



Associated Banc-Corp Investor Presentation

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Leading Midwest Banking Franchise



About Associated

- Top 50, publicly traded, U.S. bank holding company
- \$24 billion in assets; largest bank headquartered in Wisconsin
- 238 branches serving approximately one million customers
- 150-year history in Wisconsin

Operating in Attractive Midwest Markets

- 5 of the top 10 cities in the U.S with highest credit score in footprint²
- WI & MN continue to show above average employment levels³
- Midwest Manufacturing output is up 6.2% YoY (vs. 2.7% nationally)⁴



	WI	MN	IL	U.S.
Unemployment Rate ³	6.6%	5.5%	8.7%	7.8%
ASBC Deposits ⁵ (\$ in billions)	\$11.7	\$1.6	\$3.6	\$16.9

- >\$1bn deposits¹
- >\$500m deposits¹
- >\$200m deposits¹
- Commercial offices
- * Top 10 credit score²



¹ FDIC market share data 6/30/12; ² Experian State of Credit Survey 2012; ³ Source: U.S. BLS, State: Dec. 2012, US: Dec. 2012; ⁴ Source: FRB Chicago Midwest Manufacturing Index, Dec. 2012; ⁵ As of December 31, 2012

Executing on Strategic Plan

2011 – A Year of Transition

- Repaid TARP
- OCC MOU terminated
- Began executing on our strategic initiatives for growth
 - Loans +11% YoY
 - Improving retail footprint
 - Investing in Commercial Deposit & Treasury Management Solutions

2012 – Execution of Growth Initiatives

- FY 2012 earnings up 51%
- Loan balances up 10% YoY
- Defended the margin
- Credit quality continued to improve
- Increased dividend twice; \$.01 - \$.05 - \$.08
- \$60 million of shares repurchased
- 7% increase in TBV/share

2013 – Growing the Franchise & Creating Long-Term Shareholder Value

- Continued focus on organic growth opportunities
- Defending NIM compression in low-rate environment
- Strong focus on efficiency & expense management
- Disciplined focus on deploying capital to drive long-term shareholder value

2012 Full Year Recap

Execution of Growth Initiatives & Delivering Shareholder Value

Net Income & ROT1CE

- FY 2012 earnings of \$174 million or \$1.00/share
 - Compared to \$115 million in FY 2011 or \$0.66/share
- FY 2012 ROT1CE of 9.5% compared to 6.7% for FY 2011

Loan Growth

- Total loans up \$1.4 billion, or 10% YoY to \$15.4 billion

Net Interest Margin

- Defended the margin despite interest rate headwinds
 - Full year NIM of 3.30%
 - Deposit rates & interest-bearing liability costs managed lower throughout the year

Credit

- Credit quality continued to improve at a steady pace
 - Nonaccruals down 29% YoY

