2020	Se	eptember 30, 2021 YTD
Not interest income	5	24,427	\$ 25,363	\$ 27,370	\$ 30.054	\$	30,766	\$	34,359	\$ 43,158	\$ 45,881	\$	36,118
Non-interest income		5,359	6,074	6,850	7,613		7,752		9,099	10,670	10,148		12,139
Reported: Revenue	_	29,786	31,437	34,220	37,667		38,518		43,458	53,828	64,029		48,257
Realized loss/(gain) on securities		(630)	(541)	(606)	(826)		(860)		(1,200)	(621)	(2,348)		(1,276)
Non-recurring income			_				-		_	(205)	_		_
Core: Resenue	\$	29,156	\$ 30,696	\$ 33,614	\$ 38,841	\$	37,658	\$	42,258	\$ 53,002	\$ 61,681	\$	46,961
Reported: Non-interest expense		19,821	21,015	23,616	24,709		25,488		31,383	38,030	41,636		33,904
Amortization of intangibles		-	(9)	(41)	(70)		(70)		(268)	(956)	(994)		745
Loan accretion income			318	399	606		456		828	1,971	1,919		(887)
Non-recurring expenses		_	_	(452)	_		_		(2,076)	(2,113)	-		_
Core: Non-interest expense	\$	19,821	\$ 21,324	\$ 23,522	\$ 25,245	.\$	25,874	- \$	29,887	\$ 36,932	\$ 42,561	\$	33,752
Reported: Efficiency Ratio		66.5%	66.8%	69.0%	85,6%		66.2%		72.2%	70.7%	65.0%		70.3%
Core: Efficiency Ratio		68.0%	69.0%	70.0%	68.5%		68.7%		70.7%	69.7%	63.0%		71.8%
Average total assets	\$	691,090	\$ 761,431	\$ 817,361	\$ 888,015	\$	911,078	5	1,001,908	\$ 1,285,964	\$ 1,427,176	5	1,587,330
Reported: N E to average total assets		2.9%	2.8%	2.9%	2.8%		2.8%		3.1%	3.0%	2.9%		2.0%
Core: NIE to avorage total assets		2.9%	2.8%	2.9%	2.8%		2.8%		3.0%	2.9%	3.0%		2.8%

