



Associated Banc-Corp 1Q 2012 Earnings Presentation

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First Quarter 2012 Highlights

Solid Results Driven by Fundamental Strength in Core Businesses

Net Income

- Net income available to common shareholders of \$41 million or \$0.24 per share
 - Quarterly net income to common shareholders is at the highest level since early 2008
 - Quarterly dividend increased to \$0.05 per share, up from \$0.01 per share

Loan Growth

- Total loans of \$14.3 billion were up 2% from the end of the fourth quarter
 - Retail and residential mortgage loans grew \$155 million
 - Commercial real estate lending loans increased by \$82 million

Net Interest Income & Net Interest Margin

- Net interest income of \$155 million improved by 2% from the fourth quarter
 - Net interest margin of 3.31%; up 5 bps compared to full-year 2011 NIM of 3.26%

Credit Quality

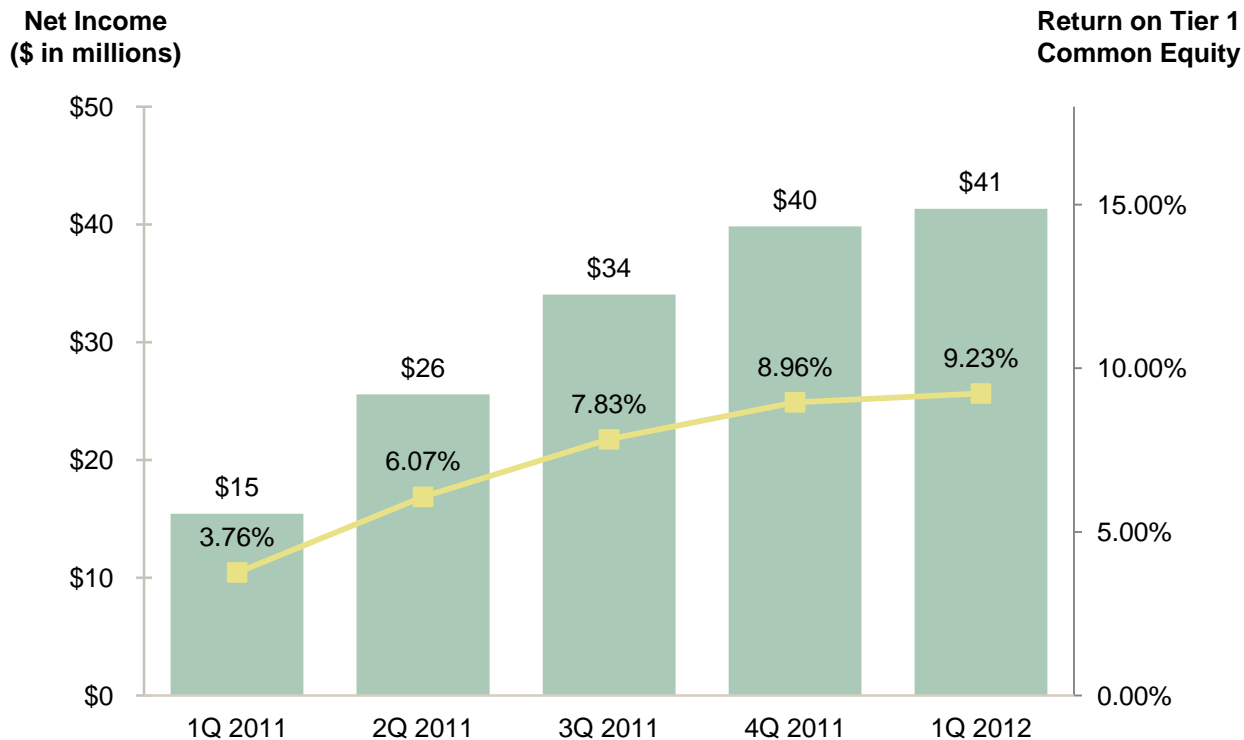
- Nonperforming assets declined \$37 million, or 9%, from the prior quarter, and are down \$176 million, or 33%, from the year ago quarter
- Potential problem loans declined 15% from the prior quarter, and are down 47% from the year ago quarter