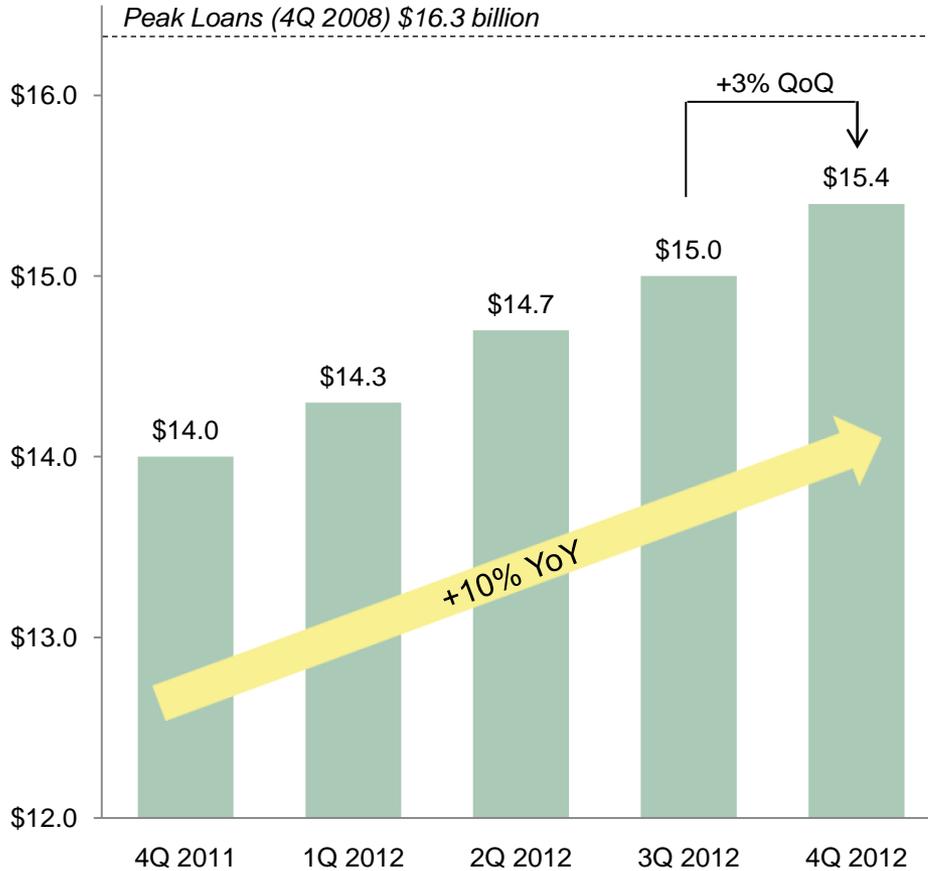
Capital

- Redeemed all outstanding Trust Preferred Securities
- Increased the dividend twice during 2012 (\$0.01 to \$0.05 to \$0.08)
- Repurchased \$60 million of stock during 2012; \$30 million (2Q12) & \$30 million (4Q12)

Loan Portfolio Growth and Composition

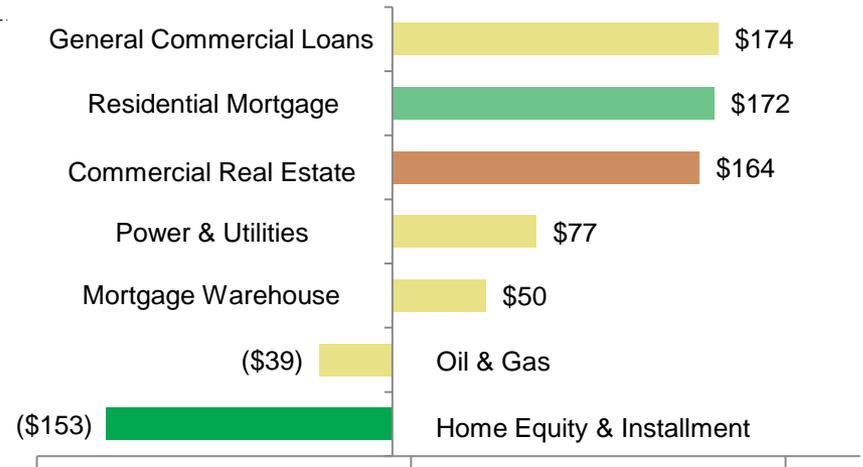
Total Loans of \$15.4 billion at December 31, 2012

Total Loans (\$ in billions)

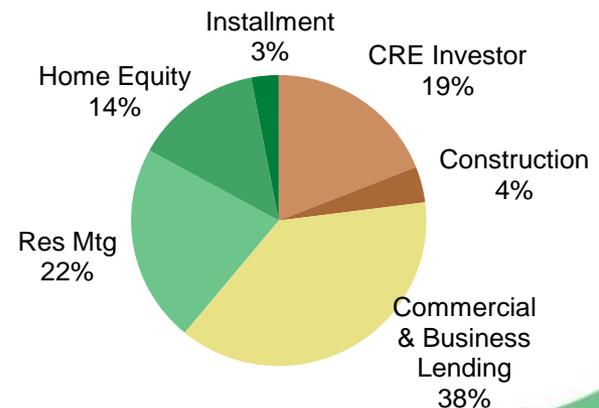


4Q 2012 Net Loan Growth of \$445 million

(\$ balances in millions)



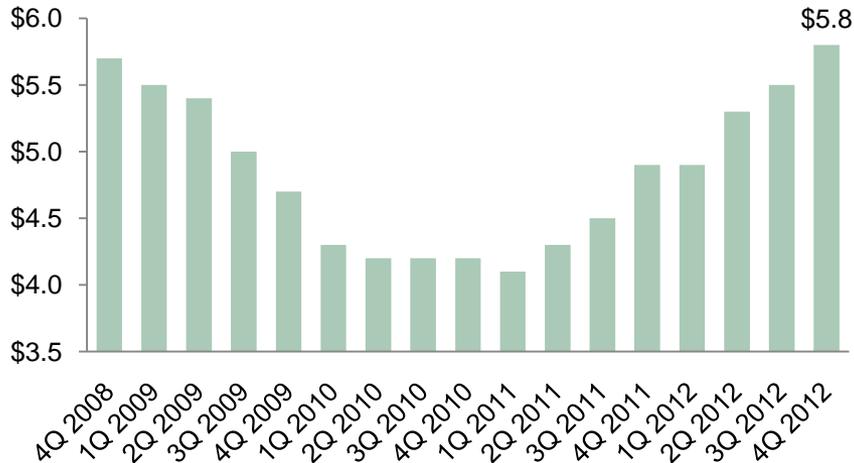
Loan Mix – 4Q 2012



Rebuilding Commercial & Business Lending

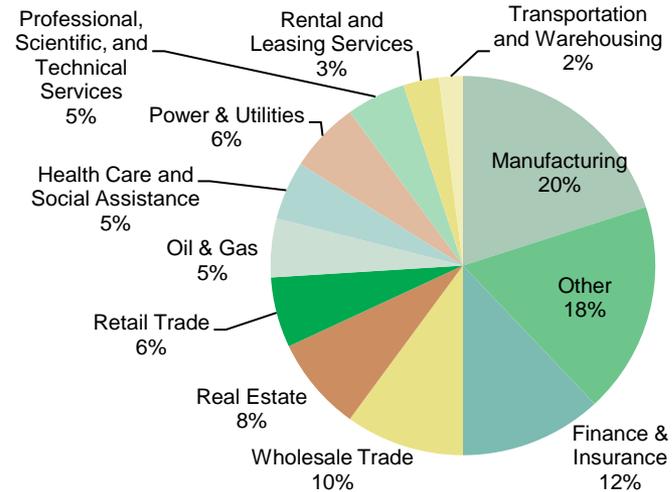
Commercial & Business Lending Loans

(\$ in billions)

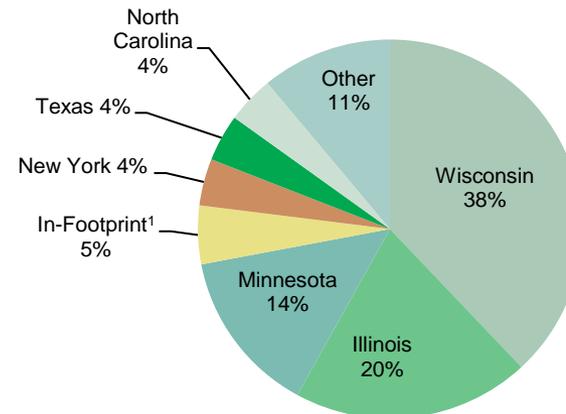


- Restored C&I lending efforts over the past two years
- Competitive disruptions in our markets continue to provide opportunity for growth into 2013
- Manufacturing sector remains the cornerstone of our C&I lending efforts (20% of CB&L)
- Specialized lending portfolios continue to grow from a small base (Oil & Gas, Power & Utilities, Mortgage Warehouse, Insurance & Healthcare)

CB&L Loans by Industry



CB&L Loans by State

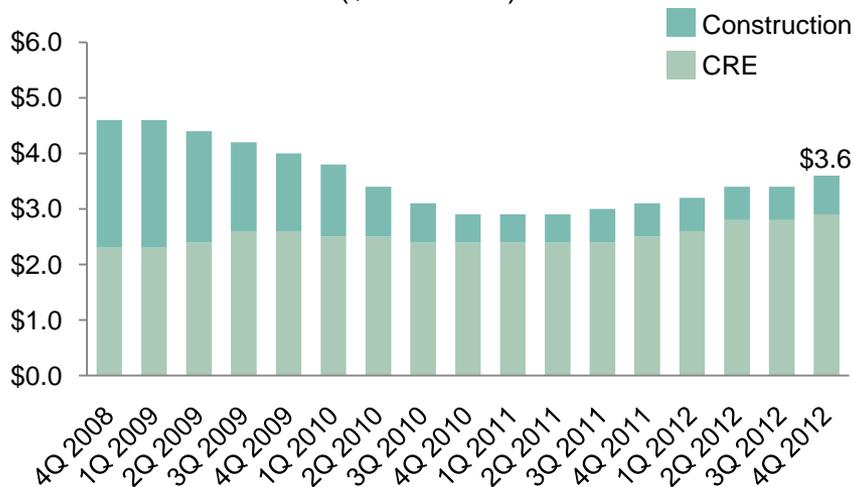


¹ Includes Missouri, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, & Iowa