Improving Earnings Profile

Quarterly Results Reflect Positive Trends

- Net income available to common shareholders improved 4% from the prior quarter, and improved \$26 million from a year ago
- Return on tier 1 common equity of 9.23% increased from 3.76% from a year ago

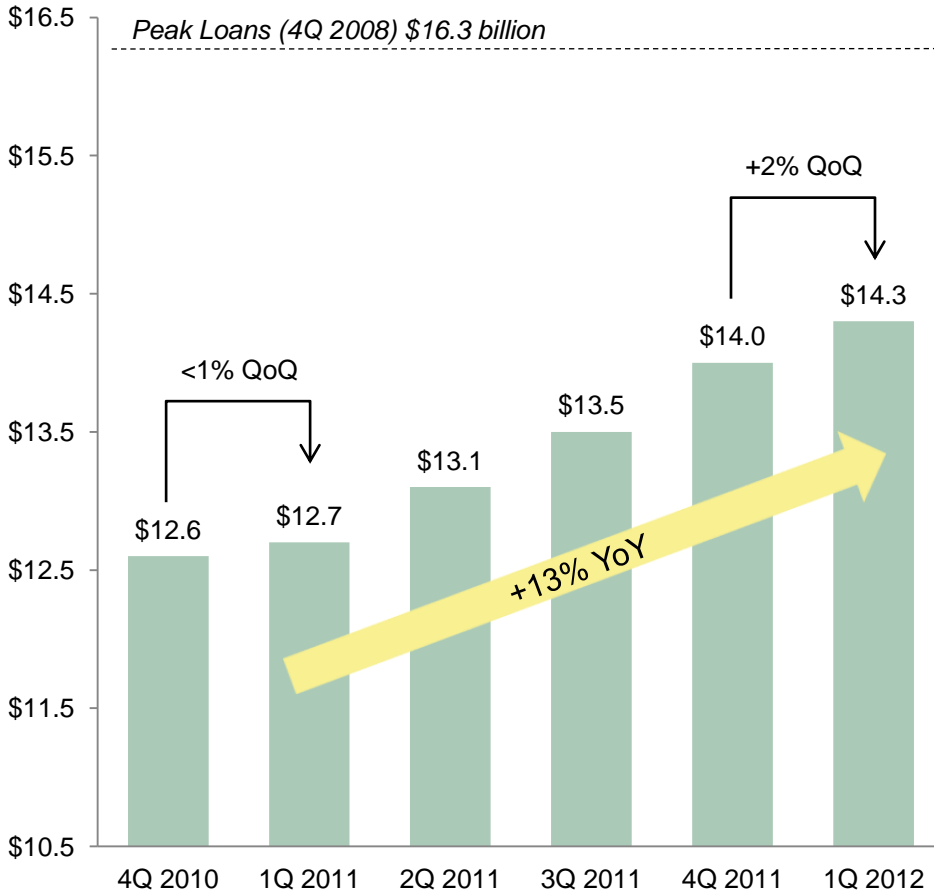
Net Income Available to Common & ROT1CE



Loan Portfolio Growth and Composition

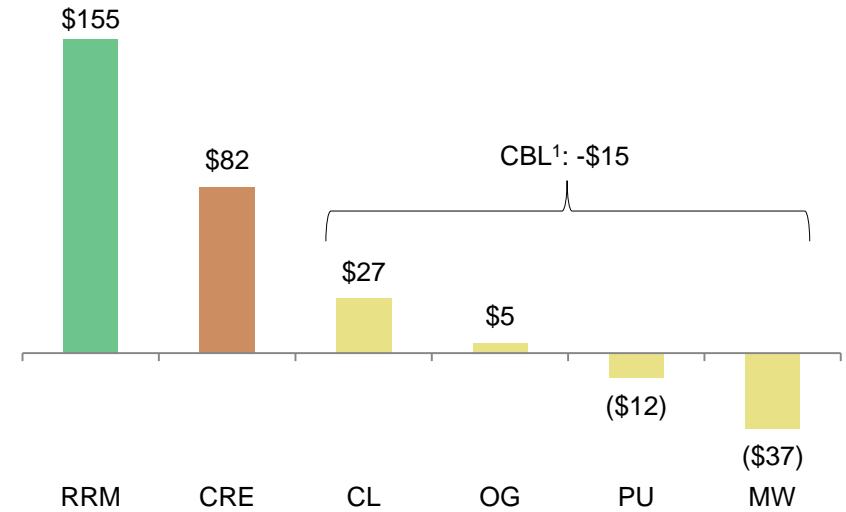
Total Loans of \$14.3 billion at March 31, 2012