Refocused Commercial Real Estate Lending

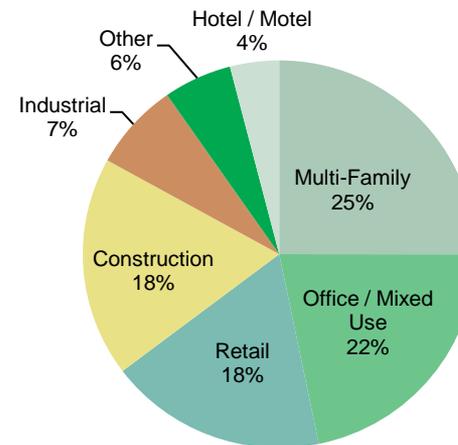
Commercial Real Estate Lending Loans

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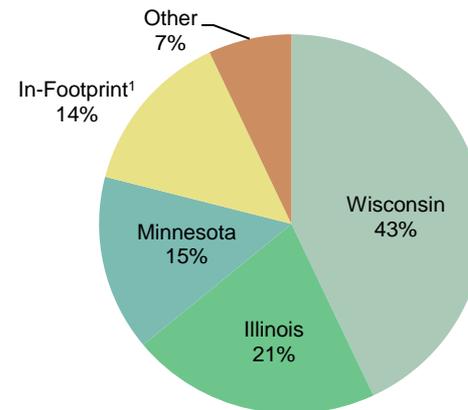


- Refocused CRE efforts to emphasize in-footprint & lower risk asset classes
- CRE lending balances bottomed out in 2010 and have grown by \$700 million since, however they remain \$1.0 billion below peak levels in 4Q 2008 and provide continued opportunity for CRE growth in the Upper Midwest
- Added CRE teams in Michigan, Indiana, and Ohio to provide better regional diversification to the portfolio

CRE Loans by Industry



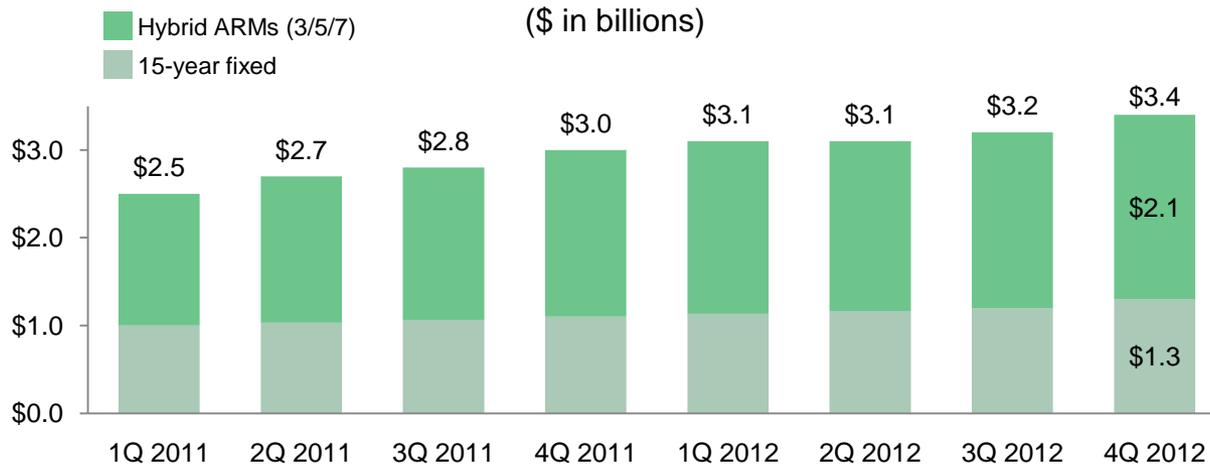
CRE Loans by State



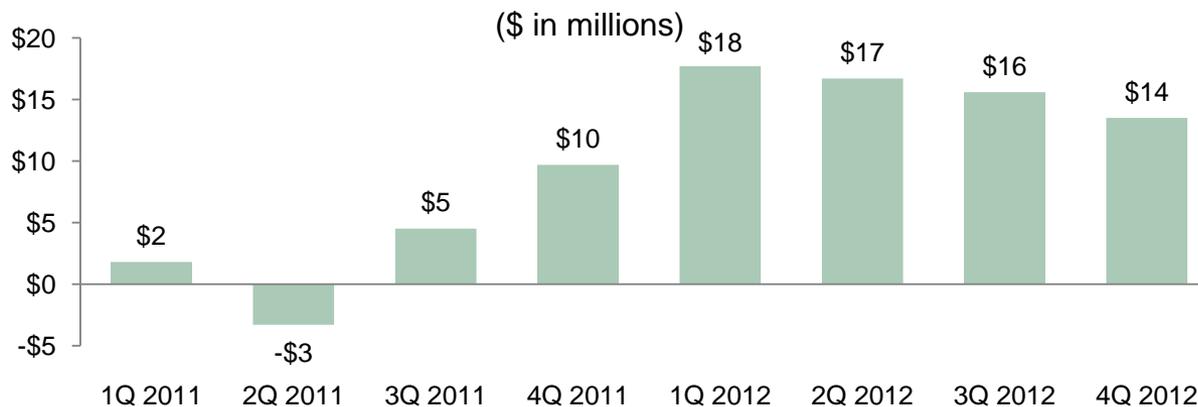
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Strong Mortgage Banking Business