Total Loans (\$ in billions)

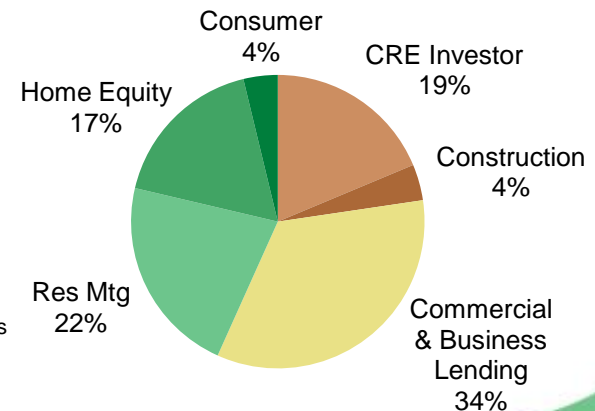


1Q 2012 Net Loan Growth of \$223 million

(\$ balances in millions)



Loan Mix – 1Q 2012



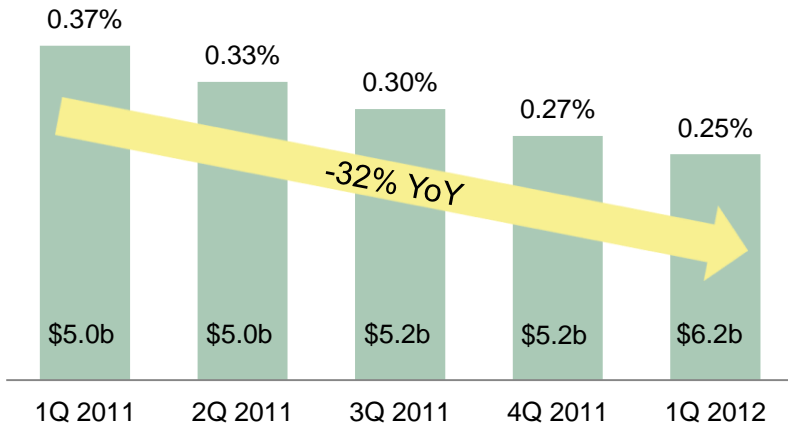
RRM: Retail and residential mortgage
 CRE: Commercial real estate lending
 CBL: Commercial and business lending¹
¹ Largest change in portfolios shown

CL: General commercial loans
 OG: Oil & Gas
 PU: Power & Utilities
 MW: Mortgage Warehouse

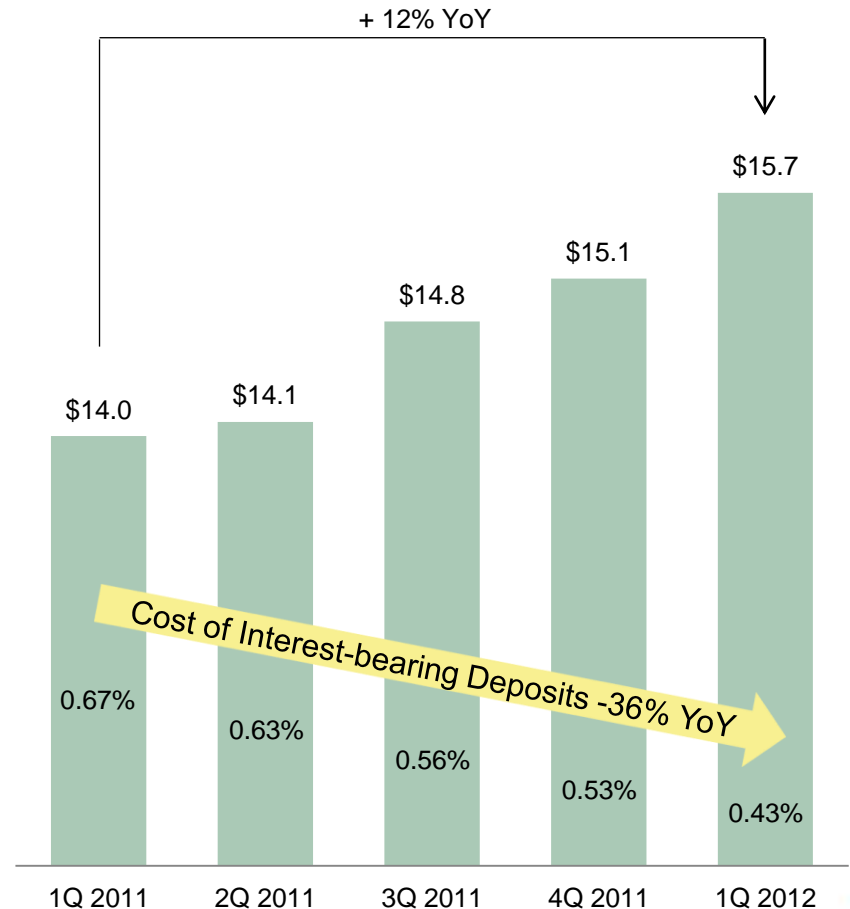
Managing the Cost of Funds and Deposit Levels