Residential Mortgage Loan Portfolio



Net Mortgage Banking Revenues



- Opened new channels and expanded into additional markets
- Retaining primarily hybrid ARMs on balance sheet as well as ~\$1.3 billion of 15-year fixed product
- Selling substantially all 30-year production
- Associated remains the #1 mortgage lender in Wisconsin (by units & dollar volume)
- 98% of residential mortgage loans are in-footprint
- \$2.2 billion home equity portfolio is 98% in-footprint
 - Over half of home equity loans are in first lien position

Refinement of Branch Strategy

Increasing Deposit Base while Optimizing Traditional Retail Network

Total Deposits & Customer Funding

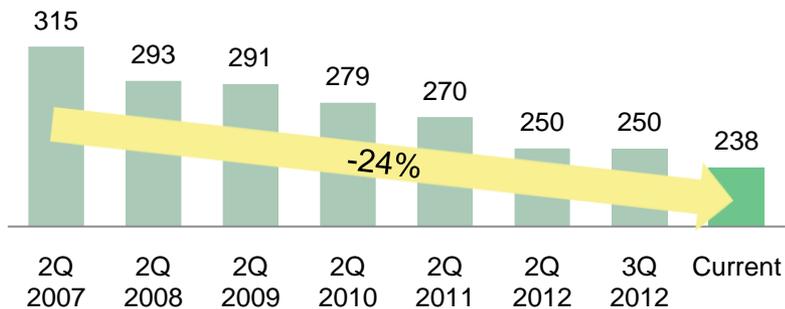
(\$ in billions)



2Q 2007 2Q 2008 2Q 2009 2Q 2010 2Q 2011 2Q 2012 3Q 2012 2Q 2012

- Deposits & customer funding have grown by \$2.6 billion, or 17% since 2007
- At the same time, the total branch count has been reduced by 24%
- Consolidated an additional 12 branches in January 2013
- Approximately 60 remodels and renovos planned in 2013
- Planned reformatting of 4 full-service branches to lower cost delivery channels
- Focused on continually evaluating efficiencies of the branch network and reviewing branch delivery channels