Total Deposits of \$15.7 billion at March 31, 2012

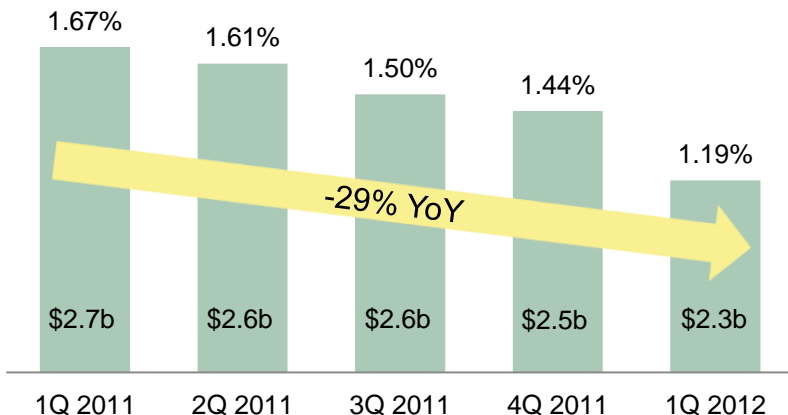
Cost of Money Market Deposits



Total Deposits (\$ balances in billions)



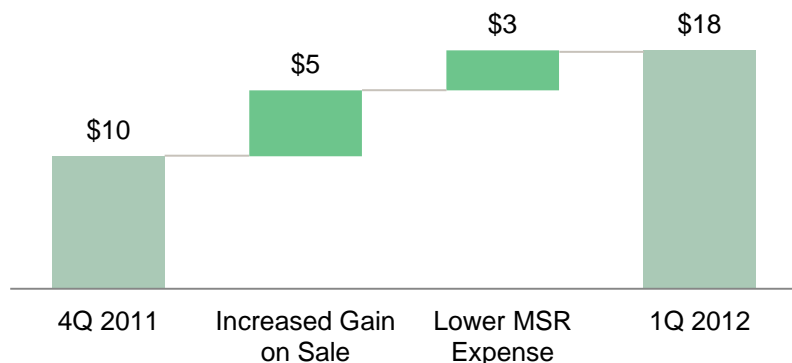
Cost of Time Deposits, excluding Brokered CDs



Noninterest Income Highlights

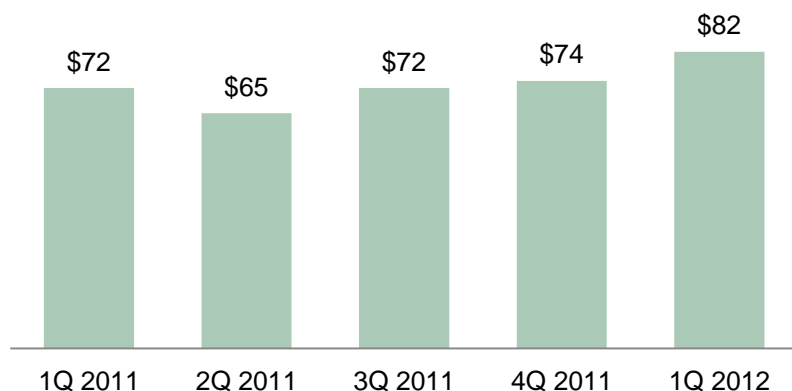
Mortgage Banking Income

(\$ in millions)



Total Noninterest Income

(\$ in millions)



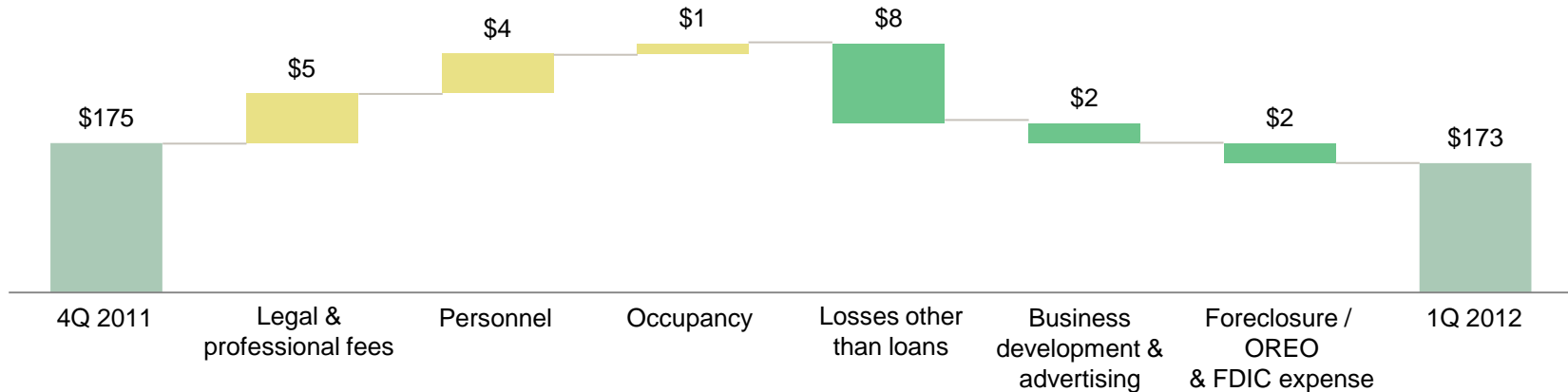
Highlights

- Net mortgage banking income increased \$8 million from the prior quarter
- Trust services fees up 3% QoQ due to higher market value of assets under management
- Card fees down 4% QoQ due to seasonally lower revenues
- Retail commissions increased 6% from the prior quarter driven by higher brokerage and insurance commissions
- Core fee-based revenues increased 2% compared to the fourth quarter

Noninterest Expense Highlights

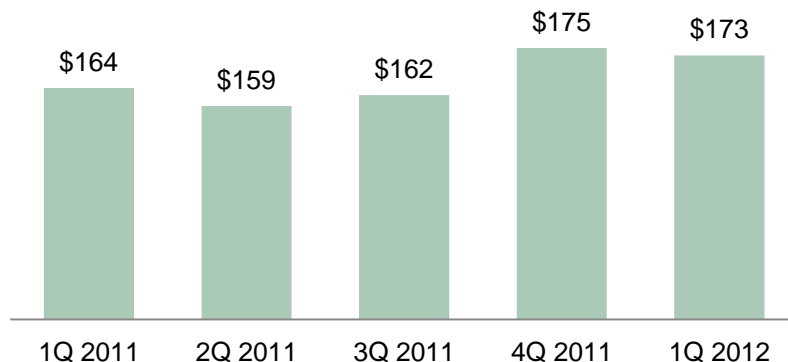
Noninterest Expense 4Q 2011 – 1Q 2012

(\$ in millions)



Total Noninterest Expense

(\$ in millions)



Highlights

- Total noninterest expense down 1% QoQ
- Legal & professional fees increased by \$5 million due to costs associated with BSA enhancements
- Increased personnel expense driven by resetting of payroll taxes and benefit accruals