Number of Branches

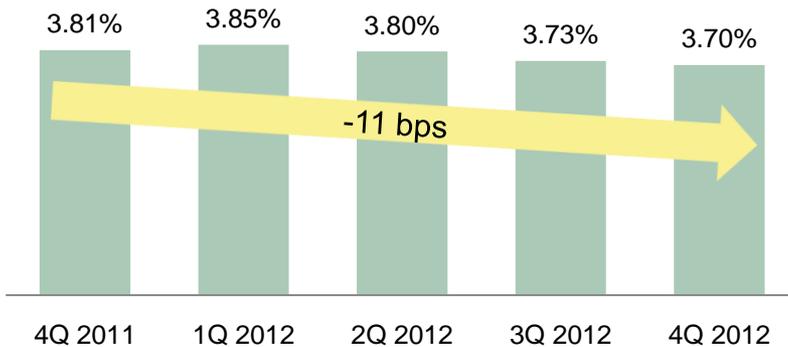


Lower Cost Branch Concepts

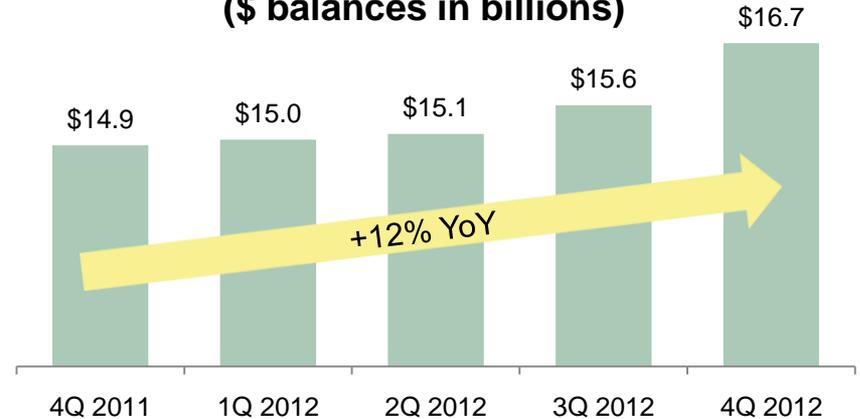


Managing the Cost of Funds & Margin

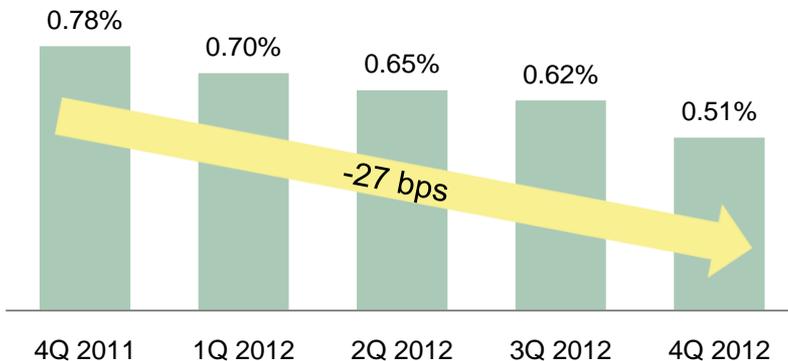
Yield on Interest-earning Assets



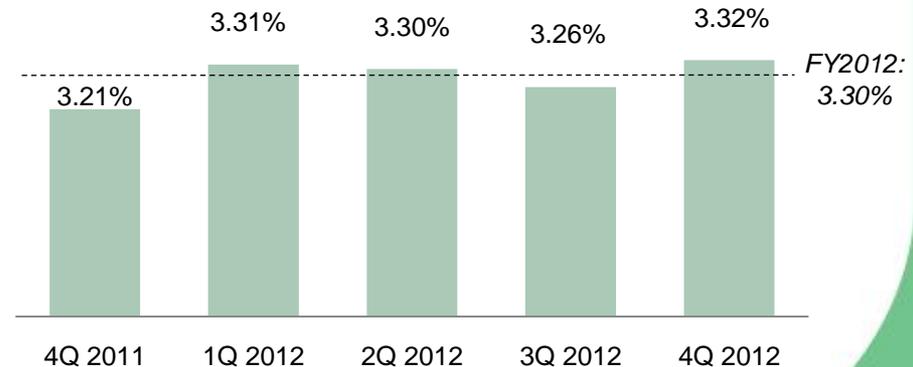
Average Deposits (\$ balances in billions)



Cost of Interest-bearing Liabilities



Net Interest Margin



Capital Management Priorities

1) Funding Organic Growth

- Focus remains on funding organic loan growth across the footprint
- Supporting business growth initiatives and ongoing capital investments

2) Paying a Competitive Dividend

- Increased quarterly dividend to \$0.08/share in fourth quarter
 - 60% higher dividend than previous \$0.05/share

3) Non-organic Growth Opportunities

- Continue to examine options for acquisitions while maintaining discipline in pricing of any transaction
- Branch consolidation transactions with cost take-out opportunities provide greater value in current environment
- Focused on transactions with lower tangible book value dilution and shorter-term earn back period

4) Buybacks and Redemptions

- Announced \$125 million share repurchase program to strategically return capital to shareholders
 - Repurchased 2.4 million shares during 4Q12
 - Repurchased 1.8 million shares during January 2013

2013 Full Year Outlook

Growing the Franchise & Creating Long-Term Shareholder Value

Loan Growth

- High single digit FY loan growth, with seasonally low 1Q 2013

Expenses

- Flat year-over-year
- Reduced regulatory costs offset by continued franchise investments

Deposit Growth

- Continued disciplined deposit pricing
- Sustained focus on treasury management solutions to drive growth in commercial deposits

Footprint

- Continuing to invest in our branches while optimizing our network
- Consolidating in downtown Green Bay and Chicago loop

NIM

- Modest compression over the course of the year
- \$500 million of relatively high cost FHLB advances maturing during 1H 2013

Credit

- Continuing improvement in credit trends
- Provision expense to increase based on new loan growth in 2013