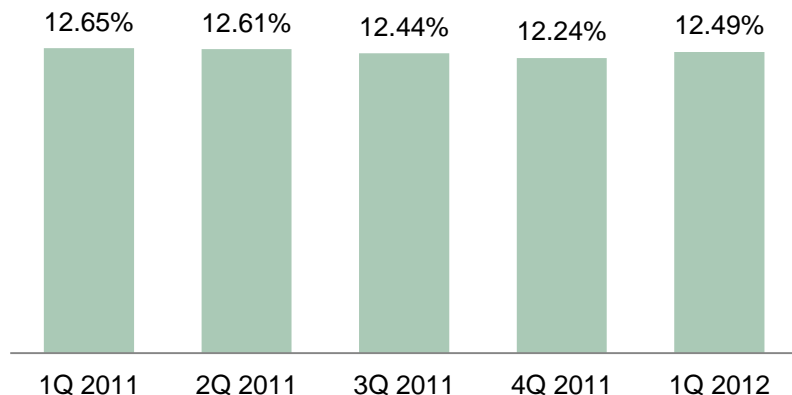
Continued Improvement in Credit Quality Indicators

(\$ in millions)

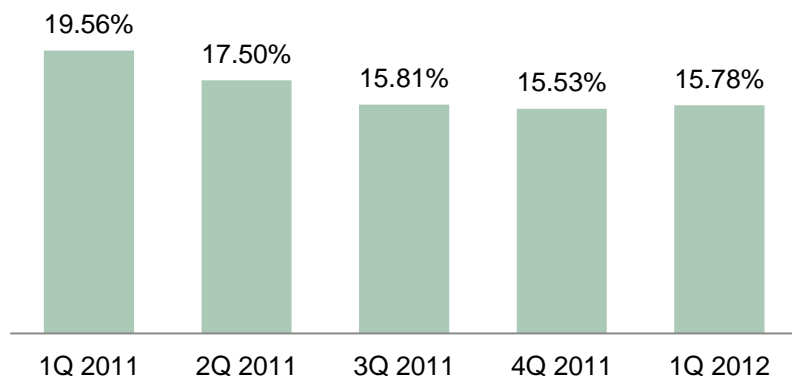
	1Q 2011	2Q 2011	3Q 2011	4Q 2011	1Q 2012
<i>Provision for loan losses</i>	\$ 31	\$ 16	\$ 4	\$ 1	\$ 0
<i>Net charge offs</i>	\$ 53	\$ 45	\$ 30	\$ 23	\$ 22
<i>Potential problem loans</i>	\$ 912	\$ 699	\$ 660	\$ 566	\$ 480
<i>Nonaccruals</i>	\$ 488	\$ 468	\$ 403	\$ 357	\$ 327
<i>ALLL/Total loans</i>	3.59%	3.25%	2.96%	2.70%	2.50%
<i>ALLL/Nonaccruals</i>	93.07%	91.09%	99.09%	105.99%	108.93%
<i>NPA/Assets</i>	2.50%	2.33%	2.03%	1.82%	1.65%
<i>Nonaccruals/Loans</i>	3.86%	3.57%	2.99%	2.54%	2.29%
<i>NCOs / Avg Loans</i>	1.71%	1.37%	0.90%	0.64%	0.61%

Strong Capital Profile

Tier 1 Common Equity Ratio



Total Risk-Based Capital Ratio



Capital Priorities

- Funding organic growth
 - Re-mixing securities run-off into loans increases risk-weighted assets
- Paying a competitive dividend
 - Increased quarterly dividend to \$.05/share
- M&A opportunities
 - Disciplined; in-market consolidation focus
- Buy-backs of common stock & redemption of other capital instruments

Full-Year 2012 Outlook

Positioned for Growth; Creating Long-Term Shareholder Value

Loan Growth

- Approximately 3% quarterly growth

Expenses

- Low single-digit YoY growth; including the cost of BSA enhancements & savings from branch consolidations

Deposit Growth

- Continued run-off of high cost CDs & disciplined deposit pricing
- Sustained focus on treasury management solutions to drive growth in commercial deposits

Footprint

- Net consolidation in branch network while remodeling and renovations continue

NIM

- Relatively stable on a full-year basis compared to FY 2011

Credit

- Continuing improvement in credit trends
- Very modest provision outlook

Fee Income

- Modest improvement YoY; reduced mortgage banking income going forward

Capital

- Disciplined, value-added approach to capital deployment over time