Fee Income

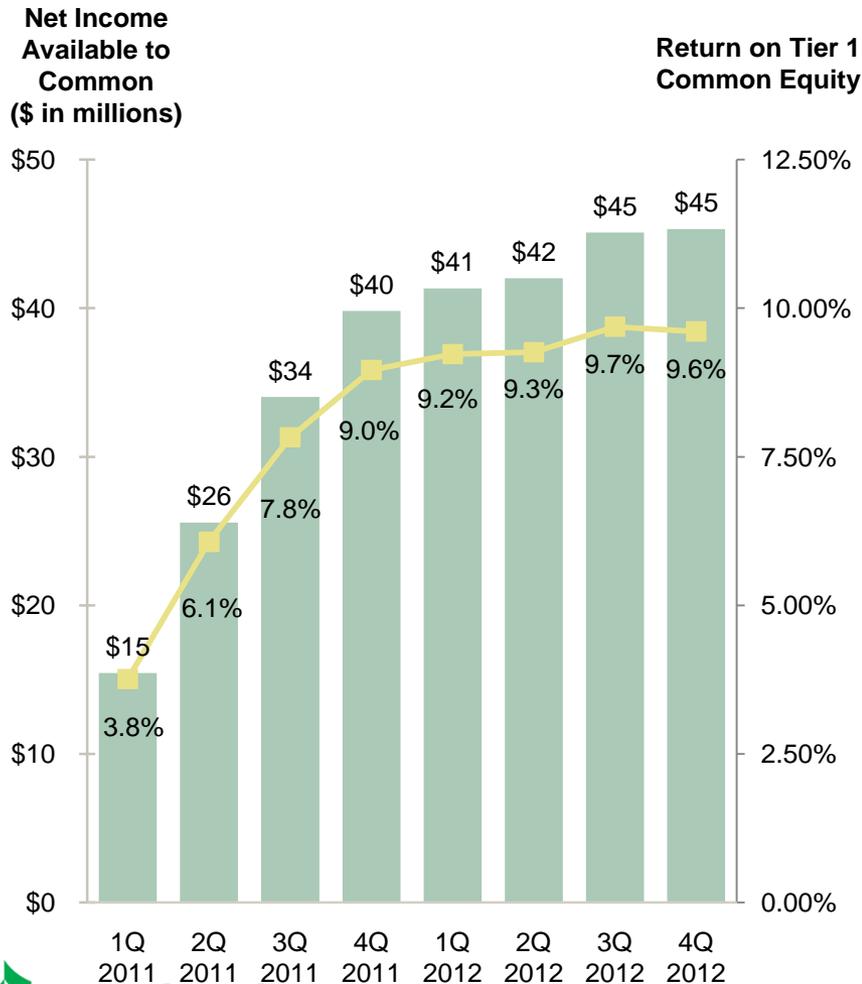
- Modest improvement in core fee-based revenues with lower net mortgage banking revenues

Capital

- Disciplined focus on deploying capital to drive long-term shareholder value

Why Associated

Net Income Available to Common & ROT1CE



Reasons to Invest

- Leading Midwest Bank Operating in Attractive Markets
- Core Organic Growth Opportunity
- Disciplined Deposit Pricing & Stable Margin
- Improving Credit Quality
- Strong Capital Profile Above Basel III Expectations & Opportunities for Capital Deployment
- Improving Earnings Profile

Management Team Focused on Creating Long-Term Shareholder Value



Associated

Associated Banc-Corp will be the most admired Midwestern financial services company, distinguished by sound, value-added financial solutions with personal service for our customers, built upon a strong commitment to our colleagues and the communities we serve, resulting in exceptional value for our shareholders.

Appendix

Continued Improvement in Credit Quality Indicators

(\$ in millions)

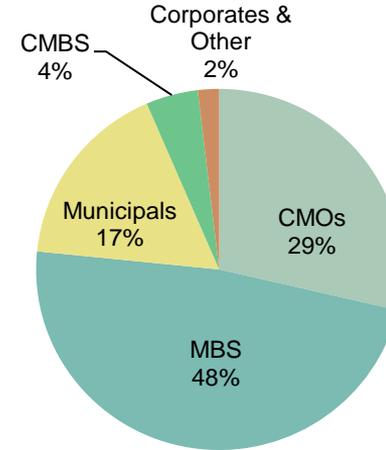
	4Q 2011	1Q 2012	2Q 2012	3Q 2012	4Q 2012
<i>Potential problem loans</i>	\$ 566	\$ 480	\$ 410	\$ 404	\$ 361
<i>Nonaccruals</i>	\$ 357	\$ 327	\$ 318	\$ 278	\$ 253
<i>Provision for loan losses</i>	\$ 1	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 3
<i>Net charge offs</i>	\$ 23	\$ 22	\$ 24	\$ 18	\$ 21
<i>ALLL/Total loans</i>	2.70%	2.50%	2.26%	2.11%	1.93%
<i>ALLL/Nonaccruals</i>	105.99%	108.93%	104.65%	113.29%	117.61%
<i>NPA/Assets</i>	1.82%	1.65%	1.62%	1.38%	1.22%
<i>Nonaccruals/Loans</i>	2.54%	2.29%	2.16%	1.86%	1.64%
<i>NCOs / Avg Loans</i>	0.64%	0.61%	0.65%	0.47%	0.55%

High Quality Investment Securities Portfolio

Investment Portfolio – December 31, 2012

Type	Bk Value (000's)	Mkt Value (000's)	TEY (%)	Duration (Yrs)
Govt & Agencies	\$ 1,003	\$ 1,004	0.30	1.63
MBS	2,311,426	2,382,823	3.09	2.48
CMOs	1,402,863	1,421,481	2.40	1.25
GNMA CMBS	226,420	228,166	1.76	4.92
Municipals	795,521	840,867	5.41	4.66
Corporates & Other	90,622	92,096	1.61	1.36
TOTAL	\$4,827,855	\$4,966,437	3.18	2.59

Market Value Composition – December 31, 2012



Risk – Weighted Profile – December 31, 2012

Type	Mkt Value (000's)	% of Total
0% RWA	\$ 243,968	5%
20% RWA	4,479,618	90%
50% RWA	25,588	---
=>100% RWA	80,921	2%
Not subject to RW	136,342	3%
TOTAL	\$4,966,437	100%

Portfolio Composition Ratings – December 31, 2012

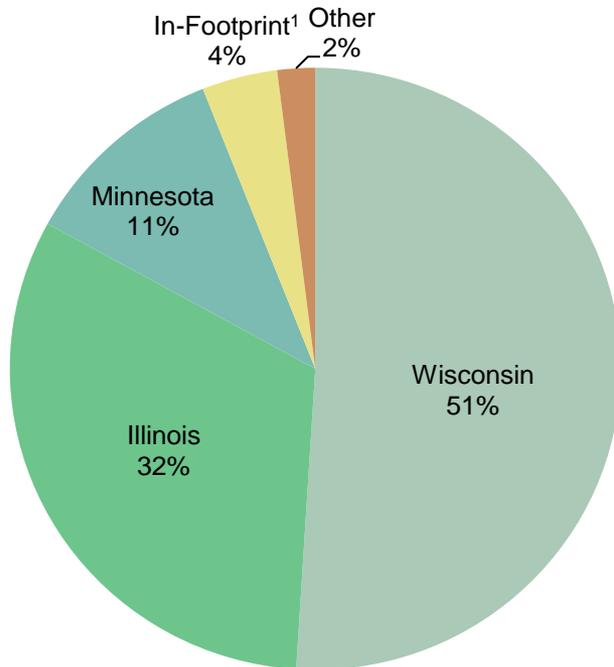
Credit Rating	Mkt Value (000's)	% of Total
Govt & Agency	\$ 4,027,326	81%
AAA	16,387	---
AA	770,577	16%
A	124,739	3%
BAA1, BAA2 & BAA3	13,309	---
BA1 & Lower and Non-rated	14,100	---
TOTAL	\$4,966,437	100%

Consumer Loan Portfolios by Geography

(as of December 31, 2012)

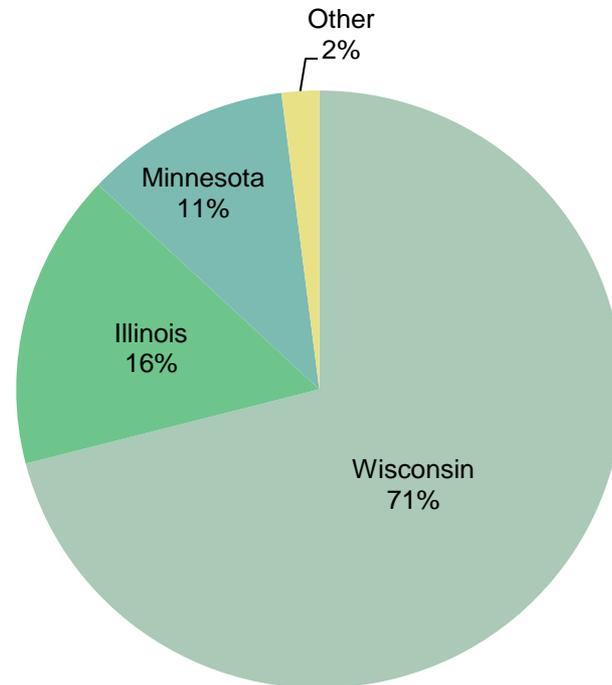
Residential Mortgage Loans by State

(\$3.4 billion)



Home Equity Loans by State

(\$2.2 billion)



Approximately half of home equity portfolio is in first-lien position

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